

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

PART 3: PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

MAY 2020



INTRODUCTION

The Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 (PPS) is part of East Herts Council's Open Space and Sports Facilities Assessment Technical Study, which covers open space, built facilities and playing pitches.

This Action Plan Update of May 2020 consolidates and updates the action points contained in the 2017 PPS report. It will be used by East Herts Council and its partners to identify the priorities for action and investment across the pitch sports of football, cricket, rugby and hockey, both for grass and artificial pitches.

The abbreviations and initials of key organisations are also provided below.

Key to abbreviations used in Action Plan

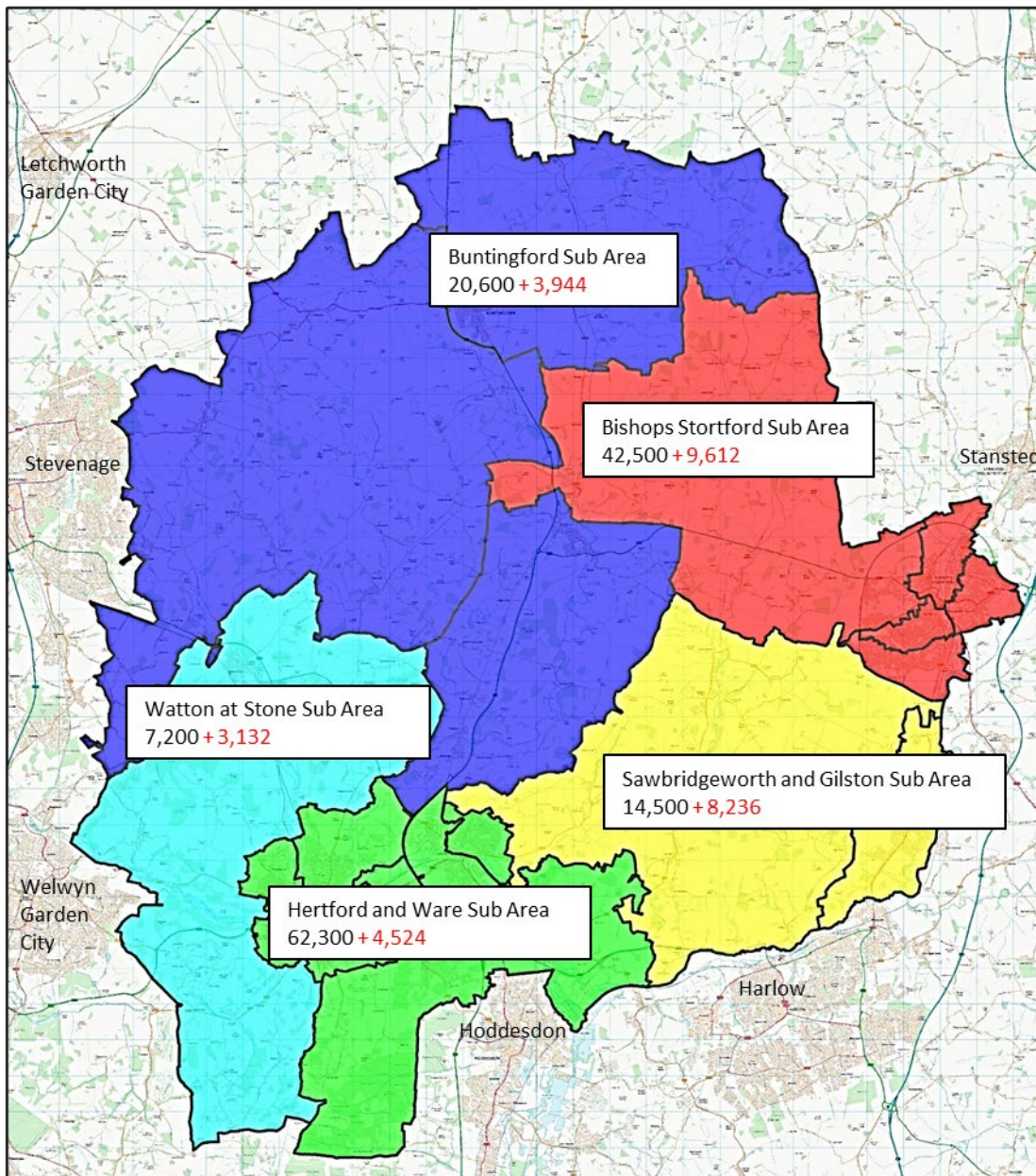
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
LFFP	East Hertfordshire Local Football Facilities Plan 2020
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Key to initials used in Action Plan

BS	Bishop's Stortford e.g. Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club
CC	Cricket Club
ECB	England & Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
EHC	East Herts Council
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
HC	Hockey Club
Herts CC	Hertfordshire County Council
IOG	Institute of Groundsmanship
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFU	Rugby Football Union
SE	Sport England

The PPS used sub areas to help assess and identify the future requirements of pitch sports across the district, and the same sub areas are used in this action plan update. A map of the sub areas is provided below. The population and housing growth figures are as at 2017.

KEY: Sub Area name with current population (10,000) and additional housing population growth (+ 3,944)



PPS 2020 Action Plan by site: Bishop's Stortford surrounds

Site	Street address	Settlement	Postcode	Sport	Issues identified in PPS (2020)	Action proposed in PPS (2020)	Lead organisation	Partners	Resources	Priority
Bishop's Stortford										
Birchwood High School	Parsonage Lane	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 5BD	Football	Maintain existing provision.					
Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club	Hadham Road	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 2QE	Rugby	Shortage of pitch capacity. This could be addressed via relocation of BS Swifts to another site and conversion of pitches to rugby, or via provision of Reg 22 AGP. Additional changing provision needed.	Convert and upgrade the on-site football pitches if BS Swifts relocate.	Bishop's Stortford RFC	RFU	£20,000 for pitch upgrade	High
						Reinstate pitches on the site south of Hadham Road.				
						Reconsider providing an artificial grass pitch.				
						Expand changing facilities.				
								EHC	£10,000 to reinstate pitches	High
									£10,000 for AGP feasibility study	High
									£1.22 million for AGP	Medium
									£250,000 for expanded changing	High
Bishop's Stortford Sports Trust	Cricketfield Lane	Bishop's Stortford	SM23 2SR	Football	Good quality pitch on cricket outfield.	New pavilion	BS Sports Trust	EHC	£500,000 for pavilion	Low
				Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility in all respects.	Provide a new junior ground	BS Sports Trust	ECB	£100,000 for junior ground	High
					Trust wants to improve pavilion.	Pavilion improvements			£500,000 for pavilion	High
Friedberg Avenue Playing Fields	Friedberg Avenue	Bishop's Stortford	SM23 4RF	Football	Pitches assessed as poor quality in LFFP, and LFFP recommends improvements.	Improve grass pitches (2 full size equivalents)	Bishop's Stortford Town Council	BS Community FC	£ tbc	High
Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre	Rye Street	Bishop's Stortford	SM23 2HH	Football	Pitch quality varies within the 'standard' range. Changing is rated as 'poor'. Could designate site for adult pitches once hub site provided elsewhere locally	Review grounds maintenance with IOG.	EHC	IOG		Medium
						Provide new changing facility as part of site developments.	EHC	EHC		High
					Proposals for a '3G' pitch actively being considered and supported by LFFP. There are planning location issues for the 3G AGP associated with either potential impact on conservation area or loss of existing grass pitches if 3G located on existing playing fields.	Provide full size floodlit 3G AGP with football turf	EHC	FF, SE	£990,000	High
Herts and Essex High School	Beldham's Lane	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 5LH	Football	Proposals for a new playing field on Beldham's Lane	Secure Community Use Agreement and explore Hub Site potential.	EHC	Herts FA / School	-	Medium
				Hockey	Maintain existing provision					
Hockerill Cricket Club	Beldham's Lane	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 5LG	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Hockerill Cricket Club	-	-	Medium
Pearce House	Parsonage Lane	Bishop's Stortford	SM23 5BQ	Football	Pitch quality at the high end of 'standard' but no on-site changing.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	Birchwood High School	EHC	-	Low
Prokit Stadium	Dunmow Stadium	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 5RG	Football	Pitch and changing very 'high' quality.	Maintain current provision	Bishop's Stortford FC	-	-	High

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Silverleys Trust	Hadham Road	Bishop's Stortford	SM23 2QE	Football	The adult pitch and changing are 'high' quality, but the youth pitch is in the mid-range of 'standard'.	Investigate relocating BS Swifts FC to the proposed Hoggates Park site nearby.	Silverleys Trust	Bishop's Stortford Swifts FC	-	High				
Thorley Cricket Club	Thorley Lane East	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 4BH	Cricket	Pavilion is very poor quality.	Provide a new pavilion.	Thorley Cricket Club	ECB	£200,000 for pavilion	High				
Villages														
Albury Football Ground	Parsonage Lane	Albury	SG11 2HU	Football	Poor quality adult pitch and changing facility.	Improve pitch quality and new pavilion.	Albury FC	Albury Parish Council	£20,000 for pitch; £200,000 for pavilion	Medium				
Albury Sports Field	The Bourne	Albury	SG11 2JR	Cricket	Outfield is very uneven	Improve outfield quality and new pavilion (also for football use).	Albury Cricket Club	Albury Parish Council	£20,000 for outfield	Medium				
					Pavilion in poor state of repair				£200,000 for pavilion	Medium				
Braughing Playing Fields	Green Lane	Braughing	SG11 2QN	Football	Pitch and changing facilities towards the higher end of 'standard' quality.	Maintain current provision	Braughing Parish Council	-	-	Low				
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitch.	Maintain current provision	Braughing Parish Council	-	-	Low				
Brewery Field	Brookside	Furneaux Pelham	SG9 0LQ	Football	Very poor quality pitch, no on-site changing. Site currently for sale.	Review grounds maintenance regime. Ensure retention of site as a pitch.	Rayments Brewery / Furneaux Pelham PC	IOG	£20,000 for pitch	Low				
Little Hadham Cricket Club	Millfield Lane	Little Hadham	SG11 2ED	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Little Hadham Parish Council	-	-	Low				
Jobbers Wood, Bishop's Stortford High School	Great Hadham Road	Much Hadham	SG10 6FB	Football	No community access to Jobbers Wood pitches, but access difficulties make this unlikely.									
Bishop's Stortford Allocations (BISH1)														
Bishop's Stortford North		Bishop's Stortford		Football	New secondary school site which includes grass pitches to the north of the A120. CUA should be put in place for grass pitches. Currently no proposal for 3G pitch provision or any link to proposed football hub site on other side of A120.	Secure CUA for grass pitches	EHC	Herts CC	-	Medium				
Latest housing estimate: Stortford Fields: 2,300; St Michael's Hurst: 529 = 2,829 dwellings in total				Cricket		Secure developer contributions for extra capacity at BS Sports Trust and Hockerill CC						Developers / BS Sports Trust/ Hockerill CC	-	Medium
				Rugby		Secure developer contributions for extra capacity at BS Rugby Club						Developers / BSRFC	tbc	High
				Hockey		Secure developer contributions for extra capacity at BSHC						Developers / BSHC	tbc	High

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Bishop’s Stortford South 750 new homes to be built by 2033. Outline planning permission granted for new secondary school in 2019 and reserved matters application currently being determined. Currently proposed that school will provide playing fields with new football and rugby pitches but at a later date school have aspirations for a 3G football pitch, a 3G rugby pitch and a synthetic athletics track. Outline planning permission for residential makes provision for a £476K contribution that can be used for a list of purposes including AGP and changing facilities at Grange Paddocks, improvements to rugby pitches at BSRFC and a new cricket pitch at Thorley CC.		Bishop's Stortford		Football	On site provision required	Secure Community Use Agreement for football grass pitch use at new secondary school	EHC	Herts CC	tbc	Medium
					Off-site contribution required	Towards 3G pitch and changing at Grange Paddocks			tbc	
				Cricket	Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions for extra capacity at Thorley CC	Thorley CC	Developers / Thorley CC	tbc	Medium
				Rugby	Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions towards enhanced capacity at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club	BSRFC		tbc	High
New Sites										
Site	Street address	Settlement	Postcode	Sport	Issues	Action proposed	Lead organisation	Partners	Resources	Priority
Land east of Wickham Hall and north of the A120	Land north of proposed Avanti secondary school, Bishop's Stortford North	Bishop’s Stortford		Football	Bishop's Stortford Community FC has 80 teams and needs a home site. Proposal high priority in LFFP. Feasibility study already completed and no other sites are available. Access to new site ideally via proposed bridge between school and sports hub site. Bridge included in detailed proposals for Avanti secondary school but community use of it has not yet been agreed.	Secure site. Provide 2 x 3G full size floodlit pitches with clubhouse.	Bishop's Stortford Community FC	EHC, FF, School, developers	2 x full size 3G AGP football turf @ £990,000, 4-team changing clubhouse @ £680,000.	High

PPS 2020 Action Plan by site: Sawbridgeworth surrounds

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Sawbridgeworth										
Leventhorpe Academy	Cambridge Road	Sawbridgeworth	CM21 0JB	Football	Site included in LFFP for refurbished changing pavilion and natural grass pitch improvements	Secure community use. Refurbish changing pavilion and improve natural grass pitches	EHC	Herts FA / Leventhorpe Academy/FF	tbc	High
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitch.	Maintain current provision	Leventhorpe Academy	-	-	Low
				Football	No community hockey use. School keen to have 3G pitch. Included in LFFP.	Convert existing sand based pitch to 3G.	Leventhorpe Academy	Herts FA / Leventhorpe Academy/FF	£400,000 to £500,000 dependent on site factors and contractors' understanding of the existing sub-base condition.	
Sawbridgeworth Town FC	Crofters	Sawbridgeworth	CM21 0DE	Football	Pitch and changing both 'high' quality.	Review grounds maintenance regime.	Sawbridgeworth Town FC	Herts CC/IOG/FF	£50,000 for pitches	High
				Football		Provide new changing facilities.			£200,000 for changing	High
Town Fields	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth	CM21 9AN	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Sawbridgeworth CC	-	-	Low
Ware Cricket Club	Ware Road	Sawbridgeworth	SG12 8RF	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Ware CC	-	-	Low
Villages										
St. George's Playing Field	High Wych Lane	High Wych	CM21 0JJ	Football	Pitch quality in the low end of 'standard', but changing is very 'poor'.	Review grounds maintenance regime.	High Wych Parish Council	IOG	£20,000 for pitch	Medium
Much Hadham Recreation Ground	Tower Hill	Much Hadham	SG10 6DL	Football	Pitch quality in the mid-range of 'standard', but changing is 'good'.	Maintain current provision	Much Hadham Parish Council	-	-	Low
Widford Playing Field	Bell Lane	Widford	SG12 9SH	Football	Pitch quality high end of 'standard'. No changing.	Maintain current provision	Angels Saviours FC	-	-	Low

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The Gilston Area (GA1)										
The Gilston Area (GA1)		The Gilston Area		Football	On-site provision required	Develop football hub site, co-ordinating needs with hub site feasibility studies in Harlow.	EHC	Harlow Council / Developers	tbc	High
3,050 new homes to be built in Gilston by 2033				Football	On-site provision required	Provide community accessible football pitches at the two secondary schools.	EHC	Herts CC	tbc	High
The 2019 outline planning application for the Gilston development has illustratively identified a football hub and a cricket hub site in Village 1 in the centre of the development that would serve the whole of the Gilston development. Two secondary schools are proposed, one with dual use AGP is also indicatively proposed plus new playing fields in all 7 villages for meeting local playing pitch needs. The next stage of planning documents are expected in June/July 2020 which may provide some more detail.				Cricket	On-site provision required	New cricket facility within the Gilston development	EHC	Developers	tbc	High
				Rugby	Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions to enhance capacity at Harlow RFC by provision of Reg 22 rugby AGP.	EHC	Developers / Harlow RFC	tbc	Medium

PPS 2020 Action Plan by site: Hertford Ware

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Hertford										
Bengeo Sports Field	New Road	Hertford	SG14 3JL	Football	Pitch quality at the lower end of 'standard'. 'Good' quality changing.	Review grounds maintenance regime.	Bengeo Parish Council	IOG	£20,000 for pitch	Medium
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football. Pavilion shows some vandalism.	Maintain current provision	Bengeo Parish Council	-	£20,000 for pitch	Medium
County Hall Sport Ground	Bullocks Lane	Hertford	SG13 8EH	Football	Pitches and changing both at the lower end of 'standard' quality. Included in LFFP for improved grass pitches and changing.	Improve grass pitches and changing facility.	Hertford Town Youth FC	Herts CC/ FF	tbc	High
Hartham Common/ Leisure Centre	Hartham Lane	Hertford	SG14 1QR	Football	Pitch quality at the lower end of 'standard', but changing is 'poor'. Identified in LFFP for improvements to natural grass pitches and refurbishment of changing pavilion.	Improve grass pitches and changing facility.	EHC	FF/ Leisure centre operator	£500,000 for pavilion	High
				Football		Undertake feasibility study for full size floodlit 3G pitch	Leisure centre operator	EHC/FA	£7,000 for feasibility study	High
				Football		Develop full size floodlit 3G if feasibility study is positive.	Leisure centre operator	EHC/FA/FF	£990,000	High
Hertford Football Club	West Street	Hertford	SG13 8EZ	Football	High quality pitch and changing facilities in an enclosed ground.	Maintain current provision	Hertford FC	-	-	High
Hertford Rugby Football Club				Rugby	Security of tenure issues. Shortage of pitch capacity.	Secure planning consent for converting adjacent land to pitches.	Hertford RFC	RFU / EHC		High
					Additional changing provision needed.	Provide new clubhouse on adjacent site.			£500,000 for clubhouse	High
Richard Hale School	Morgan's Walk	Hertford	SG13 8BL	Football	LFFP recommends refurbishment of indoor football facility	Refurbish indoor football facility	Richard Hale School	FF	tbc	High
Simon Balle School	Mangrove Road	Hertford	SG13 8AJ	Football	Pitch quality at the mid-range of 'standard'. Included in LFFP as priority project for improvement of grass pitches. Assume need secure community use, so may be via CUA with Council or possibly grant aid condition with FF.	Secure community use via grant agreement with FF or as part of S106 support and EHC. Improve grass pitches.	Simon Balle School	FF	tbc	High
West Street Playing Field	West Street	Hertford	SG13 8EZ	Football	Pitch quality towards the lower end of 'standard'. No on-site changing.	Review grounds maintenance regime.	Hertford FC	IOG	£10,000 for pitch	Medium
Hertford Cricket Club	Mangrove Road	Hertford	SG13 8AJ	Cricket	Artificial turf wicket shows signs of vandalism.	Provide new artificial turf pitch	Hertford Cricket Club	-	£20,000 for artificial turf pitch	Medium
Hertingfordbury Recreation Ground	St Mary's Lane	Hertford	SG14 2LD	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Recreation Ground Trustees	Hertingfordbury CC	-	Low

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The Sele School	Welwyn Road	Hertford	SG14 2DG	Football	Included in LFFP. Improve grass pitches and provide new clubhouse with changing and social space. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school unless secured via grant aid condition with FF.	Improve grass pitches and provide new pavilion. Will need secure community use, so may be via CUA with EHC or possibly grant aid condition with FF.	The Sele School	FF	tbc	High
Ware										
Allenbury Sports and Social Club	Harris's Lane	Ware	SG12 0DP	Football	Very high quality pitches, changing at the high end of 'standard' quality.	Maintain current provision	Allenbury Sports and Social Club	-	-	Low
				Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Allenbury Sports and Social Club	-	-	Low
Chauncy School	Park Road	Ware	SG12 0DP	Football	Identified in LFFP as potential site for full size 3G pitch. LFFP notes that match funding is already available.	Develop full size floodlit 3G.	Chauncy School	FF/EHC	£990,000	High
Presdales Recreation Ground	Walnut Tree Walk	Ware	SG12 9PB	Football	Pitches and changing both at the lower end of 'standard' quality which is not acceptable at a key multi-pitch site. Included in LFFP as priority.	Improve pitches	Bury Rangers FC	IOG / EHC/ FF	£150,000 for pitches	High
						Provide new changing facilities.			£680,000 for pavilion	High
Presdales School	Hoe Lane	Ware	SG12 9NX	Hockey	Hertford HC partnering with the school to develop a sand dressed pitch on the school site. School have engaged with council, SE and EH as well as numerous local sporting organisations. School are currently fund raising.	Provide new full size floodlit sand dressed hockey pitch	Presdales School	EH/Hertford HC	£820,000	High
				Football	LFFP recommends improvements to grass pitches	Improve grass pitches	Presdales School	FF	tbc	High
				Football	LFFP recommends refurbishment of indoor football facility	Refurbish indoor football facility	Presdales School	FF	tbc	High
Sacred Heart Primary School	Broadmeads	Ware	SG12 9HY	Football	Pitch quality at the mid-range of 'standard'.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	Sacred Heart Primary School	-	Low
St. Mary's Junior School	Heath Drive	Ware	SG12 0RL	Football	Pitch quality at the mid-range of 'standard'. No security of use. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	St. Mary's Junior School	-	Low
Trinity Playing Fields	Fanham's Hall Road	Ware	SG12 7NN	Football	Included in LFFP. Pitches now poor quality. Issue re lack of security of community use. LFFP recommends natural grass pitch improvements.	Improve natural grass pitches and secure community use	Ware Youth FC	HCC/FF	tbc	High
Ware Football Club	Wadesmill Road	Ware	SG12 0QU	Football	Pitch and changing both very 'high' quality.	Maintain current provision	Ware FC	-	-	Medium
Wodson Park Sports Centre	Wadesmill Road	Ware	SG12 0QU	Football	Pitch and changing both 'high' quality.	Maintain current provision	Wodson Trust	-	-	High
Wodson Park Sports Centre		Ware		Football		Feasibility study for hub site			£20,000 for feasibility study	High

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Villages										
Haileybury College	Haileybury College	Hertford Heath	SG13 7NU	Hockey	Potential to access additional pitch capacity.	Investigate access to pitch at Haileybury College	Hertford HC	-	tbc	Medium
Hertford Heath Playing Fields	Trinity Road	Hertford Heath	SG13 7QS	Football	Pitch quality and changing both at the lower end of ‘standard’.	Maintain current provision	Hertford Heath Parish Council	-	-	Low
St. Margaretsbury Sports & Social Club	Lakes Court	Stanstead Abbots	SG12 8EH	Football	Pitches and pavilion are high quality.	Maintain current provision	St. Margaretsbury Sports & Social Club	-		High
				Football		Provide small-sided ‘3G’ pitch		-	£150,000 for small-sided ‘3G’ pitch	Low
				Cricket	Artificial turf wicket needs replacing. Outfield shared with football pitch.	Provide new artificial turf pitch		-	£20,000 for artificial turf pitch	Medium
North and East of Ware (WARE2) allocation										
North and East of Ware (WARE2)		North and East of Ware (WARE2)		Football	Demand is for football on-site or via enhanced provision at Wodson Park through full size 3G pitch.	Alternative options: i) Wodson Park’s development into a hub site with an additional full size, floodlit 3G FTP to service Ware FC, other clubs in the area and the increased demand created by the new housing provision. This idea has previously been discussed informally and it is considered that the infrastructure and management operation at Wodson Park can be supported to provide a “football hub site”. Sport England would put forward a Community Use condition on the natural turf pitch provision at the proposed secondary school, providing a suitable balance between 3G and natural turf provision for local grassroots football; or ii) A secondary option would be for the new secondary school to incorporate a full size 3G FTP within its outdoor sport provision. The operational model and community use would need to be discussed in advance with Herts FA and the Football Foundation.	EHC / Developers/HCC (school)	Developers / Wodson Trust/HCC/FF	£990,000	High
Cricket				Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions towards enhanced capacity at Hertford CC and St. Margaretsbury CC	Hertford CC/St Margaretsbury CC			High	
Rugby				Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions towards enhanced capacity at Hertford RFC.	Hertford RFC			High	
Hockey				Off-site contribution required	Developer contributions towards proposed sand dressed pitch at Presdales School.	Presdales School			High	
1,000 - 1,500 new homes to be built north of Ware.										

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Buntingford																	
Aspenden, Standon & Puckeridge CC	Aspenden Road	Buntingford	SG9 9PB	Cricket	Changing facilities are ageing and practice nets show signs of wear.	Pavilion improvements and new nets.	Aspenden, Standon & Puckeridge CC	ECB	£200,000 for pavilion	Medium							
									£30,000 for nets	Medium							
Edwinstree Middle School	Norfolk Road	Buntingford	SG9 9AW	Football	Pitch at the high end of ‘standard’. No changing for community users. No security of use. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	Edwinstree Middle School	-	Low							
Freman College	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford	SG9 9BT	Football	Pitch quality at the high end of standard. Changing rated ‘good’. No security of use. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	Freman College	EHC	-	Low							
											Football	Proposals to extend playing field.		Freman College	EHC	tbc	Medium
				Football	Site included in LFFP as potential location for full size 3G pitch, alternative at The Bury. Would require Community Use Agreement.	Explore option for development of full size 3G AGP.	Freman College	Buntingford Town FC/FF	£20,000 for feasibility study	High							
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitch.	Maintain current provision	Freman College	-	-	Low							
London Road Playing Field	London Road	Buntingford	SG9 9JY	Football	Pitch quality in the mid-range of ‘standard’, but changing is ‘poor’.	Review the future of the site in the context of a Hub Site at The Bury	Buntingford Cougars FC	Buntingford Relief in Need Charity	-	High							
Norfolk Road Playing Fields	Norfolk Road	Buntingford	SG9 9AN	Football	Pitch quality is ‘poor’ with a severe slope and uneven surface, but changing is ‘good’.	Review grounds maintenance regime.	Buntingford Town Council	IOG	-	Medium							
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitch. Pavilion subject to vandalism.	Extend the pavilion and install anti-vandal measures.	Buntingford CC	Buntingford Town Council	£100,000 for pavilion extension	High							
Seth Ward Community Centre	Luynes Rise	Buntingford	SG9 9SG	Football	Adult pitch is ‘poor’ and the youth pitch at the lower end of ‘standard’. Changing is high end of ‘standard’	Review grounds maintenance regime.	Buntingford Town Council	IOG	-	Medium							
The Bury	London Road	Buntingford	SG9 9JY	Football	LFFP recommends improvements to grass pitches and changing	Improve grass pitches and changing facility.	Buntingford Town FC	FF	tbc	High							
				Football	Included as potential site in LFFP for 3G pitch or else at Freeman College.	Develop full size floodlit 3G if feasibility study is positive and Freman College proposal is not deliverable		FF	£990,000	High							

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Villages										
Aston Cricket Ground	Aston Lane	Aston	SG2 7EJ	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Aston Parish Council	-	-	Low
Aston Park	School Lane	Aston	SG2 7EX	Football	Pitch quality at the high end of 'standard', but no on-site changing.	Maintain current provision	Datchworth Parish Council	-	-	Low
Aston St. Mary's Junior School	School Lane	Aston	SG2 7HA	Football	Pitch at the lower end of 'standard'. No changing for community users. No security of use. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	Aston St. Mary's Junior School	-	Low
Benington Recreation Ground	Oak Tree Close	Benington	SG2 7QZ	Football	Changing facilities are not fit for purpose. LFFP recommends new changing provision.	New changing provision	Benington Parish Council	FF	£680,000	High
Cottered Playing Field	Baldock Road	Cottered	SG9 9QW	Football	Pitch at the lower end of 'standard' but changing at the upper end of 'standard'.	Maintain current provision	Cottered Parish Council	-	-	Low
Horseman's Meadow	Munden Road	Dane End	SG12 0LP	Football	'Standard' quality pitch with no on-site changing provision.	Maintain current provision	Little Munden Parish Council	-	-	Low
All Saints Primary School	Hollybush Lane	Datchworth	SG3 6RE	Football	Pitch at the lower end of 'standard'. No changing for community users. No security of use. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	All Saints Primary School	-	Low
The Meads	B1368	Hare Street	SG9 0DY	Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitches.	Maintain current provision	Hormead Parish Council	-	-	Low
Datchworth Sports Club	Datchworth Green	Knebworth	SG3 6TL	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Datchworth Sports Club	Datchworth Parish Council	-	Low
				Rugby	Shortage of pitch capacity.	Improve drainage on the 'Back Pitch'.	Datchworth RFC	RFU / EHC	£20,000 for pitch upgrade.	High
				Rugby	Additional changing provision needed.	Expand changing facilities.			£250,000 for expanded changing.	High
Little Munden Cricket Club	Green End	Little Munden	SG12 0NY	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Little Munden PC	-	-	Low
Ralph Sadleir School	Station Road	Puckeridge	SG11 1TF	Football	LFFP recommends improvements to grass pitches. Will require Community Use Agreement, potentially via FF conditions.	Secure community use. Improve grass pitches.	Ralph Sadleir School	FF	tbc	High
Standon Memorial Playing Field	Station Road	Standon	SG11 1TF	Football	Pitch quality and changing both in the mid-range of 'standard'.	Maintain current provision	Standon Parish Council	-	-	Low

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Thundridge Playing Fields	Cambridge Road	Thundridge	SG12 0SU	Football	Pitch towards the lower end of 'standard', but changing is in the mid-range of 'standard'.	Maintain current provision	Thundridge Parish Council	-	-	Low
Thundridge Sports Ground	Cold Christmas Lane	Thundridge	SG12 0SJ	Football	Pitch quality at the high end of 'standard', but changing is in the mid-range of 'standard'.	Maintain current provision	Thundridge Parish Council	Ware Youth FC	-	Low
				Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Thundridge Parish Council	-	-	Low
Walkern Jubilee Pavilion	High Street	Walkern	SG2 7NP	Football	Pitch quality is in the mid-range of 'standard', but changing is 'high' quality.	Maintain current provision	Walkern Parish Council	-	-	Low
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitches.	Maintain current provision	Walkern Sports Club	Walkern Parish Council	-	Low
Westmill Recreation Ground	Station Road	Westmill	SG9 9JH	Football	Pitch quality is at the high end of 'standard', but changing is at the low end of 'standard'.	Maintain current provision	Westmill Parish Council	-	-	Low

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East of Stevenage Allocation (EOS1)										
East of Stevenage development 618 new homes to be built east of Stevenage. Application approved in February 2020 but still working on the S106 Resolution to grant outline Planning permission in February 2020 made provision for £343K contribution towards outdoor sports facilities that is understood to be distributed between facilities in Stevenage and Aston				Football	Off-site contributions required	Contribution towards project to be identified by Stevenage BC	Developer	Stevenage BC	tbc	High
				Cricket		Contributions towards enhancing capacity at Datchworth Sports Club.		Datchworth Sports Club		High
				Rugby		Contributions towards enhancing capacity at Datchworth Sports Club.		Datchworth Sports Club		High
				Hockey		Contributions towards enhancing the shared clubhouse facility at Stevenage CC.		Stevenage HC / Stevenage CC		High

PPS 2020 Action Plan by site: Watton-at-Stone surrounds

Site	Street address	Settlement	Postcode	Sport	Issues identified in PPS (2020)	Action proposed in PPS (2020)	Lead organisation	Partners	Resources	Priority
Villages										
Bramfield Playing Field	Bury Lane	Bramfield	SG14 2QL	Cricket	Changing facilities are ageing.	Review the need for new changing facilities in 5 years.	Bramfield Parish Council	-	-	Low
Bayford & Hertford Nondescripts CC	Bayford Green	Hertford	SG13 8PU	Cricket	A high quality, well-maintained facility.	Maintain current provision	Bayford & Hertford Nondescripts CC	-	-	Low
Little Berkhamsted Recreation Ground	Church Road	Little Berkhamsted	SG13 8LY	Cricket	Pavilion shows signs of wear.	Review the need for new changing facilities in 5 years.	Little Berkhamsted Parish Council	Little Berkhamsted CC	-	-
				Cricket	Very poor quality practice nets are barely usable.	Provide new practice nets			£30,000 for nets	Low
Tewin Recreation Ground	Upper Green Road	Tewin	AL6 0LE	Cricket	Some damage to the outfield.	Maintain current provision	Tewin Parish Council	-	-	Low
Crouchfields	Wadesmill Road	Ware	SG12 0HA	Football	Site included in LFFP for investment into grass pitches and changing room	Invest in quality improvements to grass pitches and changing rooms.	Wodson Park FC	FF	tbc	High
Watton-at-Stone Primary School	Rectory Lane	Watton-at-Stone	SG12 0HA	Football	Pitch quality at the mid-range of ‘standard’. EHC would need to lead on achieving any CUA with the school. However limited leverage to achieve unless the school wishes to develop and this will impact on playing fields.	Secure use via a Community Use Agreement	EHC	Watton-at-Stone Primary School	-	Low
Watton-at-Stone Recn Ground	School Lane	Watton-at-Stone	SG14 3SB	Football	Pitch and changing are both ‘standard’ quality.	Maintain current provision	Watton-at-Stone Parish Council	-		Low
				Cricket	Outfield shared with football pitch.	Maintain current provision		-	-	Low
East of Welwyn Garden City allocation (EWEL1)										
East of Welwyn Garden City development				Football	On-site provision required	Require on site provision of ‘3G’ and grass pitches	EHC	Welwyn Hatfield DC / Developers	tbc	High
Off-site contributions required					Enhance pitch provision in Welwyn Garden City in line with the findings of the emerging Welwyn Hatfield PPS	High				
1,350 new homes to be built east of Welwyn Garden City. Delays in the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan Examination mean no further details have been progressed.				Cricket	Off-site contributions required	Developer contributions towards enhanced pitch capacity in Welwyn Garden City				High
				Rugby	Off-site contributions required	Meet needs by securing developer contributions to enhance pitch capacity at Welwyn RFC				High
				Hockey	Off-site contributions required	Secure developer contributions to enhance pitch capacity at Welwyn HC				High

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