

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
OUTDOOR PLAYING SPACE
A SURVEY OF LOCAL PROVISION AND NEEDS
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1. Introduction

1.1 The Role of Open Space

Open spaces can perform many roles; they can, for example, provide opportunities for active exercise and recreation, or serve as areas for quiet relaxation. Open spaces can also have an amenity and environmental value by providing physical and visual breaks, especially in predominantly urbanised areas. The natural environment can also benefit from open space provision since open spaces often serve as 'green lungs' and contribute to local biodiversity. The aesthetic qualities of open spaces are evident even when the open space in question is privately owned and not necessarily available to the general public. Hence, open spaces can help enhance the character of a particular locality and contribute to the quality of life of local residents. These benefits relate to some of the important principles of sustainable development. In recent years, the effects of increasing levels of leisure time, disposable income and mobility, combined with a changing population structure, have served to increase the demand for both formal recreation and informal leisure activities. As a result of these trends and rising public expectations, the pressures on and for recreational provision have increased.

1.2 The Planning Framework

Central Government advice concerning the provision for open space, sport and recreation is largely contained within Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17) 'Planning for open space, sport and recreation'. The publication of this advice in 2002 supersedes the 1991 guidance. The updated version of the guidance note goes further to provide detailed advice on the planning for open space. This has been prompted by an increase in the value placed upon open space, with increased leisure time, a better quality of life and the principles of the Government's commitment to delivering an urban renaissance and rural renewal. Further planning objectives to be delivered include the promotion of social inclusion and community cohesion, health and well being and the promotion of more sustainable development.

The previous PPG17 (1991) was published to satisfy an increase in concern, nationally, over the loss of playing fields to development (especially housing) in the late 1980s. It emphasised the need to safeguard and enhance existing recreational opportunities in recognition of their important role in the social well-being of local communities.

The new Planning Policy Guidance Note continues to place importance on the value of sporting and recreational facilities, but recognises the role, which different types of open space can make. Paragraph 11 of PPG17 suggests that;

'Areas of particular quality may include:

- i. small areas of open space in urban areas that provide an important local amenity and offer important recreational and play opportunities*
- ii. areas of open space that provide a community resource and can be used for informal or formal events such as religious and cultural festivals, agricultural shows and travelling fairs.*
- iii. Areas of open space that particularly benefit wildlife and biodiversity.'*

Regional Planning Guidance

Guidance at a regional level recognises the importance of the philosophy of 'sport for all' and that access to facilities will necessitate continued improvement. Regional Planning Guidance for the South West (RPG10) requires local authorities in their plans, policies and proposals to;

"Identify and protect recreational open spaces and playing fields."

Structure Plan

The Gloucestershire Structure Plan places great emphasis on the existing and future recreational needs of its communities. Policies within the plan put the onus on local authorities to carry out assessments of need to inform standards for the provision of new open space and recreational facilities.

1.3 Why conduct a survey of Outdoor Playing Space ?

This survey of open space has been undertaken by Stroud District Council with the aim of accurately assessing the current level of open space, sport and recreational provision within Stroud District. Up-to-date and accurate information concerning the adequacy of open space provision is particularly important in the formulation of planning policies for the local plan process. Without accurate information, based on regular and careful monitoring, the potential to formulate poor quality or less effective policies is increased. As a result, planning application decisions involving open space could be made on the basis of inaccurate data. In particular, the survey will act as a guide in the implementation of the District Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance, 'Residential Development and Outdoor Play Space Provision'. (This Supplementary Planning Guidance is to be revised shortly, to reflect changes in need).

History

The first survey of outdoor playing space was conducted by Stroud District Council in 1993. A further survey was conducted in 1999, which made reference to the findings of the previous study and employed the same methodology with regard to the measuring of recreational facilities and recording of information. Amendments to the 1999 survey reflected changes in both the number and type of recreational facilities available within Stroud District and changes in the demand for facilities. This, in turn, was influenced by changes in the population and demographic structure of Stroud District. The findings of the 1999 survey have been used as a basis for the formulation of certain policies within the Recreation and Leisure chapter of the Stroud District Local Plan (Revised Deposit) 2000. This survey has identified those areas within Stroud District, which are deficient in outdoor play space provision, both in terms of quantity and quality.

1.4 Types of Open Space considered in this Survey

This 2004 survey has only considered those elements of open space, which are used for sport, recreation and children's play, whether in public or private ownership. It adopts the National Playing Field Association's definition of outdoor playing space as described in their 'Six Acre Standard' document. Other elements of open space such as highway verges, woodlands, commons, ornamental parks and general amenity space within residential areas have not been included within this survey. Open spaces which serve predominantly an amenity function are protected under Policy R4 of the Stroud District Local Plan (Revised Deposit) 2000.

Information included in this survey was collected through individual site visits to outdoor play areas by Stroud District Council planning officers and through a process of questionnaire forms to parish/town councils and football, rugby and cricket clubs/organisations operating within Stroud District. Although the information has been collected on a parish-by-parish basis, it has been presented in this survey in a 'broader' format based on 14 groups of adjacent parishes. These groups of parishes have been referred to as 'Study Areas'. This approach has been adopted in recognition of the fact that some recreational facilities serve a wider population base than the parish in which they are located.

1.5 Survey objectives

The main objectives of this outdoor play space survey are as follows: -

- To identify variations in outdoor play space provision within Stroud District.
- To assess the adequacy of outdoor play space provision and determine whether outdoor recreational needs are being met.
- To identify those areas within Stroud District deficient in outdoor play space provision.
- To provide an up-to-date and accurate database of outdoor play spaces for both local plan monitoring and development control purposes.

- To enable outdoor play spaces to be recorded on both local plan proposals maps and the Council's Geographical Information System (GIS).

2. Definitions and Standards

2.1 The National Playing Field Association's 'Six Acre Standard'

There are no statutory national standards for the provision of open space. The previous version of PPG17 used the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) 'Six Acre Standard' as an illustrative guide and this standard has now become widely adopted as a suitable assessment for outdoor play space provision. For the purposes of the local plan, Stroud District Council has adopted the NPFA's 'Six Acre Standard' and will seek to achieve this minimum standard for outdoor playing space across Stroud District. Although the standard was devised principally for urban areas it has been applied to the whole of Stroud District to indicate a general level of recreational provision. Other elements of public open space such as highway verges, woodlands, commons, ornamental parks and general amenity space within residential areas are not covered by this survey. Hence, the outdoor recreational facilities referred to in this survey relate solely to the definitions outlined in the NPFA's 'Six Acre Standard' document, namely;

'Space which is available for sport, active recreation or children's play, which is of suitable size and nature for its intended purpose, and safely accessible and available to the general public.'

This standard recommends the following minimum provision of outdoor playing space:-

TOTAL OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE	2.4 HA (6 ACRES) PER 1,000 POPULATION
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The overall standard can be subdivided into the following categories:-

YOUTH/ADULT	1.6 - 1.8 HA (4 - 4.5 ACRES) PER 1,000 POPULATION
<p>Land for inclusion under this part of the standard comprises:</p> <p><i>'Facilities such as pitches, greens, courts, athletics tracks, and miscellaneous sites such as croquet lawns and training areas in the ownership of local government, whether at county, district or parish level...'</i></p> <p><i>'Facilities within the education sector which are as a matter of practice and policy, available for public use. The informal or unauthorised use by the public of such facilities does not qualify...'</i></p> <p><i>'Facilities within the voluntary, private, industrial and commercial sectors which serve the leisure time needs for outdoor sport of their members or the public.'</i></p>	

PLAYING PITCHES	1.21 HA (3 ACRES) PER 1,000 POPULATION
<p>Within the Youth/Adult standard, a specific component involves the provision of playing pitches for Football, Rugby, Hockey and Cricket.</p> <p>(This standard was derived from the Sports Council's 'Playing Pitch Strategy')</p>	

**EQUIPPED/DESIGNATED
CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE**

**0.2 - 0.3 HA (0.5 - 0.75 ACRES)
PER 1,000 POPULATION**

**CASUAL/INFORMAL
CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE**

**0.4 - 0.5 HA (1 - 1.25 ACRES)
PER 1,000 POPULATION**

Land for inclusion under this part of the standard comprises:

'Outdoor equipped playgrounds with one or more items of permanently installed play equipment for children of whatever age.'

'Play facilities for children which offer specific opportunities for outdoor play, such as adventure playgrounds.'

'Casual or informal playing space within housing estates which are of a useful size and in safe locations.'

3. Explanatory Notes

3.1 Identification of Outdoor Recreational Areas

Information included in this 2004 survey has, to a large extent, been based on the findings of the previous 1993 and 1999 outdoor playing space surveys. The outdoor play areas identified in the 1993 and 1999 survey were obtained from a number of sources, including:-

- ❑ The Stroud District Local Plan (Deposit Version 1994) - list of protected sites.
- ❑ Records held by Stroud District Council's Leisure Section and Environmental Services Section.
- ❑ Town and parish council clerks.
- ❑ Outdoor sports clubs operating in Stroud District.
- ❑ Stroud District Council planning and leisure officers - local knowledge.

For the purposes of this 2004 survey, many of the sources listed above were again referred to with the aim of verifying the accuracy of the previous survey information. This approach was deemed sufficient by Stroud District Council planning officers since the general consensus of planning and leisure officers indicated that the overall pattern of outdoor play space provision had not changed significantly since 1999. New areas of outdoor play space provision, or those areas known to have changed in the intervening five year period (e.g. boundary changes, updated equipment or ownership changes), were noted and subject to investigation by Stroud District Council planning officers to verify conditions.

3.2 Recording of Outdoor Play Spaces

For the purposes of consistency and clarity, the outdoor play spaces referred to in this survey have been classified as below:-

- ❑ Youth/Adult Facilities
- ❑ Playing Pitches
- ❑ Equipped Children's Play Space

However, in reality, open spaces can be used in a variety of ways and can therefore fulfil more than one function. Public playing fields, for example, can be used to accommodate formal pitch sports, or when not used for this purpose, serve as informal open space for both children and adults. Similarly, some informal open spaces may be too small to accommodate formal sporting activities for adults, but serve as ideal venues for more junior sporting activities or 'kickabout' areas. Hence, it must be recognised that, in reality, the various outdoor play space categories are not always clearly defined but instead can be fairly vague and arbitrary. With regard to the larger outdoor play space areas within Stroud District, these often have a number of different recreational elements within them. For example, they may contain a designated children's play area, a sports pitch, a tennis court and an informal or grassed area. For the purposes of this survey, these different recreational elements were treated and measured individually and sub-allocated to their respective categories.

3.3 Quantitative and Qualitative Issues

As part of this survey, town/parish clerks and sports clubs were asked to comment on the availability of outdoor play spaces in their area to both the general public and sports teams. The intention in this case was to identify any significant discrepancies or imbalances with regard to the supply of and demand for outdoor play spaces. In particular, the identification of latent demand is seen as being of particular importance.

Although area calculations and figures fulfil the criteria outlined in the NPFA's 'Six Acre Standard', a more comprehensive approach to the analysis of outdoor play space provision (especially playing pitches) involves an examination of qualitative provision. Crude area figures give an insufficient indication as to the usability, capacity and intensity of use, which any outdoor play area is able to sustain. Factors influencing site capacity include, for example, the quality of drainage provision, whether the site is affected by gradient and the provision of changing accommodation and social facilities. Where possible and applicable, these factors were taken into consideration in this survey.

3.4 Playing Pitch Strategy

An examination of the provision of playing pitches within Stroud District is being drawn up to specifically address both qualitative and quantitative issues of this type of outdoor playing space. This will incorporate a

robust qualitative and quantitative assessment and provide assessments at an individual pitch level. The Playing Pitch Strategy will be available shortly and will be used to identify pitch deficiencies throughout the district.

3.5 Public Sector Provision vs. Private Sector Provision

This survey has revealed that, in certain cases, the distinction between the two can sometimes become blurred. However, outdoor playing space owned by both sectors has been included in the survey in an attempt to provide a more comprehensive and detailed 'picture' of current provision and future site potential. Public sector outdoor play space provision generally includes those facilities owned by county, district and town/parish councils along with playing fields run by local playing field management committees. Private sector outdoor play space provision generally involves single user facilities such as sport-specific clubs or grounds in the commercial or industrial sectors. One additional sector of provision that has also been included within the survey involves school playing pitches owned by the Local Education Authority. Where these school facilities are available to the public (out of school hours) for sporting activities through a formal joint-use agreement, they have been recorded for inclusion in the public sector category. The term 'formal' in this case has been used to include those schools, which allow outside sporting clubs to use their outdoor facilities as a matter of 'policy and practice'. Schools, which have more informal or ad-hoc arrangements, have not been included in this survey (for more information on this issue, see Appendix 3).

3.6 Measurement of Outdoor Play Spaces

All outdoor play spaces included in this survey were subject to site-appraisals by Stroud District Council planning officers to ascertain the extent of the site boundaries and to record recreational facilities available on site and any other relevant details. The actual calculation of site areas was carried out as a 'desk-top' exercise using a Geographical Information System (GIS). Returned questionnaire information from town/parish councils and relevant sporting clubs concerning supply and demand issues was also included as part of the site appraisal. In greater detail, the following methodology has been employed in this survey:-

Overall 'Six Acre Standard'

Land for inclusion under this overall 'Six Acre Standard' comprises all those areas currently used for outdoor play space (youth/adult and equipped children's play areas) with the exception of land that accommodates buildings (e.g. changing rooms and social clubs), and car parks.

Youth/Adult Standard

A hierarchical approach has been adopted within this youth/adult category. In circumstances where a facility is suitable to accommodate both formal adult outdoor recreation and playing space for children, the area has not been double-counted, but allocated to the youth/adult category only. As in the case of the overall 'Six Acre Standard' land accommodating buildings and car parks has not been included within the youth/adult calculation.

Playing Pitch Standard

The amount of land allocated to football, rugby, cricket and hockey pitches is included within this playing pitch standard. The playing pitch area has been calculated by counting the number of pitches allocated to each sport on site and applying the pitch areas indicated in Table 1. These playing pitch areas have been derived from the NPFA's publication 'Space Requirements for the More Popular Outdoor Games' (1986). They provide a guide to the minimum amount of space that each pitch sport requires for actual playing surfaces and marginal run-off areas. This approach has been adopted due to the impracticality of measuring the area of each individual playing pitch at each individual site.

Table 1

Sport	Playing Pitch Area
Senior Football Junior Football Mini Football	0.82 ha - 0.91 ha 0.65 ha 0.17 ha
Rugby	1.11 ha
Hockey	1.5 ha
Cricket 1 square (46 m boundary) 1 square + senior hockey	 1.34 ha 1.84 ha
Cricket/Football 1 square + 2 senior football	 2.01 ha

Where a particular outdoor play space accommodates two or more sporting activities, the total amount of land available has been calculated using one of the following two methods:-

Method 1

Site Area:	5 ha								
Playing Pitch Provision:	1 football (senior), 1 rugby, 1 cricket								
Playing Pitch Standard Area Calculation:	<table> <tr> <td>1 football</td> <td>0.91 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 rugby pitch</td> <td>1.11 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 cricket pitch</td> <td>1.34 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>3.36 ha</td> </tr> </table>	1 football	0.91 ha	1 rugby pitch	1.11 ha	1 cricket pitch	1.34 ha	Total	3.36 ha
1 football	0.91 ha								
1 rugby pitch	1.11 ha								
1 cricket pitch	1.34 ha								
Total	3.36 ha								

The remaining 1.64 ha is not counted under this Playing Pitch Standard, but instead is included within the NPFA youth/adult category.

Method 2

If an outdoor play space has the same playing pitch provision as indicated above, but is only 3 ha in area, a combination of playing pitch allowances is due to the fact that the site is too small in area to accommodate each pitch separately:

The area for inclusion within the Playing Pitch Standard is therefore calculated as follows:

Site Area:	3 ha						
Playing Pitch Standard Area Calculation:	<table> <tr> <td>1 rugby</td> <td>1.11 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 cricket + 1 football</td> <td>1.84 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>2.95 ha</td> </tr> </table>	1 rugby	1.11 ha	1 cricket + 1 football	1.84 ha	Total	2.95 ha
1 rugby	1.11 ha						
1 cricket + 1 football	1.84 ha						
Total	2.95 ha						

The remaining 0.05 ha is not counted under this Playing Pitch Standard, but instead is included within the NPFA youth/adult category.

□ Children's Play Space

Equipped/Designated

Sites included within this category include those where:-

- a) There is equipped play space provision for children;
- b) It is known that play equipment for children has previously been provided but has since been removed;
- c) The land serves a specific recreational function for children by virtue of its nature, location and size.

The play spaces have been measured as accurately as possible following site visits and by utilising Ordnance Survey (O/S) plans. However, where equipped children's play areas form part of a larger site it is sometimes difficult to define the precise extent of that equipped play area. A standard measurement of 400 sq.m. (0.04 ha) has been used in these cases. Although the play spaces identified in (b) and (c) do not adhere strictly to the definitions of an equipped play area, they have been identified by town/parish clerks as being used specifically to accommodate children's play. Information concerning these more informal play spaces has been gathered as a 'by-product' of the main survey and is, therefore, incomplete. Where appropriate, these areas have been included within the equipped play space category of the 'Six Acre Standard'.

Informal

With regard to informal children's play space, no structured survey work has been carried out to identify these areas. This is due to both resource limitations and the difficulty of determining whether open space is actually used for informal children's play space or whether it performs more of an amenity function. Often, there is little distinction between land used for amenity purposes and land used for children's informal recreation. Consequently, the informal play area standard has been omitted from the table of results associated with each study area.

3.7 The Information Collected

Each study area contains information under the following headings:-

□ Population

Population figures are based on Gloucestershire County Council's estimates for mid 2004. These figures are derived from the results of the 1991 Census and include an allowance for under enumeration. In order to calculate figures for 2003, it has been necessary to attribute the district population distribution by parish from 2001 to the projected district population for 2003, to provide projected population by parish for that year.

□ Parishes

This lists those parishes, which have been grouped together to form the separate study areas.

□ Outdoor Play Space Provision

This lists those outdoor play areas, which have been recorded as being available for public use as a matter of policy and/or practice.

□ Tables

Each study area has a corresponding table to record the relevant survey results, as shown below:-

	Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall									
Youth/Adult									
Playing Pitch									
Equipped CPA									

Standard Type:	NPFA Overall	1.95 ha per 1,000 population (excludes informal play area standard of 0.45 ha)
	Youth/Adult	1.7 ha per 1,000 population
	Playing Pitch	1.21 ha per 1,000 population
	Equipped CPA	0.25 ha per 1,000 population

NPFA Requirement: These columns indicates the amount of land required for each type of outdoor play space provision based on the 1993 and 1998 population figures.

Actual Provision: These columns indicate the amount of land used for each category of outdoor play space, as assessed in 1993, 1999 and 2004.

Shortfall or Surplus: These columns indicate the difference between the provision of outdoor play space in Stroud District and the various standards required by the Council's Outdoor Playing Space Standard'. A deficit is denoted by a minus (-) symbol.

3.8 Town/Parish Council Comments

This section contains the comments received from town/parish council clerks in response to questionnaire forms concerning outdoor recreational facilities in their area.

3.9 Sports Club Comments

This section contains the comments received from sports clubs/organisations operating in the particular study areas in response to questionnaire forms.

3.10 Summary of Requirements

This section prioritises (ie. 1,2,3... etc.) the outdoor recreational requirements for each study area based on the comments received from town/parish council clerks and relevant sports clubs and the parish performance figures outlined in Appendix 2, Table 5.

3.11 Analysis

This section attempts to present a wider picture of outdoor play space provision within the separate study areas. The section draws attention to any significant factors, which may not be apparent from the figures of provision within the tables.

4. Area Based Information



STROUD DISTRICT	
Area base for outdoor play space study.	
Not to Scale	

Area 1. Berkeley

Parish Catchment : Alkington
Berkeley
Ham and Stone
Hamfallow
Hinton

Area Population: 1993: 5,313
1998: 5,640
2003: 5,421

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Alkington	Church View Play Area Stone Cricket Club
Berkeley	Berkeley Sports Ground Park View Play Area
Ham & Stone	Nuclear Sports Social Club Court Mead Play Area
Hamfallow	Berkeley Vale Community School Oldlands Cricket Club Jubilee Play Area
Hinton	Hinton Parish Sports Playing Field

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	10.36	11.0	10.57	11.76	12.58	14.49	1.40	1.58	3.92
Youth/Adult	9.03	9.59	9.22	10.81	10.81	12.68	1.78	1.22	3.46
Playing Pitch	6.43	6.82	6.56	9.49	9.49	9.49	3.06	2.67	2.93
Equipped CPA	1.33	1.41	1.36	0.95	1.77	1.81	-0.38	0.36	0.45

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Alkington	The Church View Play Area has decreased in size following the construction of six houses within the boundary of the site. The Parish Council has suggested that the provision of a football pitch would prove popular with the residents of the parish.
Berkeley	The Parish Council is responsible for Berkeley Sports Ground and the Park View Play Area. All the equipment within the play area has been updated and a substantial amount of fencing around the sports ground has been replaced.
Hamfallow	The Parish Council is jointly responsible, with Hinton Parish Council, for the operation of the Jubilee Play Area. Vandalism of the children's play facilities at this site has resulted in the removal of the play equipment for safety reasons.
Hinton	The Parish Council have successfully negotiated with British Waterways for the use of the land along Oldminster Road allocated for outdoor recreational purposes in the 1999 Stroud District Local Plan (Draft for Deposit). At present there is only children's play equipment on the site, but the site will soon accommodate a football pitch

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Berkeley Cricket Club	The cricket club have revealed that they are experiencing considerable difficulties concerning the use of their home pitch. They have withdrawn from the cricket league and are now facing disbandment following the removal of a storage facility from their pitch
Berkeley Town Football Club	The club did not express any significant comments concerning accommodation problems at Berkeley Sports Ground. However, their third team has to play at the Berkeley Vale Community School.
Nuclear Sports Social Club	No problems were expressed by the club concerning over-use or latent demand as the pitch is used solely by the power station employees.
Sharpness Football Club	The club operates two adult football teams at the Berkeley Vale Community School. The club complained that they lost their first team league status due to the loss of their ground. Consequently, the club expressed a strong desire for a playing field back in the Sharpness area.

Comments Not Received: Wanswell Wanderers Football Club
Stone Cricket Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of a senior football pitch at Oldminster Road, Sharpness.
2. The provision of a sports field and equipment for the children's play area at Church View, Newport.
3. The provision of equipment for the children's play area at Jubilee Field, Newtown.
4. There is a demand for skateboard facilities and a BMX track in Berkeley.

Analysis

- ❑ The figures in the table show a surplus in all the relevant NPFA categories, with a reasonably 'healthy' provision of playing pitches compared with the minimum Playing Pitch Standard. It is also one of the groups which perform well in the provision of childrens play areas.
- ❑ Demand has been expressed for a playing pitch in the Sharpness area. Outdoor playing space of approximately 1.9 ha in area has been allocated in Sharpness (adjoining Oldminster Road) in the Stroud District Local Plan (Draft for Deposit) 1999. This allocation is particularly important given the total lack of outdoor recreational provision within the parish of Hinton.
- ❑ There is no significant private provision of playing pitches within the study area. However, a joint-use of the Nuclear Sports Field would also help address the need, expressed by Sharpness Football Club, for the provision of an additional football pitch in the area.
- ❑ Despite the high demand for youth football in the study area, there are no publicly available junior football pitches to satisfy this demand in the locality.
- ❑ Although areas for children's play exist in the study area, some are poorly equipped or unsuitable. To help address this situation, play equipment could be added at Jubilee Field in Newtown.
- ❑ Youth facilities in the form of a bmx track or a skate-boarding would also help to meet the demand in Berkeley

Area 2. Hardwicke

Parish Catchment :

Elmore
Hardwicke
Haresfield
Longney

Area Population:

1993: 4,017
1998: 3,875
2003: 4,649

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Elmore	No provision
Hardwicke	Hardwicke Playing Field Hardwicke Play Area The Close Playing Field Ashgrove Play Area
Haresfield	Merryfields Playing Field
Longney	No provision

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	7.83	7.56	9.07	4.81	5.03	5.52	-3.02	-2.53	-3.55
Youth/Adult	6.82	6.59	7.90	4.72	4.94	4.94	-2.1	-1.65	-2.96
Playing Pitch	4.86	4.69	5.63	3.93	4.58	4.58	-0.93	-0.11	-1.05
Equipped CPA	1.00	0.97	1.16	0.09	0.09	0.58	-0.91	-0.88	-0.58

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Elmore	The Parish Council has no outdoor recreational facilities within its area but makes a contribution to indoor recreation provision at the village hall. The Parish Council is not aware of any demand for playing space in the parish.
Hardwicke	The Parish Council is responsible for operating Hardwicke Playing Field, which accommodates one football pitch in the winter and a cricket square in the summer months. The football pitch has tended to be over-used in the past by four football teams and this had led to the refusal of pitch bookings at peak times. This situation has been exacerbated by the new residential development around the Hardwicke area. In an attempt to reduce this problem, two additional football pitches have been leased exclusively to Hardwicke Football Club at 'The Close', along Green Lane. A junior football pitch is located at the Hardwicke Junior School, which is occasionally used by outside youth sports groups. Ashgrove Close has been added to the survey despite having no equipment on site, as its nature, location and size are recognized to serve a specific recreational function. A toddler play area is currently being developed on Green Lane in association with the new residential development.
Haresfield	The Merryfields site is operated by the Merryfield Trustees. The Parish Council is not aware of any other outdoor recreational facilities in the parish. This site is now also used by Haresfield Cricket Club and the primary school. The Parish Council is not aware of any additional demand for playing pitches in the parish.
Longney	The Parish Council is responsible for operating a children's playing field on the Longney Manor Estate. There are no marked playing pitches or play equipment on this site. Occasional village events take place on the school field.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Hardwicke Football Club	The secretary commented on the problems facing the club, including the over-use of the Hardwicke Playing Field site and the need for teams to play in Tuffley (Gloucester) to preserve the condition of the pitch at Hardwicke. The club now plays at 'The Close' along Green Lane, following a lease involving Hardwicke Parish Council. A large latent demand has been identified by the club involving at least three more teams following the lease of the football pitches at 'The Close'. However the arrangement to use Green Lane may not be permanent and the club needs its own grounds.
Hardwicke Rangers Youth FC	This club is extremely popular and numbers are growing year on year. Some of the teams are being forced to play at Severn Vale school in Quedgeley (Gloucester) due to a lack of local facilities. The provision of an astroturf pitch to serve this area has been highlighted as a key need to take these teams forward and cater for demand. The club currently has sixteen teams and grass pitches are being damaged by over-use.

Comments Not Received: Haresfield Cricket Club
Hardwicke Cricket Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of a permanent playing field in the parish of Hardwicke to accommodate 3 senior and 2 junior football teams. Also, financial assistance towards the acquisition and laying-out of new outdoor recreational facilities.
2. The provision of an astroturf pitch in this area.

Analysis

- ❑ The provision of outdoor playing facilities within the Hardwicke study area has not changed significantly between 1993 and 2004, with all categories showing a deficiency when compared to the minimum NPFA standards.
- ❑ The demand for outdoor recreational facilities will increase as further large-scale residential development occurs in the Hardwicke area over the local plan period. Proposal H1 (MU1) of the Stroud District Local Plan (Revised Deposit, as amended) 2001 will address this issue by requiring the provision of additional sports pitches and children's play areas in association with the development of the 1500 dwellings. However, this provision will not overcome existing deficiencies – additional youth/adult facilities will be needed over and above those required by Proposal H1 (MU1).
- ❑ A relatively strong latent demand for additional football pitch provision has been identified in the Hardwicke study area by the relevant sports clubs. A playing field of 0.66 ha in area is situated just outside Hardwicke parish and Stroud District boundary along Naas Lane. However, the inclusion of this site within the survey would still not overcome the deficit within the youth/adult category of the NPFA standard.
- ❑ The agreement between Hardwicke Football Club and the Parish Council is not a permanent arrangement and this facility could potentially be withdrawn at any time. If this were to happen, the shortfall of pitches would decrease further.
- ❑ Hardwicke Rangers Youth FC are expanding in membership rapidly and are finding it difficult to find pitches to play on. Grass pitches are being over-used and they have to make use of an astro-turf pitch located outside the district. With such a latent demand in this area, the provision of an astro-turf should be considered.
- ❑ There are no privately-owned outdoor recreational facilities of significant size within the Hardwicke study area which could be used in conjunction with a joint-use agreement with outside sporting clubs.
- ❑ The parishes of Elmore and Longney do not have any outdoor recreational provision. However, comments from the respective parish councils seem to indicate that there is very little demand for such provision in their particular areas. Despite this, a minimum level of provision in the form of children's play areas should be considered.

Area 3. Wotton Under Edge

Parish Catchment:	Alderley Hillesley & Tresham Kingswood North Nibley Wotton under Edge										
Area Population:	1993: 8,330 1998: 8,462 2003: 8,410										
Outdoor Play Space Provision:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Alderley</td> <td style="width: 50%;">No provision</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hillesley & Tresham</td> <td>Jubilee Playing Fields</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingswood</td> <td>Kingswood Recreation Ground Tubbs Turf</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Nibley</td> <td>Innocks Estate Play Area Jubilee Playing Field</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wotton Under Edge</td> <td>Symn Lane Recreation Ground Synwell Playing Field Wotton Rugby Ground Bearlands Play Area Pitman Place Play Area Hill Road Play Area</td> </tr> </table>	Alderley	No provision	Hillesley & Tresham	Jubilee Playing Fields	Kingswood	Kingswood Recreation Ground Tubbs Turf	North Nibley	Innocks Estate Play Area Jubilee Playing Field	Wotton Under Edge	Symn Lane Recreation Ground Synwell Playing Field Wotton Rugby Ground Bearlands Play Area Pitman Place Play Area Hill Road Play Area
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	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	16.24	16.50	16.40	13.34	12.05	13.86	-2.90	-4.45	-2.54
Youth/Adult	14.16	14.39	14.30	12.79	11.50	13.31	-1.37	-2.89	-0.99
Playing Pitch	10.08	10.24	10.18	9.61	8.79	10.13	-0.47	-1.45	-0.05
Equipped CPA	2.08	2.12	2.10	0.55	0.55	0.55	-1.53	-1.57	-1.55

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comment
Alderley	The Parish Council has no outdoor recreational facilities within its area but is not aware of any demand for playing space in the parish.
Hillesley and Tresham	The Jubilee Fields are owned by the Hillesley Winter Jubilee Trust (registered charity) and are operated by a voluntary management committee. In 1996 the fencing around the tennis court was replaced and the surface of the court was upgraded with an all-weather surface with finance from a National Lottery grant. In the same year a Scamp Slide Tower was added to the enclosed children's play area with grants from Stroud District Council and the Parish Council. The Parish Council has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of demand.
Kingswood	The Kingswood Playing Field is used by Kingswood Football and Cricket Clubs. The Parish Council has indicated that the junior football pitch is in poor condition. The Parish Council purchased Tubbs Turf along Wotton Road in 1997 and has reinstated the tennis courts by providing two multi-purpose surfaces.
North Nibley	The Parish Council owns a new playing pitch along 'The Street' between the school and Lowerhouse Lane. It is used for both football and cricket.
Wotton under Edge	The Parish Council is responsible for the equipped children's playing area at Symn Lane. The actual playing field itself is owned and operated by the Blue Coat School, although public access to the facility is available. Symn Lane playing field has been reduced in area by 50% to 1.3 ha following the relocation of the primary school to this site and the subsequent construction of a new school building. Concern has been expressed by local clubs and the youth sector of Wotton regarding the loss of the Symn Lane site and the lack of alternative facilities in the locality. In an attempt to address this situation, negotiations have taken place between Renishaws plc and Stroud District Council concerning the possibility of a new sports facility at New Road, adjacent to Katherine Lady Berkeley School. An outline planning application has been submitted for a facility incorporating a number of new playing pitches (including an all-weather pitch) and associated changing facilities.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Hillesley Cricket Club	No problems concerning accommodation were expressed at Jubilee Fields, but a latent demand for one youth team has been identified. They rely on a few life members of their club and suffer from a lack of internal funding.
Kingswood Football Club	The club operates two adult teams at the Recreation Ground and has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of existing teams or latent demand for additional teams.
North Nibley Football Club	The club uses the Jubilee Playing Field for its matches and the changing rooms at the village hall. The club hopes to introduce both junior and ladies teams to the club. In addition to this the club plans to expand and refurbish the existing facilities.
Wotton Rovers Football Club	The club operates three teams, with one team playing at the Synwell playing field. A local voluntary body operates this site. The club also uses pitches at KLB school, the British School and Conygres. The club requests a permanent ground in the Wotton area and say that too many of the pitches are privately owned.
Wotton Youth Football Club	The club operates two teams at Synwell Playing Field and has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of teams. However the club reports that two youth sides have been lost in recent years. The club has requested a permanent ground in the Wotton area with facilities to enable the accommodation of league matches. Better training facilities are also needed.
Wotton Rugby Club	The club operates two senior sides on pitches at KLB school. The club has expressed a desire to have its home pitch at the New Road sports foundation site. The club has described the level of sports facilities in Wotton as appalling. Matches at KLB school often have to be cancelled due to drainage problems.

Comments not Received:

Wotton under Edge Cricket Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of a new formal playing facility, incorporating pitches, changing accommodation and a children's play area to serve the needs of the residents of Wotton-under-Edge. Financial contributions have also been requested towards the provision of these facilities.
2. The playing field at Symn Lane needs investment to upgrade the existing play facilities

Analysis

- ❑ All outdoor recreational categories within the Wotton-under-Edge study area show a deficiency when compared to the minimum NPFA standards. A particularly significant deficiency concerns the provision of equipped play areas for children.
- ❑ With regard to the provision of formal pitch facilities, Wotton-under-Edge has suffered from the loss of half of the Symn Lane site to the new school development. Pitch facilities in Wotton are now limited to one uneven pitch at Symn Lane, and Synwell Lane. The pitch at Synwell Lane is susceptible to flooding. The response from the Parish Council and correspondence from Wotton residents have stressed the lack of facilities in the more central area of Wotton. Pitch facilities exist at Katherine Lady Berkeley School, however this school does not operate a formal joint-use arrangement. The school is also situated some distance from the central area of Wotton making it relatively inaccessible for the youth sector of the population. A new sports complex adjacent to the Katherine Lady Berkeley School would address the youth/adult deficiency in the Wotton area, although it may be some time before this facility becomes available. As is the case with the school facilities, this new sports complex would not be particularly accessible for the youth sector of Wotton. Consequently, more 'kickabout' facilities for children are required in the central area of Wotton. Improvements to existing facilities and an intensification of use of these areas will probably be the only way this issue can be addressed in the Wotton central area.
- ❑ The new outdoor playing facility at North Nibley has gone some way to apparently satisfy the recreational demands for this area and address the NPFA deficiency, but this masks deficiencies elsewhere.

Area 4. Nailsworth

Parish Catchment: Horsley
Nailsworth
Nympsfield
Woodchester

Area Population: 1993: 7,613
1998: 7,934
2003: 7,800

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Horsley	Horsley Playing Field
Nailsworth	Forest Green Football Ground Shortwood Football Ground King George V Playing Field Miles Marling Playing Field Nailsworth Primary School Nailsworth Tennis Club Nailsworth Mills Bowling Green Lawnside Play Area Nortonwood Way Play Area The Tynings Play Area Shortwood Green
Nympsfield	Nympsfield Sports Ground
Woodchester	Villa Park Playing Field

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	14.85	15.47	15.21	12.05	17.54	18.29	-2.80	2.07	3.08
Youth/Adult	12.94	13.49	13.26	11.42	16.03	16.60	-1.52	2.54	3.34
Playing Pitch	9.21	9.60	9.44	6.31	9.59	9.59	-2.90	-0.01	0.15
Equipped CPA	1.90	1.98	1.95	0.63	1.51	1.69	-1.27	-0.47	-0.26

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Horsley	The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of Horsley Playing Field.
Nailsworth	The Town Council is responsible for operating the King George V site, which is currently used by one adult football team (Taverners Football Club) and junior teams from Nailsworth Town Football Club. The Town Council has also acquired, on a temporary lease from Stroud District Council, a play area for children at Miles Marling Field. The Shortwood Green site has been included and is used or children's play.
Nympsfield	The Parish Council is jointly responsible for the Nympsfield Sports Ground as part of the Village Trust. The Parish Council has identified the need for a children's play area within the village.
Woodchester	The Parish Council has stated that the only recreational provision is in the form of a football pitch at Villa Park. This facility is currently in private ownership. There is a demand for a children's play area.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Woodchester Cricket Club	Comments included within the Stroud study area.
Horsley United Football Club	The club presently operates two teams and reports an increased level of demand. The club proposes a third team for next season. The club has requested the relocation of the changing facilities to a location closer to the pitch as the present changing facilities are soon to be demolished.
Shortwood Football Club	The club operates four teams at the Meadowbank ground. The club requires new changing facilities and plans to extend the range of facilities provided at the club.
Forest Green Rovers Football Club	The club currently operates one nationwide conference league team and four other regional league teams. The club is planning to relocate to alternative accommodation at Nympsfield Road and also have a further playing field adjacent to the King George V playing field. Planning applications have been submitted recently but are, as yet, undetermined.
Taverners Football Club	The club operates three teams; two play at the Nailsworth Recreation Centre and the other at the King George V Playing Pitch at Nailsworth. Their main pitch at the recreation centre has problems in terms of evenness. Their future plan is simply to keep improving.
Nympsfield Football Club	The club did not report any problems concerning the accommodation of demand. The main pitch concern relating to the facilities at Nympsfield Sports Ground was dog fouling on the pitch.

Comments not Received: Horsley Parish Council
 Woodchester Football Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. Financial assistance for drainage improvements at King George V Playing Field, Nailsworth.
2. Financial assistance for pitch levelling and changing room improvements at Horsley.
3. Financial assistance for new changing accommodation at Nympsfield.
4. The safeguarding of the privately owned site in Woodchester.
5. The improvement of existing and/or provision of additional children's play areas.

Analysis

- ❑ The provision of outdoor play areas in this study area, at first inspection, appears relatively 'healthy'. However, the surplus in the overall NPFA figure masks deficiencies in children's play area figures. There is still a shortfall despite the provision of land at Shortwood Green for this type of space.
- ❑ Nailsworth parish has the highest population of these four parishes and also benefits from a range of playing opportunities. Horsley, Nympsfield and Woodchester have fewer outdoor playing spaces and have requested the provision of children's play areas.
- ❑ The lack of opportunities to play in parishes surrounding Nailsworth may attribute to the fact that as children have had to travel to play. Play equipment at Nortonwood, Lawnside and the Tynings needs upgrading to cater for this additional pressure..
- ❑ In 1993 there were severe deficiencies in the quantity of playing pitches in this area, with a shortfall of nearly three hectares. However, the severity of this problem, has been reduced to some extent with the formal joint-use arrangement now in place at Nailsworth Primary School. In 1993, these facilities were not available to the public and this is reflected in the shortfall/surplus figures.
- ❑ A number of qualitative issues have also been highlighted within this study area. Improvements to the changing facilities at Shortwood Football Ground and Horsley Playing Field are required to allow a greater intensity of use at these sites. The pitch at Nailsworth Recreation Centre is uneven and needs levelling to increase carrying capacity. Problems of dog fouling at Nympsfield are also a concern and improved maintenance is required to overcome this issue.

Area 5. The Stanleys

Parish Catchment: Frocester
Kings Stanley
Leonard Stanley

Area Population: 1993: 4,333
1998: 4,366
2003: 4,244

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Frocester	Frocester Cricket Ground
Kings Stanley	Kings Stanley Sports and Social Club Selsley and Rodborough Cricket Club Daffodils Play Area Manor View Play Area
Leonard Stanley	Leonard Stanley Recreation Ground Wesley Road Play Area

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	8.45	8.51	8.28	10.21	12.52	12.52	1.76	4.01	4.24
Youth/Adult	7.37	7.42	7.21	9.95	12.26	12.26	2.58	4.84	5.05
Playing Pitch	5.24	5.28	5.14	8.05	9.55	9.55	2.81	4.27	4.41
Equipped CPA	1.08	1.09	1.06	0.26	0.26	0.26	-0.82	-0.83	-0.80

Town/Parish Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Frocester	An additional cricket field at Church Lane has been provided (June 1998) in the parish to add to the existing facility at Pounds Close. The Pounds Close site is now operated by new trustees and leased to Frocester Cricket Club. The present facilities at St. Peter's field are too small and the cricket club are looking to extend the pavilion.
Kings Stanley	The Parish Council is responsible for a site on Marling Close that contains an equipped children's play area. The Parish Council leases the play area from the Marling Trust. Kings Stanley Sports Club operates the remainder of the site on Marling Close. The Parish Council expressed an unfulfilled local desire for skateboard facilities in the village, but there are concerns over the potential issues of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, which may accompany the facility.
Leonard Stanley	The Parish Council is responsible for the operation of the Recreation Ground. No problems were expressed by the Parish Council in relation to the accommodation of current demand, or latent demand. However, concern was expressed over the drainage of the playing field.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Kings Stanley Sports and Social Club	The club has experienced problems of dog fouling when using the pitches at the Recreation Ground. Future plans for the club are focussed on the refurbishment of their existing facilities.
Frocester Cricket Club	The club has fifteen teams in total and operates from two grounds; Pounds Close and St Peters. In excess of 100 games were played last season and only six were cancelled due to rain. They rate their facilities as good with the exception of their changing facilities and the ball bounce on the pitch. The club plans to expand and refurbish their facilities in the future.
Leonard Stanley Cricket Club	The club operates just one team at the Recreation Ground site and club members have decreased significantly in the last five years. The main concerns with their facilities were the condition of the changing rooms and problems with dog fouling. Their challenge is to stay in existence and have expressed an interest in grants available for pitch and facility improvements.
Leonard Stanley Football Club	The club operates two teams from the Leonard Stanley Playing Field and has expressed concern over a lack of local facilities and external funding. The overall quality of the pitch is rated as poor and requires improving.
Kings Stanley Youth Football Club	The club uses the facilities at Marling Close and runs six teams in total. They rate their main match pitch as good in every aspect. The lack of external funding was stated as a problem for the club, but future plans include the refurbishment of the existing facilities.
Leonard Stanley Youth Football Club	See adult club comments

Comments not Received: Kings Stanley Cricket Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. Financial assistance for drainage improvements at Kings Stanley Recreation Ground.
2. The improvement of existing and/or provision of additional children's play areas.
3. The provision of a cricket pitch or an all-weather wicket at Leonard Stanley.
4. The provision of a junior football pitch at Kings Stanley.
5. Leonard Stanley Playing Field needs improving.

Analysis

- ❑ The figures in the table indicate that the overall provision of outdoor playing space in this study area exceeds the minimum NPFA standard by a considerable margin. This is also the case with regards to the provision of youth/adult facilities and playing pitches. However, a significant deficit exists in relation to the provision of children's play areas.
- ❑ The main qualitative issue in the study area appears to involve the drainage problem at the Kings Stanley Recreation Ground. Improvements to the drainage at this venue have been requested by several clubs to allow the site to be used to its full potential and to meet some of the latent demand identified. In addition, an artificial cricket wicket has also been requested to allow a more intensive use of the available facilities.
- ❑ No significant problems appear to exist in this study area in relation to the more formal use of outdoor playing areas. However, the considerable deficit in the provision of equipped play areas for children should be addressed.

Area 6. Stonehouse

Parish Catchment: Eastington
Standish
Stonehouse

Area Population: 1993: 8,823
1998: 9,005
2003: 9,504

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Eastington	Owen Harris Memorial Ground
Standish	No provision
Stonehouse	Oldends Lane Playing Field Stagholt Playing Field Stonehouse Youth Club Meadow Road Play Area Laburnum Walk Recreation Ground Wharfdale Road Play Area Perth Play Area Arrowsmith Drive Play Area Maidenhill School Tennis Courts

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	17.2	17.56	18.53	13.44	13.44	14.55	-3.76	-4.12	-3.98
Youth/Adult	15.0	15.31	16.16	10.85	10.90	11.87	-4.15	-4.41	-4.29
Playing Pitch	10.68	10.90	11.50	6.33	6.33	6.84	-4.35	-4.57	-4.66
Equipped CPA	2.21	2.25	2.38	2.59	2.54	2.68	0.38	0.29	0.30

Town/Parish Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Eastington	The Parish Council is jointly responsible for the operation of the Memorial Ground. Bookings from local schools and playgroups for the use of this site have been refused by the Parish Council due to over-use. The issue of changing accommodation was addressed following a grant of £2,000 (agreed by the Leisure and Tourism Committee) to the Eastington Sports and Community Association for a new pavilion. A new equipped play area for children has also been provided on the site. There is space to include a second senior pitch or junior pitches. The Parish Council (in response to the Leisure Strategy consultation) has enquired about the possibility of using the playing field adjacent to Cotswold Avenue for the youth of the parish. The playing field is currently owned by Gloucestershire County Council and used by Eastington Primary School as their playing field.
Standish	The Parish Council is not aware of any problems concerning demand for recreational facilities. The Stagholt Lane junior football fields fall within the parish, but are owned by Stonehouse Town Council. Their location is well related to the built up area of Stonehouse, and have been included as such for the purposes of this study.
Stonehouse	The Town Council is responsible for operating all the outdoor recreational sites within Stonehouse, with the exception of Wharfdale Way Play Area and the Maidenhill School facilities. The junior play equipment at Wharfdale Way has recently been upgraded. The Oldends Lane facility is used by numerous football and cricket teams from around Stroud District and this has resulted in the over-use of the site and wear and tear. Bookings for Oldends Lane have been refused and a significant unfulfilled latent demand has been identified (a waiting list of clubs is kept by the Town Clerk). Three football pitches are currently accommodated at Oldends Lane; two are available to the general public and one is for use by Stonehouse Freeway Football Club. New changing accommodation has been installed on the site to replace the old, run-down facility. The old tennis courts at the site have been converted to a basketball court and a new skateboard ramp has also recently been installed. In an attempt to address the lack of pitch facilities in Stonehouse, three mini football pitches and a changing facility have been constructed at Stagholt Lane/Gloucester Road. The other addition in the Stonehouse Parish is the play space within the Arrowsmith Drive development. The equipment is owned and maintained by the housing developer.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Alkerton Rangers Football Club	The club has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of their teams at the Memorial Ground, although latent demand for an additional team has been identified. Lack of appropriate local facilities have been cited as a local problem. They rate the overall quality of their pitch as good, though refurbishment is aimed for in the future.
Stonehouse Freeway Football Club	The club operates four teams at Oldends Lane, but allows the use of their rented pitch to Stonehouse Town Youth. Membership has increased over the last five years. They carry out maintenance of the pitch, though aspects of its quality are described as poor. The changing rooms are leased from the council and the club expresses strong discontentment with their state of repair.
Stonehouse Town Youth Football Club	The club operates three mini at three different locations within the parish. The lack of appropriate local facilities is considered to be a problem for the club. The club rates its facilities as good and hopes to further increase its member numbers. However they raised the problem of toilet facilities for spectators. Whilst there are these facilities in existence, the insurance details of the town council prevent them for using them for this purpose.

Comments not Received:

Stonehouse Cricket Club
Westrip Football Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. Financial assistance for ground and drainage improvements at Oldends Lane to enable the provision of additional playing pitches at this venue.
2. Financial assistance is required to improve the play equipment at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground
3. The toddler play equipment at Wharfdale Way needs upgrading.

Analysis

- ❑ With the exception of equipped children's play areas, the Stonehouse study area has significant deficiencies in outdoor recreational provision when compared to the NPFA's minimum standards. This is despite the introduction of a new playing pitch area at Stagholt Lane for junior football, which has only had a minimal impact on the shortfall.
- ❑ The quantity of equipped play areas within the study areas meets the NPFA minimum requirements, but issues of quality need to be addressed. The junior equipment at Wharfdale Way has been upgraded, but the toddler facilities also need improving.
- ❑ A particular problems concerns the accommodation of football and cricket teams, especially at the Oldends Lane site. Although this site is large enough to accommodate more playing pitches, the land suffers from poor drainage and thus is restricted to three football pitches. With improvements to drainage, this site has the potential to accommodate more sports teams. These improvements should help address the current levels of demand and over-use problems experienced at present.
- ❑ The Stonehouse study area contains approximately 22 ha of playing fields in the ownership of the education sector. The two main providers include Wycliffe College and Maidenhill School. However, these two schools have not established formal joint-use arrangements with 'outside' sporting clubs (only informal, ad-hoc arrangements exist with Wycliffe College at present) and therefore cannot be included within the NPFA calculations. If such arrangements were formalised, the release of these playing fields, even for only certain periods of the year, would help alleviate the current shortage problems experienced at present. The release of either of these sites could also help mitigate some of the problems of over-use and pitch degradation experienced by users of the Oldends Lane site.

Area 7. Stroud

Parish Catchment: Cainscross
Randwick
Rodborough
Stroud
Thrupp
Whiteshill

Area Population: 1993: 27,539
1998: 28,371
2003: 28,213

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Cainscross	Cashes Green Playing Field Cope Chat Playing Field Victory Park Queens Drive Play Area Orchard Road Play Area	Stroud	Mason Road Playing Field Stratford Park Stratford Court Stroud Cricket Club Ground Uplands Playing Field Daisy Bank Recreation Ground Parliament Street Recreation Ground Park Gardens Play Area Archway Gardens Play Area Archway School Highfield Road Play Area Police Station Play Area Rodborough Play Area Summer Crescent Play Area
Randwick	Randwick Playing Field Westrip Play Area		
Rodborough	Rodborough Common Football Pitch Stroud Rugby Club Ground Rectory Gardens Play Area		
		Thrupp	Brimscombe/Thrupp Football Ground Brimscombe Recreation Ground Yew Tree Way Play Area
		Whiteshill	Whiteshill Playing Field

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	53.70	55.32	55.02	41.50	47.39	47.48	-12.20	-7.93	-7.54
Youth/Adult	46.82	48.23	47.96	33.85	39.38	39.38	-12.97	-8.85	-8.58
Playing Pitch	33.32	34.33	34.14	18.57	21.03	21.03	-14.75	-13.30	-13.11
Equipped CPA	6.88	7.09	7.05	7.65	8.01	8.10	0.77	0.92	1.05

Town/Parish Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Cainscross	The Parish Council operates the Victory Park site, the Cashes Green playing field (previously the responsibility of Randwick Parish Council) and a site at Hamwell Leaze (formerly operated by Stroud District Council). A new equipped children's play area has been installed within the Orchard Road estate. The Parish Council believes that there is a shortage of football pitches in the area and those existing are being heavily over-used. Similarly, the Parish Council believes that there is an overall shortage of outdoor recreational facilities in the area.
Randwick	The Parish Council is responsible for operating Randwick playing field. No significant problems concerning the accommodation of current levels of demand were expressed, or latent demand. The only issue concerned the limited changing facilities at Randwick playing field for the football club. There is a demand for an open space in the lower part of the village.
Rodborough	The Parish Council is responsible for Rodborough playing field and Rodborough play area. Problems accommodating all the teams on the playing field have been experienced at the Rodborough playing field and the Parish Council would like an all-weather playing pitch installed to meet the high levels of demand.
Stroud	The Town Council is responsible for operating Uplands playing field and has stated that there are no problems concerning accommodation at this site, although bookings are sometimes refused due to waterlogging. The Town Council has expressed problems of vandalism in relation to children's playing areas – a lack of finance has prevented the installation of replacement equipment and, in many cases, equipment has been removed from sites in the interests of safety. The west of the parish has only one area of children's equipped play area, and needs further investment in this area.
Thrupp	The Parish Council has stated that the only outdoor recreational facility they operate is Yew Tree Way play area, which is merely a playing space with no playing equipment. The remaining sites in the parish are generally informal facilities with no proper equipment – this is the case for both children's play areas and the more formal sports facilities. The Parish Council is aware of a need for flat areas for sport and play.
Whiteshill	The Parish Council is responsible for operating playing field, which is the only site in Whiteshill. This site has a senior and a junior football pitch marked out on the same pitch and accommodates a children's play area. The Parish Council has stated that there is a constant demand for the pitch, with only the occasional booking refused. A request for changing facilities on the site has been made. The Parish Council have expressed a demand for a youth shelter/meeting point.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Woodchester Cricket Club	This club now only operates one team at Stratford Court and has membership numbers decline over the last five years. The club has not reported any significant problems concerning the accommodation of demand. The club has improved the pavilion recently and now the main aim is to increase membership numbers in the future.
Ebley Football Club	The club has complained that the pitch at Victory Park is uneven and has problems of dog fouling. They do not consider the hire of Victory Park to be value for money. The club hopes to refurbish their existing facilities to bring them up to standard.
Randwick Football Club	The club operates four teams in total using pitches at both Randwick Playing Field and Stratford Court. They have complained that the facilities at Stratford Court are very busy and it is difficult to get suitable playing times. They have found it very difficult to find suitable pitches within the locality. The pitch at Randwick is on a considerable slope and their first team require a suitable flat pitch for their matches. The club has made considerable effort trying to locate alternative playing pitches and would appreciate any assistance in this matter.
Brimscombe and Thrupp	The club owns this venue and operates two senior teams. They express no problems concerning the accommodation of current levels of demand and have not identified any

Football Club	latent demand. They express an interest in the possibility of financial assistance by way of grants etc to help with the operation of their club. Concern has been raised by the development of pitches in the district for housing.
Whiteshill Football Club	The club operates three teams at Stratford Court and have not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of demand or any latent demand. The club would like to see adequate parking and changing facilities provided.
Cashes Green Football Club	Membership numbers at the football club have increased and there are two adult teams that play their matches at Cashes Green Playing Field. The main concerns for the club appear to be dog fouling and a lack of interest in the club from residents. The quality of the pitch is considered to be poor and the club believe that this problem is typical of pitches in the Stroud area.
Rodborough Youth Football Club	The club operates eight teams at Rodborough Playing Field and has not identified any additional latent demand for more teams. The club has requested an all-weather 5-a-side floodlit pitch. Although one exists at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, the club reports that it is too expensive for youth teams to hire on a regular basis.
Whiteshill Junior Football Club	The club operates five teams at the Whiteshill Playing Field, and one team at the Uplands Playing Field in Stroud. The club has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of current levels of demand, but have identified a growing interest in youth football as a result of the Stroud Junior League structure.
Stroud Strollers Football Club	The club has one adult and one junior team, which play at Stratford Park and Uplands Playing Field. They express a need for a flat pitch in Stroud, and complain that the Uplands pitch is often waterlogged and there is insufficient car parking.
Stratford Court Cricket Club	The club has one team and does not participate in any league games. They cite problems of internal and external funding as being current problems for their club. The overall quality of the pitch is considered to be acceptable.
Stroud College Football Club	Stroud College operate one team at Stratford Court, but would like to own their own pitch. Whilst they believe the pitch to be acceptable, the cost for hiring it is too dear, considering they provide their own nets, flags etc.
Stroud Cricket Club	Membership levels at Stroud Cricket Club have remained static. There are eleven teams but they rate their second home pitch, Stratford Court, as one of the worst they have played on. Internal and external funding is an issue, as is a lack of appropriate local facilities in the area.
Cainscross Rugby Club	The club operates two teams at Victory Park. They consider the overall quality of their home pitch to be acceptable but the evenness of the pitch is not up to standard.
Stroud Rugby Club	The club owns Fromehall Park and this venue is operated solely for rugby. This facility is used by one veteran, three senior, five junior and eight mini teams, as well as Marling School for training purposes. The club has consequently experienced problems of wear and tear to the pitch, but consider it to be good. A lack of cohesive recreation facilities and funding is a major problem for the club.

Comments not Received: Ebley Youth FC
Uplands United FC

Summary of Requirements:

1. Financial assistance to enable the improvement of existing playing pitch facilities, currently available for public use. Such improvements could include:
 - The provision of an all-weather pitch in Rodborough
 - The provision of junior football pitch at Ebley
 - Financial assistance for improved changing accommodation at Randwick and Uplands Playing Fields
 - Improvements to the changing accommodation at Stratford Court
 - The provision of a children's play area at Cainscross
2. The pursuance of formal joint-use arrangements for the use of school playing facilities within the Stroud study area.
3. The provision of rugby pitches for Cainscross and Stroud Rugby Clubs
4. The provision of a junior football pitch in Ebley
5. The provision of a equipped children's play area in Cainscross

Analysis

- ❑ With the exception of equipped children's play areas, the Stroud study area has significant deficiencies in outdoor recreational provision when compared to the NPFA's minimum standards. This is especially the case with regard to the provision of playing pitches, which reaches only approximately 62% of the minimum level required by the Playing Pitch Standard. Surprisingly, perhaps, the provision of equipped children's play areas exceeds the minimum NPFA standard. However, a problem exists regarding the quality and condition of these facilities in certain parts of the Stroud study area. Overcoming this problem, which is reportedly due to vandalism, is not easily addressed.
- ❑ Given the relatively large shortfalls in the Stroud study area, it is also surprising to note that this deficiency is not reflected in the comments from the parish councils or sports clubs. In general, these organisations have not made significant complaints concerning the inadequacy of provision. However those clubs which rely on Stratford Court for their pitches complain that it is very busy and it is difficult to make a regular booking at suitable times.
- ❑ Ebley Football Club have criticised the quality of the pitch they use at Victory Park, stating that it is uneven and has problems of dog fouling. Cashes Green Playing Field is reputed to suffer from similar problems and that pitch quality in Stroud is poor. Those teams using Uplands Playing Field criticise its gradient and susceptibility to waterlogging. These reports suggest that perhaps resources should be directed towards improving the quality of existing pitches in the first instance, before providing more facilities.
- ❑ There are obviously exceptions to this trend, most notably from those organisations located or operating in the central area of Stroud. In this area there have been requests for the allocation of land for recreational purposes as a result of over-use of existing facilities. In particular, a junior football pitch has been requested in the Ebley/Cainscross area to help alleviate the over-use of the Victory Park site. Also, a request has been made for a permanent rugby pitch by Cainscross Rugby Club which, at present, only has a temporary arrangement to use one of the Marling School pitches.
- ❑ Given the physical constraints (eg. topography and gradient) within the Stroud study area, it is very difficult to provide suitable new playing pitch facilities. The steep gradients of the five valleys invariably require a certain amount of 'cutting and filling' to accommodate acceptable playing pitches (Whiteshill Playing Field and Rodborough Playing Field are good examples of playing pitches that required this process). In the more urban area of Stroud, the amount of built development present restricts the amount of land that is available for formal recreational purposes. However, under closer inspection, it is apparent that the central areas of Stroud does actually contain a significant amount of land for outdoor recreational purposes. However, the majority of this area is under educational or private ownership and is thus not available for public use. The pursuance of more formal joint-use arrangements of these facilities would appear to be the way forward in attempting to address the under supply of playing facilities in this 'restricted' area. In addition, a more intensive use of existing facilities should be encouraged with improvements to maintenance regimes and changing facilities and, perhaps, the provision of additional all-weather playing pitch surfaces.

Area 8. Cam

Parish Catchment :

Cam
Coaley
Slimbridge
Stinchcombe

Area Population:

1993: 10,543
1998: 10,718
2003: 10,584

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Cam	Cam Green Playing Field Cam Mills Bowling Green Cam Sports Club Dursley Athletics Club Jubilee Playing Fields Rednock School – Norman Hill Field Woodfield Play Area Woodview Road Play Area Draycott Play Area Tiltdown Play Area
Coaley	Coaley Recreation Ground Betworthy Estate Play Area
Slimbridge	Slimbridge Playing Field Slimbridge Football Ground
Stinchcombe	Stragglers Sports Ground Stragglers Sports Ground Extension Church Field Play Area

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	20.56	20.90	20.64	24.93	24.55	24.68	4.37	4.65	4.04
Youth/Adult	17.92	18.22	17.99	22.95	22.95	22.95	5.03	4.73	4.96
Playing Pitch	12.76	12.97	12.81	14.19	15.43	15.43	1.43	2.46	2.62
Equipped CPA	2.64	2.68	2.65	0.99	1.60	1.73	-1.65	-1.08	-0.92

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Cam	The Parish Council is responsible for the Cam Green and Jubilee playing fields. The Parish Council extended the Jubilee Playing Field to an area of 4.38 ha following the acquisition of land adjacent to the site. An additional football pitch was been accommodated within the athletics track. Increased demand for the sports facilities has resulted in bookings being refused during certain periods of the year and during certain times of the week. Cam Town Council wish to expand the facilities on Jubilee Playing Field to cater for family based recreational opportunities. They also wish to provide some children's play equipment on the land at Woodview Road, which has been included in this survey in 2004. Concern has been expressed that Cam Sports Club is threatened by development.
Coaley	The Parish Council states that there is only a limited amount of recreation space in Coaley parish and they have not indicated a need or further facilities.
Slimbridge	The Parish Council is responsible for the overall operation of the Slimbridge Playing field (the Slimbridge Football Ground is a separate concern). The Parish Council states that the playing field is well used (i.e. every week) by cricket clubs, junior football teams and Slimbridge Football Club. However the Parish Council have not expressed a demand for any further recreational space.
Stinchcombe	The Parish Council is only responsible for the maintenance of the children's play area located within the Stragglers Sports Ground. Junior swings have been installed on this area. The Stragglers Sports Ground is owned by the Stinchcombe Stragglers and Dursley Sports Club and incorporates a rugby pitch in the winter months and a cricket pitch in the summer months. One further rugby pitch is located at the Stragglers Sports Ground Extension on Taits Hill Road.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Coaley Rovers Football Club	The club has two adult teams, which play at Coaley recreation field. Internal and external funding is an issue for the club, but they have not expressed any latent demand for additional facilities. Dog fouling on their home pitch is a serious problem.
Cam Bulldogs Football Club	The club operates three teams at Cam Sports Club and Everside and considers the facilities to be poor. They wish to increase member numbers and expand and refurbish their existing facilities. Problems of appropriate local facilities and funding are the main concerns for the club and suffer from a lack of voluntary assistance.
Everside Football Club	The club operates five mini and two junior teams at the Jubilee Playing Fields and uses Rednock and Berkeley Vale schools for training. The pitch suffers from wear and tear and funding is needed to improve the pitch facilities or look for additional accommodation.
Dursley Rugby Club	The club operates four senior, four junior and six mini teams on this site. The club has noticed that demand for rugby has been slowly increasing in the area and wish to see additional rugby pitches provided in the area with appropriate car parking. They also desire to provide athletics facilities.

Comments not Received: Stinchcombe Stragglers
Slimbridge Cricket Club
Stinchcombe Stragglers Cricket Team

Summary of Requirements:

1. Financial assistance to enable the improvement of facilities at the Everside Lane athletics track, Cam.
2. The provision of a junior rugby pitch for Dursley Rugby Club.
3. The provision of a larger outdoor recreational area within Coaley Parish which could accommodate a wide variety of sports.

Analysis

- ❑ The figures in the table indicate that the overall provision of outdoor playing space in this study area exceeds the minimum NPFA standard by quite a considerable margin. This is also the case with regards to the provision of youth/adult facilities and playing pitches. However, a relatively large deficit exists in relation to the provision of equipped or designated children's play areas within the study area. This is despite the provision of a further play area at Woodview Road.
- ❑ In general terms, the parish councils have indicated that a sufficient level of outdoor recreational provision exists in the study area to serve the needs of the residents.
- ❑ It has been highlighted that Jubilee Playing Fields is suffering from over-use and investment to improve its condition are necessary. This would enable the pitch to accommodate a more intensive use of the facilities available.
- ❑ Comments from the various sports clubs have indicated that a problem sometimes exists in accommodating all the sports teams at certain times of the week and during certain periods of the year. In particular, this problem appears to be applicable to the rugby clubs which have requested the provision of an additional rugby pitch in the area to meet the increasing demand for this sport.
- ❑ The improvement of existing pitches and changing accommodation was highlighted by some sports clubs as being a priority. Dursley Rugby Club cites a lack of sufficient car-parking as one of the problems they faced.

Area 9. Dursley

Parish Catchment: Dursley
Owlpen
Uley

Area Population: 1993: 7,039
1998: 7,048
2003: 7,030

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Dursley	Dursley Recreation Ground Listers Bowling Green Cambridge Avenue Play Area Highfield Approach Play Area Kingshill House Play Area Maple Close Play Space Acacia Drive Play Area	
Owlpen	No provision	
Uley	Shadwell Sports Ground Uley Play Area	

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	13.73	13.74	13.71	5.37	6.63	6.67	-8.36	-7.11	-7.04
Youth/Adult	11.97	11.98	11.95	3.69	3.69	3.69	-8.28	-8.29	-8.26
Playing Pitch	8.52	8.53	8.51	3.20	3.20	3.20	-5.32	-5.33	-5.31
Equipped CPA	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.68	2.94	2.98	-0.08	1.18	1.22

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Dursley	The Town Council is responsible for the Dursley Recreation Ground and the Kingshill House Play Area, both of which are under review. The Council states that, at present, many of the children's play areas have outdated play equipment with little provision for the younger age groups. The Town Council, in response to the Leisure Strategy, has stated that it supports the plan to develop a single site sports facility at Everside Lane/Jubilee Playing Fields. A play area at Acacia Drive has been added to the survey, which has play equipment, maintained by Stroud District Council.
Owlpen	The Parish Council expressed no significant comments as there are no outdoor play facilities in the Parish and there does not appear to be any demand for such facilities.
Uley	Uley Parish Council have indicated that a pavilion is needed at the Shadwell Sports Ground. The play area at Raglan Way is considered to be in a good condition.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Dursley Town Ladies Football Club	The club operates one adult team and three mini teams all at the Dursley Recreation Ground. They request the provision of an all weather playing pitch with floodlights. Membership has increased over the last five years and they hope to continue this trend.
Dursley Town Football Club	The club operates four teams at the Dursley Recreation Ground and has not experienced any problems concerning the accommodation of demand. The pitch is uneven in places, which is of concern for the club.
Uley Football Club	The club operates three senior teams at the Shadwell Sports Ground and also at Nympsfield. The club has expressed concern about the lack of playing pitches in the area – some teams have disbanded due to the lack of facilities. They consider the facilities at Nympsfield to be of poor quality. The club would also like a larger changing pavilion to be provided at the Shadwell Sports Ground.
Dursley Town Junior Football Club	The club uses the facilities at Dursley Recreation Ground and has expressed some problems concerning the over-use of pitches by senior teams. The club has asked for the provision of an all weather pitch at the Dursley Recreation Ground site and improvements to the changing rooms.

Comments not Received: Uley Cricket Club
Dursley Cricket Club
Dursley Rugby Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of an all-weather playing pitch at Dursley.
2. The provision of a football pitch at Uley.
3. Financial assistance to improve equipment within existing children's play areas at Dursley.
4. The provision of a skateboard facility in Dursley

Analysis

- ❑ This study area has a very poor overall level of outdoor play space provision compared to the minimum NPFA standards. The figure for the overall provision is less than half the minimum requirement set out by the NPFA. The provision of youth/adult facilities and playing pitches is particularly low – approximately 35% of their respective minimum standards. Associated with this, it is worth noting that there are only 3.20 hectares of playing pitch for an area with a population of over 7000.
- ❑ Conversely, the provision of children's play areas exceeds the NPFA's minimum standard. It is also worth noting that the Parish of Owlpen has no outdoor play space provision at all. Given the very small population of the parish (approximately 304 people), Owlpen Parish Council has not identified this situation as being a problem.
- ❑ Although the study area suffers from a very low provision of formal sports facilities, surprisingly few comments have been made by the clubs in the area concerning the accommodation of demand. Similarly, the clubs do not seem to have identified any significant levels of latent demand present in the area.
- ❑ The under provision of playing pitches in the Dursley area will be addressed with the provision of a new all-weather pitch at the Dursley Recreation Ground. The Economic Development and Leisure Committee resolved, at a meeting in June 1999, to support the construction of this facility (Report No. DDL.74/6/99 Agenda Item No. 7). This has not yet been provided. Although, under NPFA guidelines, artificial playing pitches are able to be double-counted in terms of area, the provision of just one artificial playing pitch will not rectify the deficit experienced in the Dursley study area. Also, an artificially surfaced pitch cannot accommodate the range of sports normally associated with grassed pitches.

Area 10. Frampton

Parish Catchment: Arlingham
 Frampton-on-Severn
 Fretherne with Saul
 Moreton Valence
 Whitminster

Area Population: 1993: 3,135
 1998: 3,400
 2003: 3,400

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Arlingham	Arlingham Football Ground Church Road Play Area
Frampton	Frampton Cricket Field Whitminster Lane Cricket Ground Frampton Football Ground Frampton Playing Field Frampton Bowls Club
Fretherne/Saul	Saul Playing Field
Moreton Valence	No provision
Whitminster	Whitminster Recreation Ground Kidnams Walk Play Area Little Holbury Play Area

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	6.11	6.63	6.63	6.67	8.05	9.21	0.56	1.42	2.58
Youth/Adult	5.33	5.78	5.78	6.57	7.80	8.96	1.24	2.02	3.18
Playing Pitch	3.79	4.11	4.11	5.79	6.94	7.59	2.00	2.83	3.48
Equipped CPA	0.78	0.85	0.85	0.10	0.25	0.25	-0.68	-0.60	-0.60

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Arlingham	The Parish Council states that there is no demand for further open space in the parish. The use of Arlingham Football Ground is limited to Arlingham Football Club. The children's play area along Church Road is well used and well maintained.
Frampton-on-Severn	The Parish Council does not own any public open space of its own, the existing areas being in the ownership of the Frampton Court Estate. An additional cricket pitch is now located along Whitminster Lane and is operated by Frampton-on-Severn Cricket Club. Frampton Playing Field and the Bowls Club have now been included in this survey under the youth/adult category. Planning permission (Ref.: S.04/0578/COU) has been granted for the change of use of agricultural land to recreational use along Whitminster Lane, which would accommodate a number of junior football teams.
Fretherne with Saul	The Parish Council is not responsible for any outdoor sports provision in the Parish. The Saul Memorial Hall Committee operates the Saul Playing Field. The parish council has not identified a demand for further open space.
Moreton Valence	The Parish Council states that there are no outdoor recreational facilities in their parish and that the nearest facilities are in Whitminster.
Whitminster	Although the Parish Council owns the Recreation Ground, a Recreation Trust operates it. Whitminster also benefits from two equipped play areas for children at Kidnams Walk and Little Holbury. The Parish Council states that they are not facing any pressure to provide further open space.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Frampton Cricket Football Club	The club now operates a purpose-built cricket ground at Whitminster Lane with changing accommodation and limited social facilities. They have stated that they have a very big problem with moles spoiling the pitch conditions.
Arlingham Football Club	The use of Arlingham Football Pitch is restricted to Arlingham Football Club. The club has expressed concern at playing pitches being sold off for development purposes. Other clubs are on short-term leases and face uncertainty.
Frampton United Football Club	The club did not express any problems concerning access to playing facilities or latent demand for additional football pitches at Bell Field. Grass cover and evenness of the pitch are considered to be of poor quality and need improving.
Whitminster Football Club	The club operates one senior team and has no problems with regard to the accommodation of demand or latent demand at the Whitminster Recreation Ground. The club states that the acquisition of the adjacent field would allow a pitch of maximum size and allow for pitch rotation and therefore less wear and tear on existing facilities (the adjacent field is currently in agricultural use). Internal and external funding are problems for the club.

Comments not Received: Whitminster United football Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of additional equipped play areas for children.
2. Improvements to the changing accommodation and pitch size at Whitminster Recreation Ground.
3. The provision of an additional playing pitch adjacent to Whitminster Recreation Ground to cater for a variety of sports.
4. The provision of junior football pitches at Frampton-on-Severn.

Analysis

- ❑ With the exception of equipped children's play areas, a significant surplus exists in all the NPFA categories. A particularly 'healthy' provision of youth/adult facilities and playing pitches is evident within this study area.
- ❑ Planning Permission has been granted to provide further playing pitches in Frampton-on-Severn to meet a demand expressed by a local sports club. Sports clubs in the study area have cited poor pitch conditions, rather than lack of facilities to be of concern to their club.
- ❑ Whilst the survey indicates a shortfall in the level of children's play areas available, four of the five parish councils have not expressed any demand for further facilities of this type. Moreton Valance has no outdoor recreational facilities in its parish, and it is suggested that the provision of a children's play area in the parish would serve a local need.

Area 11. Chalford

Parish Catchment: Bisley with Lypiatt
Chalford

Area Population: 1993: 7,077
1998: 7,868
2003: 8,165

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Bisley with Lypiatt	Oakridge Recreation Ground King George V Playing Field Eastcombe Pleasure Ground Waterlane Play Area
Chalford	Bussage Recreation Ground Highfield Sports Ground Chalford Playing Field/Area France Lynch Pleasure Ground

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	13.80	15.34	15.92	17.15	17.15	17.15	3.35	1.81	1.23
Youth/Adult	12.03	13.38	13.88	16.22	16.22	16.22	4.19	2.84	2.34
Playing Pitch	8.56	9.52	9.88	11.37	11.37	11.37	2.81	1.85	1.49
Equipped CPA	1.77	1.97	2.04	0.93	0.93	0.93	-0.84	-1.04	-1.11

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Bisley	The Parish Council is responsible for equipping and maintaining the above-mentioned recreational sites. They have stated that the pitches area at capacity and there are no plans to extend or upgrade the existing facilities. Thomas Keble school does have not have joint use pitches available.
Chalford	The Parish Council is responsible for the Bussage Recreation Ground, Chalford Playing Field and the France Lynch Pleasure Ground. Official use of the pitches is low, but unofficially they are used every day. The Parish Council has not identified any significant problems with regard to the accommodation of teams or latent demand.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Eastcombe Cricket Club	The club operate one team at Eastcombe Recreation Ground and Eastcombe Football Club use the pavilion during football season. They have not identified any serious concerns relating to demand or pitch quality.
Oakridge AFC	Oakridge Football Club has one team, which plays at the Oakridge Lynch Recreation Ground. They have not identified any demand for further pitches, but flag up the length of grass and the coverage of grass as problems in the overall pitch quality.
Chalford Cavaliers Football Club	The club operates one football team at the Highfield Sports Ground and has not expressed any problems concerning the accommodation of the team or latent demand.

Comments not Received: Highfield Sports Ground
Chalford Cricket Club
Oakridge Cricket Club
Eastcombe Football Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of additional equipped play areas for children.
2. The provision of an artificial cricket square at Eastcombe Pleasure Ground.

Analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ With the exception of children’s play space, a surplus exists in all the NPFA categories. A relatively ‘healthy’ provision of youth/adult facilities and playing pitches is evident within the study area. However, in contrast, the current provision of equipped children’s play areas is very poor. ❑ The provision of outdoor play areas relative to the NPFA minimum standards has worsened since the 1993 survey. This is not due to the loss of any recreational facilities (the situation has remained unchanged since 1993), but reflects a relatively large increase in population in the study area associated with the Manor Village residential development. ❑ The study area contains a number of large, well maintained youth/adult facilities. No significant issues or problems have been identified by the parish councils or sporting clubs in relation to these facilities. Whilst Thomas Keble School has joint-use sports facilities available, they relate to the sports hall and gym. The pitches are not available in the same manner and cannot be counted towards the NPFA standard. ❑ The main recreational issue within this study area appears to concern the amount and condition of the existing children’s play areas. The study area requires improvements in both the quantity and quality of these facilities.

Area 12. Painswick

Parish Catchment: Cranham
Harescombe
Miserden
Painswick
Pitchcombe

Area Population: 1993: 4,487
1998: 4,735
2003: 4,333

Outdoor Play Space Provision:

Cranham	Cranham Playing Field Cranham Cricket Ground
Harescombe	No provision
Miserden	Miserden Playing Field Whiteway Playing Field
Painswick	Falcon Bowls Club Painswick Bowls Club Painswick Recreation Ground Painswick RFC and Sports Club (Broadham Fields) Painswick Sports Ground Sheepscombe Cricket Ground Sheepscombe Play Area
Pitchcombe	No provision

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	8.74	9.23	8.45	18.16	18.16	17.57	9.42	8.93	9.12
Youth/Adult	7.63	8.05	7.37	17.15	17.15	16.56	9.25	9.10	9.19
Playing Pitch	5.43	5.73	5.24	7.90	10.94	10.94	2.47	5.21	5.70
Equipped CPA	1.12	1.18	1.08	1.01	1.01	1.01	-0.11	-0.17	-0.07

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Cranham	The Parish Council is responsible for operating the village playing field. No problems of accommodation or latent demand have been identified from the village teams, which use this facility. The playing equipment at this venue has been updated to bring it up to safety standards.
Harescombe	The Parish Council states that there are no council operated sports facilities in this parish. No reference was made to recreational demand in the parish.
Miserden	The Parish Council is not responsible for any sports facilities within the parish. No demand for further open space has been recorded.
Painswick	The Parish Council is responsible for the Painswick Recreation Ground. This site accommodates one rugby pitch and one football pitch. The juniors of Painswick Rugby Club use the rugby pitch, whilst any member of the public can use the football pitch. The Broadham Playing Field accommodates two rugby pitches (one cricket square in the summer months), six hard tennis courts and a hockey pitch. The Painswick Lawn Tennis Club operates the tennis courts. This club also operates two hard tennis courts located next to the Painswick Bowls Club. There are no planned extensions or improvements planned for any of the open spaces.
Pitchcombe	The Parish Council states there is no provision within the parish and that there is very little demand due to the average age of the parish population.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Miserden Playing Field	The playing field is operated by Miserden Estates and used by the Slad Exiles Cricket Club.
Cranham Cricket Club	The club operates one team at the pitch it owns in Cranham. The club requires funding to rebuild and furnish a new pavilion and provide adequate changing rooms, showers etc. For indoor training, the club members travel to Cheltenham Recreation Centre, some distance away.
Painswick Rugby Club and Broadham Fields Management	These two organisations jointly operate this site. The site caters for rugby, football, hockey, cricket and tennis and no problems of over-use or latent demand have been experienced. The management group has stated that the site can cope with the local demand for outdoor sport and that the Painswick Recreation Ground can accommodate any additional demand. They claim that they are always looking to improve their finances

Comments not Received: Painswick Football Club
Sheepscombe Cricket Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The upgrade of the play facilities at the recreation ground in Painswick
2. The provision of additional equipped play areas for children.

Analysis

- ❑ With the exception of equipped children's play areas, the Painswick study area is extremely well served in terms of recreation provision. The minimum NPFA standards for youth/adult provision and playing pitches are exceeded by a considerable margin, as is the overall NPFA standard.
- ❑ Play equipment within the study area is well maintained and programmes to update equipment have taken place.
- ❑ The 'healthy' supply of outdoor recreational areas is reflected in the lack of problems and requests from both the parish/town councils and the various sporting clubs operating in the area.
- ❑ The parishes of Pitchcombe and Harescombe do not have any outdoor recreational provision. However, this situation does not seem to be a significant issue, since the respective parish councils have not identified any demand for recreational facilities.

Area 13. Upton St. Leonards

Parish Catchment: Brookthorpe with Whaddon
Upton St. Leonards

Area Population: 1993: 1,970
1998: 2,046
2003: 1,959

Outdoor Play Space Provision: Brookthorpe No provision
Upton St. Leonards Upton St. Leonards Recreation Ground
Woodland Green

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	3.84	3.99	3.82	3.50	3.50	3.64	-0.34	-0.49	-0.18
Youth/Adult	3.35	3.48	3.33	3.45	3.45	3.45	0.10	-0.03	0.12
Playing Pitch	2.38	2.48	2.37	2.40	2.40	2.40	0.02	-0.08	0.03
Equipped CPA	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.05	0.05	0.19	-0.44	-0.46	-0.30

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Brookthorpe with Whaddon	There is currently no outdoor recreational provision, of any sort, in the parish.
Upton St. Leonards	The Parish Council is responsible for the overall operation of the Recreation Ground although the individual clubs, which use the facilities, prepare the pitches and courts themselves. The Recreation Ground is able to accommodate the existing demand as the football and cricket clubs arrange mutual dates to avoid fixture problems. The playing pitch has an improved drainage system, which allows football to be played throughout the winter months. Woodland Green has been identified as a children's play area, although it has no equipment on site.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Upton St. Leonards Cricket Club	The cricket club has two junior teams and three adult teams, which play at the recreation ground in the village. The club maintains the square and wickets and the parish council maintain the outfield. Future plans for the club include the expansion and refurbishment of existing facilities.
Upton St. Leonards Football Club	The club operates three teams, but the lack of pitches in the villages has led to the third team having to use the pitches at Plock Court (Gloucester). Seven games were cancelled last season due to poor drainage and lack of suitable equipment.

Comments Not Received: All questionnaires received

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of additional equipped play areas for children, especially within the parish of Brookthorpe.
2. Financial assistance to enable improvements to the changing rooms at the Upton St. Leonards Recreation Ground.
3. The provision of a junior football pitch at Upton St. Leonards.

Analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The provision of outdoor playing facilities within the Upton St. Leonards study area has not changed significantly between 1993 and 2004. The area falls below the NPFA's minimum overall standard although this is due to the relatively large deficit in relation to the provision of equipped children's play space. Similarly, the provision of facilities for youth/adult sport is below the minimum NPFA standard, albeit marginally. ❑ The introduction of a joint-use agreement for the youth football pitch at Upton St. Leonards Primary School could help satisfy the requests of Upton St. Leonards youth football team for an additional pitch in the area. ❑ The parish of Brookthorpe with Whaddon does not have any outdoor recreational provision. However the parish council has identified a demand for a play facility in the area.

Area 14. Minchinhampton

Parish Catchment: Minchinhampton

Area Population: 1993: 5,217
1998: 5,488
2003: 5,248

Outdoor Play Space Provision: Minchinhampton
Stuart Playing Field
Windmill Road Rugby Pitch
Orchard Road Play Area
Horsfall Playing Field/Area
Amberley Play Area
Glebe Road Play Area

	NPFA Requirement (ha)			Actual Provision (ha)			Shortfall/Surplus (ha)		
	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004	1993	1998	2004
NPFA Overall	10.17	10.70	10.23	4.80	4.80	4.80	-5.37	-5.90	-5.43
Youth/Adult	8.87	9.33	8.92	3.44	3.44	3.44	-5.43	-5.89	-5.48
Playing Pitch	6.31	6.64	6.35	2.91	2.91	2.91	-3.40	-3.73	-3.44
Equipped CPA	1.30	1.37	1.31	1.36	1.36	1.36	0.06	-0.01	0.05

Parish/Town Council Comments:

Council	Comments
Minchinhampton	Comments from the parish council have confirmed that the provision of outdoor playing space has not altered since the survey conducted in 1993. Permanent rugby and hockey pitches have been requested. The levels of provision of children's play areas are satisfactory, but a desire for more equipment has been expressed.

Sports Club Comments:

Club	Comments
Minchinhampton Cricket Club	The club has not experienced any problems accommodating its teams at the Stuart Playing Field, but complains about the lack of indoor nets in Stroud District. Dog fouling is a problem and the pitch surface is uneven.
Minchinhampton Rugby Club	The club currently plays on common land owned by the National Trust at Windmill Road and land at Cirencester Road. They have consequently requested a permanent ground of their own. Their facilities are limited and they wish to expand.

Comments not Received: Minchinhampton Football Club

Summary of Requirements:

1. The provision of additional sporting facilities/playing pitches in the parish to satisfy current and future demand for cricket, rugby, hockey and bowls.
2. Financial assistance to help provide an artificial cricket square at the Stuart Playing Field.

Analysis

- ❑ The Minchinhampton study area has a considerable deficit in outdoor play space provision when compared to the minimum NPFA standards. The overall NPFA figure for the area is half that required by the NPFA. This is also the case with regards to the youth/adult and playing pitch categories. However, the provision of equipped playing areas for children meets the minimum NPFA standard.
- ❑ The shortage of sporting facilities is a concern in the study area and few clubs own their own pitches and instead lease or hire them. This has resulted in a lack of security for the sports clubs and reluctance to invest in the facilities they use.
- ❑ The Minchinhampton study area contains approximately 5.5 ha of playing fields in the ownership of the education sector. The main provider involves Beaudesert School, with a smaller playing field located at Minchinhampton Primary School. However, these two schools have not established formal joint-use arrangements with 'outside' sporting clubs and therefore cannot be included within the NPFA calculations. If such arrangements were formalised, the release of these playing fields, even for only certain periods of the year, would help alleviate the current shortage problems experienced at present.

Appendices

Appendix 1. Priority Study Areas

Background:

This appendix lists the most 'pressing' outdoor recreational requirements of all those identified in Section 4 of this document. The list was compiled after considering the comments received from the town/parish councils and relevant sports clubs, the relevant study area tables and the parish performance figures outlined in Appendix 2, Table 5. Within the various forms of survey information collected, the requirements listed below were relatively 'conspicuous' and easy to identify as priorities. The priority requirements shown in the table below have simply been listed in study area number order.

Study Area	Requirement
Area 1. Berkeley	The provision of a senior football pitch at Oldminster Road, Sharpness.
Area 2. Hardwicke	The provision of an astro-turf pitch in the parish of Hardwicke to accommodate 3 senior and 2 junior football teams. Also, financial assistance towards the acquisition and laying-out of new outdoor recreational facilities.
Area 3. Wotton under Edge	The provision of a new formal playing facility, incorporating pitches, changing accommodation and a children's play area to serve the needs of the residents of Wotton-under-Edge. Financial contributions have also been requested towards the provision of these facilities.
Area 6. Stonehouse	Financial assistance for ground and drainage improvements at Oldends Lane, Stonehouse to enable the provision of additional playing pitches at this venue.
Area 7. Stroud	Financial assistance to enable the improvement of existing playing pitch facilities, currently available for public use. Such improvements could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The provision of an all-weather pitch in Rodborough - The provision of junior football pitch at Ebley - Financial assistance for improved changing accommodation at Randwick and Uplands Playing Fields - Improvements to the changing accommodation at Stratford Court - The provision of a children's play area at Cainscross
Area 14. Minchinhampton	The provision of additional sporting facilities/playing pitches in the parish to satisfy current and future demand for cricket, rugby, hockey and bowls.

Appendix 2. Study Area and Parish Statistics utilising 2003 Population Data

Introduction:

The tables contained in this appendix provide a breakdown of the study area statistics contained in Section 4 of this document. This appendix also contains a table, which outlines the performance of each of the 52 parishes of Stroud District in relation to the overall NPFA 'Six Acre Standard'. The tables have been designed to provide the information 'at-a-glance' and allow various comparisons.

Details of Measurements:

The sites have been measured according to the methodology outlined in Section 3 of this document. The tables indicate both the absolute and the percentage surplus/shortfall for each particular study area and parish in relation to a particular Outdoor Playing Space category. Each table has been ranked in terms of the percentage of surplus or shortfall in provision – those study areas and parishes with the greatest surplus appear at the top of the table, and vice-versa. The dashed line within the table indicates the minimum standard for the relevant NPFA category. The shaded area of the table indicates those study areas and parishes, which fall below the minimum standard required by the NPFA for a particular category.

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Key:

----- Dashed line indicates minimum standard for relevant category

Table 1: Study Area performance against overall NPFA Standard

Study Area	NPFA Requirement (ha)	Actual Provision (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (%)
Painswick	8.45	17.57	9.12	108
The Stanleys	8.28	12.52	4.24	51
Frampton	6.63	9.21	2.58	39
Berkeley	10.57	14.49	3.92	37
Cam	20.64	24.68	4.04	20
Nailsworth	15.21	18.29	3.08	20
Chalford	15.29	17.15	1.23	8
Upton St. Leonards	3.82	3.64	-0.18	-5
Stroud	55.02	47.48	-7.54	-14
Wotton under Edge	16.40	13.86	-2.54	-15
Stonehouse	18.53	14.55	-3.98	-21
Hardwicke	9.07	5.52	-3.55	-39
Dursley	13.71	6.67	-7.04	-51
Minchinhampton	10.23	4.80	-5.43	-53

Table 2: Study Area performance against Youth/Adult Standard

Study Area	NPFA Requirement (ha)	Actual Provision (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (%)
Painswick	7.37	16.56	9.19	125
The Stanleys	7.21	12.26	5.05	70
Frampton	5.78	8.96	3.18	55
Berkeley	9.22	12.68	3.46	38
Cam	17.99	22.95	4.96	28
Nailsworth	13.26	16.60	3.34	25
Chalford	13.88	16.22	2.34	17
Upton St. Leonards	3.33	3.45	0.12	4
Wotton under Edge	14.30	13.31	-0.99	-7
Stroud	47.96	39.38	-8.58	-18
Stonehouse	16.16	11.87	-4.29	-27
Hardwicke	7.90	4.94	-2.96	-38
Minchinhampton	8.92	3.44	-5.48	-61
Dursley	11.95	3.69	-8.26	-69

Table 3: Study Area performance against Playing Pitch Standard

Study Area	NPFA Requirement (ha)	Actual Provision (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (%)
Painswick	5.24	10.94	5.70	109
The Stanleys	5.14	9.55	4.41	86
Frampton	4.11	7.59	3.48	84
Berkeley	6.56	9.49	2.93	45
Cam	12.81	15.43	2.62	20
Chalford	9.88	11.37	1.49	15
Nailsworth	9.44	9.59	0.15	2
Upton St. Leonards	2.37	2.40	0.03	1
Wotton under Edge	10.18	10.13	-0.05	0
Hardwicke	5.63	4.58	-1.05	-19
Stroud	34.14	21.03	-13.11	-38
Stonehouse	11.50	6.84	-4.66	-41
Minchinhampton	6.35	2.91	-3.44	-54
Dursley	8.51	3.20	-5.31	-62

Table 4: Study Area performance against Equipped Children's Play Area Standard.

Study Area	NPFA Requirement (ha)	Actual Provision (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (%)
Dursley	1.76	2.98	1.22	70
Berkeley	1.36	1.81	0.45	34
Stroud	7.05	8.10	1.05	15
Stonehouse	2.38	2.68	0.30	13
Minchinhampton	1.31	1.36	0.05	4
Painswick	1.08	1.01	-0.07	-7
Nailsworth	1.95	1.69	-0.26	-13
Cam	2.65	1.73	-0.92	-35
Hardwicke	1.16	0.58	-0.58	-50
Chalford	2.04	0.93	-1.11	-54
Frampton	0.85	0.25	-0.60	-71
Wotton under Edge	2.10	0.55	-1.55	-74
The Stanleys	1.06	0.26	-0.80	-75
Upton St. Leonards	0.49	0.19	-0.30	-61

Table 5: Parish performance against the overall NPFA Standard.

Parish	NPFA Requirement (ha)	Actual Provision (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (ha)	Surplus/Shortfall (%)
Frocester	0.37	4.61	4.24	1158
Cranham	0.88	4.24	3.36	380
Stinchcombe	0.83	3.87	3.04	367
Nympsfield	0.68	2.30	1.62	240
Hamfallow	2.12	5.50	3.38	160
Painswick	5.79	11.89	6.10	105
Bisley with Lypiatt	3.99	7.61	3.62	91
Ham & Stone	1.43	2.72	1.29	90
Arlingham	0.81	1.35	0.54	67
Hillesley & Tresham	1.15	1.91	0.76	66
Slimbridge	2.20	3.60	1.40	63
Frampton	2.71	4.17	1.46	54
Fretherne & Saul	1.34	2.00	0.66	49
Haresfield	0.82	1.20	0.38	46
Miserden	0.84	1.14	0.30	36
Nailsworth	10.54	12.31	1.77	17
Upton St. Leonards	3.13	3.64	0.51	16
Whitminster	1.46	1.69	0.23	16
Whiteshill	2.34	2.60	0.26	11
Kingswood	2.69	2.96	0.27	10
Uley	2.25	2.46	0.21	9
Coaley	1.51	1.63	0.12	8
North Nibley	1.66	1.75	0.09	5
Kings Stanley	4.96	4.98	0.02	0
Leonard Stanley	2.95	2.82	-0.13	-4
Stroud	24.81	23.49	-1.32	-5
Dursley	11.40	10.62	-0.78	-7
Eastington	3.12	2.89	-0.23	-7
Hinton	2.15	1.91	-0.24	-11
Woodchester	2.34	1.85	-0.49	-21
Horsley	1.65	1.27	-0.38	-23
Cam	16.09	11.89	-4.20	-26
Chalford	11.93	8.44	-3.49	-29
Randwick	2.72	1.91	-0.81	-30
Stonehouse	14.90	9.65	-5.25	-35
Cainscross	11.34	7.23	-4.11	-36
Hardwicke	7.24	4.35	-2.89	-40
Berkeley	3.59	1.92	-1.67	-47
Rodborough	10.27	5.49	-4.78	-47
Minchinhampton	10.23	4.8	-5.43	-53
Alkington	1.28	0.57	-0.71	-55
Thrupp	3.54	1.47	-2.07	-59
Wotton under Edge	10.62	3.01	-7.61	-72
Brookthorpe	0.69	0	-0.69	-100
Longney	0.54	0	-0.54	-100
Standish	0.51	0	-0.51	-100
Pitchcombe	0.48	0	-0.48	-100
Elmore	0.46	0	-0.46	-100
Harescombe	0.45	0	-0.45	-100
Moreton Valence	0.31	0	-0.31	-100
Alderley	0.28	0	-0.28	-100
Owlpen	0.05	0	-0.05	-100

Appendix 3. Private Outdoor Play Space Provision

Introduction:

This appendix provides details regarding the level of provision currently in private ownership and which is not normally, by nature of policy and practice, available for public use. The actual areas of the outdoor playing facilities listed in this appendix have not been included within the calculations in Section 4 of this document. They are included in this appendix to provide an indication of the amount of outdoor playing space, which could, possibly, be brought forward for public use.

Comments:

It is interesting to note that only four schools in Stroud District have established formal joint use arrangements with outside sporting clubs for the use of their playing fields. This survey revealed that a number of schools enter into informal arrangements with outside sporting clubs, mainly on an ad hoc basis when the need arises. For example, some schools reported that they would be willing to allow the public to use their pitches but have never been approached by any outside sporting clubs. Consequently, the facilities are not strictly unavailable to the public. Hence, to some extent, this form of provision represents a 'grey area' in terms of the NPFA categories. In this instance, this survey has adhered strictly to NPFA guidance and not included these 'grey facilities' into the area calculations since the arrangements are not defined as being as a matter of 'policy and practice'. Obviously the private provision of outdoor playing facilities represents a significant potential resource in terms of meeting the minimum levels set down by Stroud District. However, in most instances, establishing formal joint-use arrangements requires the consent of school governors and/or headmasters. Despite the opportunity to increase revenue, schools are rightly concerned about the effect of wear and tear on their playing fields. Nevertheless, establishing more joint-use arrangements with schools or other private institutions would appear to be an option well worth pursuing in an attempt to alleviate the under provision of outdoor playing facilities in Stroud District.

Parish	Location	Area (ha)
Alderley	Rose Hill Preparatory School	2.79
Berkeley	Berkeley County Primary School	1.56
Bisley Lypiatt	Bisley Blue Coat C of E Primary School	0.25
Bisley Lypiatt	Thomas Keeble School	4.10
Brookthorpe/Whad.	Wynstones School	2.02
Cainscross	Ebley Children's Home	4.47
Cainscross	St. Matthews Primary School	0.82
Cam	Cam Hopton Endowed C of E Primary School	0.45
Cam	Cam House School	0.81
Cam	Cam Everlands County Primary School	0.55
Chalford	Bussage C of E Primary School	2.18
Chalford	Chalford Hill School Detached Playing Field	1.33
Dursley	Dursley C of E Primary School	1.53
Dursley	Rednock School Playing Fields	5.19
Dursley	Woodfield County Infants/Junior School	1.67
Eastington	Eastington County Primary School Field	1.23
Frampton	Frampton on Severn C of E Primary School	0.87
Hamfallow	Sharpness Primary School	0.19

Parish	Location	Area (ha)
Hardwicke	Hardwicke Parochial Primary School	1.67
Kings Stanley	Kings Stanley Infants School	0.56
Leonard Stanley	Leonard Stanley C of E Primary School	0.90
Longey	Longney C of E School	0.37
Minchinhampton	Beaudesert School	1.39
Minchinhampton	Beaudesert School Playing Fields	4.42
Minchinhampton	Cotswold Chine Home School	0.48
Minchinhampton	Minchinhampton Primary School	1.11
Miserden	Miserden C of E Primary School	0.59
Nymphsfield	St. Josephs RC Primary School	0.72
Painswick	The Croft County Primary School	1.62
Randwick	Cashes Green County Primary School	0.74
Rodborough	Bownham Park School	2.67
Rodborough	Gastrells County Primary School	1.00
Stonehouse	The Shrubberies School	0.32
Stonehouse	Wycliffe College – Junior	6.30
Stonehouse	Wycliffe College – Senior	4.14
Stonehouse	Wycliffe College – The Berryfield	5.26
Stonehouse	Maidenhill School	5.49
Stonehouse	The Park Junior School	1.30
Stroud	Callowell County Primary School	1.86
Stroud	Marling School	11.56
Stroud	Maternity Hospital Tennis Court	0.59
Stroud	Stroud High School	3.13
Stroud	Parliament Primary School	1.17
Stroud	Foxmoor School	2.20
Stroud	St. Roses Special School	0.39
Stroud	The Rosary RC Primary School	0.64
Stroud	Upfield Preparatory School	0.80
Uley	Uley C of E Primary School	0.37
Upton St. Leonards	Upton St. Leonards C of E Primary School	1.59
Woodchester	St. Dominic's RC Primary School	0.29
Woodchester	Woodchester Endowed C of E Primary School	0.32
Wotton under Edge	The British School	1.79
Wotton under Edge	Katherine Lady Berkeley School	8.42

Appendix 4. List of Consultees

This appendix provides a list of all those consultees, which were contacted during the preparation of this document. All of the clubs and agencies listed below were sent a questionnaire asking for information and comments on issues concerning recreation provision in Stroud District. The comments received were included in Section 4 of this document and have provided an accurate-as-possible indication of the problems and issues concerning recreation provision from a users perspective.

Sport/Organisation	Team/Respondent	Survey Returned ?
Cricket	Berkeley Cricket Club	Yes
Cricket	Bisley	Yes
Cricket	Cam	No
Cricket	Chalford	No
Cricket	Cranham	Yes
Cricket	Eastcombe	Yes
Cricket	Eastington	Yes
Cricket	Frampton on Severn	No
Cricket	Frocester	Yes
Cricket	Hardwicke	No
Cricket	Haresfield	No
Cricket	Hillesley	Yes
Cricket	Kings Stanley	No
Cricket	Leonard Stanley	Yes
Cricket	Minchinhampton	Yes
Cricket	Oakridge	No
Cricket	Painswick	No
Cricket	Slad Exiles	No
Cricket	Slimbridge	No
Cricket	Stinchcombe Stragglers	No
Cricket	Stone	Yes
Cricket	Stonehouse	No
Cricket	Stratford Court	Yes
Cricket	Stroud	Yes
Cricket	Uley	No
Cricket	Upton St. Leonards	Yes
Cricket	Woodchester	Yes
Cricket	Wotton under Edge	No
Football	Alkerton Rangers	Yes
Football	Arlingham FC	Yes
Football	Berkeley Town FC	Yes
Football	Brimscombe and Thrupp FC	Yes
Football	Cam Athletico FC	No
Football	Cam Bulldogs FC (Mens)	Yes
Football	Cam Bulldogs FC (Ladies)	No
Football	Cam Caspians FC	Yes
Football	Cashes Green FC	Yes
Football	Chalford	No
Football	Chalford Cavaliers	Yes
Football	Chameleons FC	No
Football	Coaley Rovers	Yes
Football	DB's FC	No
Football	Dove FC	Yes
Football	Dursley Town FC (Mens)	Yes
Football	Dursley Town FC (Ladies)	Yes
Football	Eastcombe FC	No
Football	Ebley FC	Yes
Football	Forest Green Rovers	Yes

Sport/Organisation	Frampton Cricket Club Football Club Team/Respondent	Yes	Survey Returned ?
Football	Frampton United	Yes	
Football	Golden Valley Rangers FC		No
Football	Hardwicke FC	No	
Football	Hillesley United	Yes	
Football	Horsley United	Yes	
Football	Hycalog FC	No	
Football	Kings Stanley FC	Yes	
Football	Kingswood FC	Yes	
Football	Leonard Stanley	Yes	
Football	Matchplay Reeves	Yes	
Football	McAlpine FC	No	
Football	Minchinhampton	No	
Football	North Nibley	Yes	
Football	NSSC	Yes	
Football	Nymphsfield FC	Yes	
Football	Oakridge Lynch FC	Yes	
Football	RDS FC	Yes	
Football	Randwick	Yes	
Football	Sharpness	Yes	
Football	Shortwood United	Yes	
Football	Slimbridge FC	No	
Football	Stonehouse Freeway	Yes	
Football	Stratford Rangers FC	No	
Football	Stroud College	Yes	
Football	Stroud Strollers	Yes	
Football	Stroud Harriers FC	No	
Football	Suttons FC	Yes	
Football	Taverners FC	Yes	
Football	Tempus FC	No	
Football	Uley	Yes	
Football	Uplands United	No	
Football	Upton St. Leonards FC	Yes	
Football	Victoria Celtic FC	No	
Football	Wanswell Wanderers	No	
Football	Westrip FC	No	
Football	Whiteshill	Yes	
Football	Whitminster FC	Yes	
Football	Woodchester FC	No	
Football	Wotton Rovers	Yes	
Football Junior	Cashes Green	Yes	
Football Junior	Dursley Town (Boys)	Yes	
Football Junior	Dursley Town (Girls)	No	
Football Junior	Eastcombe Youth FC	Yes	
Football Junior	Ebley Youth FC	No	
Football Junior	Everside	Yes	
Football Junior	Frampton FC	No	
Football Junior	Frampton United	No	
Football Junior	Forest Green Rovers		Yes
Football Junior	Golden Valley Rangers	No	
Football Junior	Kings Stanley		Yes
Football Junior	Leonard Stanley	Yes	
Football Junior	Nailsworth	No	
Football Junior	Nailsworth Town	Yes	
Football Junior	Paganhill	No	
Football Junior	Randwick		Yes
Football Junior	Rodborough Youth	No	
Football Junior	Shortwood United	No	
Football Junior	Slimbridge Youth	No	
Football Junior	Stonehouse FC		No

Sport/Organisation	Team/Respondent	Survey Returned ?	
Football Junior	Stonehouse Town	Yes	
Football Junior	Stroud Town	No	
Football Junior	Uley	No	
Football Junior	Wanswell Wanderers	No	
Football Junior	Whiteshill	No	
Football Junior	Wotton Rovers	Yes	
Rugby	Cainscross	Yes	
Rugby	Dursley	Yes	
Rugby	Minchinhampton	Yes	
Rugby	Painswick	Yes	
Rugby	Wotton	Yes	
Ground Operator	Broad Ham Fields	Yes	
Ground Operator	Cam Sports Club	Yes	
Ground Operator	Chalford Sports	Yes	
Ground Operator	Cope Chatts	No	
Ground Operator	Dursley Sports Club	No	
Ground Operator	Stroud College (Highwood)	Yes	
Ground Operator	Hillesley Playing Field	No	
Ground Operator	Katherine Lady Berkeley School		Yes
Ground Operator	Kings Stanley Sports	Yes	
Ground Operator	Marling School	Yes	
Ground Operator	Minchinhampton Playing Field	No	
Ground Operator	NSSC	Yes	
Ground Operator	Stroud High School		Yes
Ground Operator	Stroud Rugby Club	Yes	
Ground Operator	Whitminster Recreation Ground	No	
Parish Clerk	Alderley	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Alkington	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Arlingham	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Bisley With Lypiatt	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Brookthorpe & Whaddon	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Cainscross	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Cam	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Chalford	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Coaley	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Cranham	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Eastington	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Elmore	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Frampton on Severn	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Fretherne with Saul	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Frocester	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Ham And Stone	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Hamfallow	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Hardwicke	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Harescombe	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Haresfield	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Hillesley & Tresham		Yes
Parish Clerk	Hinton	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Horsley	No	
Parish Clerk	Kings Stanley	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Kingswood	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Leonard Stanley	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Longney & Epney	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Minchinhampton	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Miserden	Yes	
Parish Clerk	Moreton Valence	Yes	
Parish Clerk	North Nibley	Yes	

Parish Clerk Sport/Organisation	Nympsfield Team/Respondent	Yes Survey Returned ?
Parish Clerk	Owlpen	Yes
Parish Clerk	Painswick	Yes
Parish Clerk	Pitchcombe	Yes
Parish Clerk	Randwick	Yes
Parish Clerk	Rodborough	Yes
Parish Clerk	Slimbridge	Yes
Parish Clerk	Standish	Yes
Parish Clerk	Stinchcombe	Yes
Parish Clerk	Thrupp	Yes
Parish Clerk	Uley	Yes
Parish Clerk	Upton St. Leonards	Yes
Parish Clerk	Whiteshill & Ruscombe	Yes
Parish Clerk	Whitminster	Yes
Parish Clerk	Woodchester	Yes
Town Clerk	Berkeley	Yes
Town Clerk	Dursley	Yes
Town Clerk	Nailsworth	Yes
Town Clerk	Stonehouse	Yes
Town Clerk	Stroud	Yes
Town Clerk	Wotton under Edge	Yes