

## **Appendix 1 - Sports Specific Analysis**

The Sports Specific summary from the PPS Assessment Report is as follows:

### **Football pitches**

- Currently there is minimal spare capacity across all football pitch types except adult football where spare capacity is more significant.
- When considering future demand, there will be shortfalls for all pitch types except adult pitches which evidence limited capacity to be retained in reserve.
- However, given the nature of mini and junior leagues in the area some of this future demand may be able to be accommodated on 3G pitches.

### **3G pitches**

- Supply and demand analysis highlights that Manchester is quantitatively appropriately served with regards to full sized 3G pitches for affiliated football team training.
- However, there is demand for greater use by rugby union teams, particularly for training.
- Use of 3G pitches for competitive matches which are not FA/FIFA certified is a key issue.
- It is recommended that greater certification of pitches be sought, both those which are presently used and those which are not but meet dimension criteria of the performance standard test, in order to increase available capacity for match play.
- Note: Further work is being undertaken as part of the Manchester Football Facility Plan to assess the need for 3G pitch provision including small sided and recreational forms of football participation. Housing growth scenarios is based solely on current and future 3G pitch requirements for affiliated football.

### **Cricket pitches**

- Overall there is sufficient supply of cricket pitches at present to cater for demand from clubs within Manchester at both senior and junior peak times.
- Future population increases and reported club demand indicate the need to accommodate an additional match equivalent session at senior peak time (12 matches per season). This is able to be accommodated within existing supply overall, however although there is availability on Sundays to accommodate planned increases in demand for the 2017, there is a need for access to additional capacity overall at both Alexandra Park and Didsbury Sports Ground.
- There is also considerable demand reported by LCB for increased provision for social, recreational and short format play. This includes demand from teams playing outside of the City but which are reported would return given the opportunity.

### **Rugby Union pitches**

- Current supply is not sufficient to cater for the level of demand expressed in

Manchester at present, totalling a need for a further 9.75 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches. This is further exacerbated to create a future requirement for 20.25 match equivalent sessions.

### **Rugby League**

- Overall, current demand for rugby league provision in Manchester can sufficiently be met by existing facilities, either grass or 3G pitches.
- Increased future demand can be accommodated on existing 3G pitches, based on a continuation of preference for play on 3G pitches amongst the majority of teams in Manchester.

### **Hockey pitches (AGPs)**

- There is a need to retain all full sized hockey AGPs suitable for match play (regardless of availability) with maintained level of access due to pressures on capacity available to accommodate midweek training and recreational hockey, both at present and in light of future demand.

### **Bowling greens**

- Whilst there is currently sufficient supply of outdoor bowling greens to accommodate current demand across Manchester, spare capacity exists within the existing supply of facilities. Given this the existing quantity of bowling greens to be reviewed in line with the demand analysis and the requirement to alleviate budgetary pressures. This is subject to consultation.

### **Tennis courts**

- Based on LTA modelling and targets to reduce population to court ratios, there is insufficient supply of available outdoor floodlit courts both at present and in light of future population increases.

### **Athletics**

- Existing supply of athletics tracks is sufficient to meet current demand for club use. Increases in future demand are likely due to population growth in the City and a growing market for running and fitness. Potential demand for track use is dependent on the nature of activity amongst new participants, whether club, group or recreationally based.

### **Other sports**

#### **Lacrosse**

- Manchester Waconians is the only lacrosse club in the City, whilst both universities and Withington Girls School also play. Current demand is able to be catered for by existing provision, including access for English Lacrosse representative squads.

## **Gaelic sports**

Regular season demand for Gaelic sports is able to be accommodated by existing supply of pitches; however, there is a requirement for greater access to suitable accompanying ancillary facilities. The Lancashire County Board highlights the key facility need for Gaelic sports to be a championship standard pitch on which representative fixtures are permitted to be played.

## **Baseball / Softball**

- Demand for softball can sufficiently be accommodated at present, though the league is growing and access to either increased provision or additional capacity per week at existing sites is likely to be required to facilitate continued growth.
- Demand for baseball is also able to be catered for, though the NGB is keen to increase participation and create a new club to generate increased and more localised competition.
- Baseball / Softball UK (BSUK) identifies Manchester to be of strategic significance and is keen to explore opportunities to develop a specialised softball/baseball facility in the City.
- BSUK identifies Manchester as of strategic importance nationally and has aspirations to both develop facilities and participation within the City. It identifies Hough End Playing Fields as potentially suitable site of sufficient size from which to grow both Softball and Baseball participation and would like to be involved as part of any future discussions which may take place regarding creation of a multi-sport hub.

## **American football**

- Manchester Titans American Football Club is seeking to identify facilities so it may relocate back to Manchester from Salford. The Club requires access to both grass and 3G pitch provision to accommodate training and match play.