

Borough

Sustainable Community Strategy 2008	Indoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Outdoor Recreation Facilities 2006
P. 13: Developing sporting opportunities related to the 2012 Olympics.	P. 20: It would appear that the majority of secondary school sites have limited indoor provision. Mainly focused on sports hall provision. All except one reports poor quality or limited sports hall provision for both school and community use.	P. 130: Opportunities to work with local junior clubs to better accommodate teams all on one 'home' site, particularly in the case of Hemel Hempstead Town Youth FC.
P. 13: Encouraging the provision of recreation space in all new-build developments.	P. 23: It would appear that generally there is a good provision of multi use space for sports in primary schools. Eight of the schools that responded are available for regular community use by community groups ranging from badminton clubs to adult education. Six schools said that, with support, facilities could be increased. Five schools state that facilities are inadequate.	P. 130: Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects sufficient provision of rugby facilities across the Borough. It must be noted that Hemel and Tring are the only areas that currently have any rugby participation.
P. 13: Promoting better and affordable leisure facilities for children and young people.	P. 25: There are six adequately sized sports halls which are available for community use in Dacorum. However, a number of schools do report a lack of indoor provision. Better use of other facilities may be a solution.	P. 130: Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects a shortfall of Rugby League facilities across the Borough.
P. 13: Promoting a range of multi use spaces and halls.	P. 26: Demand identified for a double basketball court venue in Dacorum for junior matches. Poor size and quality school basketball courts. Lack of school basketball being played.	P. 131: As a County Development Centre for netball, and a venue used by a number of clubs from Dacorum, Parmiter School has inadequate quality outdoor facilities and car parking.
P. 13: Increase the number of adults aged 45+ participating in sport.	SAP P. 4: Current demand for netball, badminton, extreme sports and martial arts. However, this does not necessarily equate to new facilities.	P. 183: re football: Each site to have appropriate size and specification changing facilities, which enable access for all user groups (e.g. women/girls/disabled) and pitch capacity to be maximised.
	SAP P. 4: Identified deficiency of indoor tennis courts in Dacorum.	P. 183: re Cricket: At least one more club in the Borough to provide and develop opportunities for girls' and women's participation.
	SAP P. 4: Detailed community use agreement to be written into planning applications for all new sports and leisure facilities, particularly at school sites ensuring appropriate community usage of new facilities.	P. 183: re tennis: protect and maintain the current level of courts which are open for public recreational use.
	SAP P. 4: Ensure that sites that are lost are replaced with facilities of the same or improved standard to meet the continued needs of residents.	P. 187: it is paramount that DBC secures and improves its existing pitch stock and ancillary facilities in order that sites can be used to capacity. Supporting teams in their bid for funding is also a priority .
	SAP P. 4: Important to acknowledge 'settlement hierarchy' in which some forms of provision are concentrated in a limited number of key settlements but intended to serve several locations.	
	P. 41 Summary. The LTA recognises that there is currently a deficiency of indoor courts in Dacorum and it is therefore a priority to support plans to meet this demand.	
Retail and Leisure Study 2006	Social and Communities Facilities Study 2006	Transport Study 2006
Para's 7.31-7.34: Visiting cafes and restaurants is the most popular leisure activity for respondents within the study area, followed by the use of health and fitness facilities and then going to the cinema. A significant proportion of people in the borough don't use leisure facilities.	Para 4.4.16: Sporting facilities at schools are subject to improvement due to the general strategy to increase their use by the community.	Para 4.15: The guidance states that a green travel plan will be required for planning applications for cinemas and other leisure developments over 1,000 sq m gross floor area.
	Para 4.1.1: Generally a large proportion of school land is protected from development, which can lead to conflict between the need to protect playing fields and the demand for new buildings.	

Hemel Hempstead

Indoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Outdoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Retail and Leisure Study 2006
<p>P. 11: Hemel Sports Centre is considered to be a good facility and a flag ship within the borough. The centre is the home of the Sapphire School of Gymnastics who are considering expansion.</p>	<p>P. 88: A number of football pitches are being played over capacity. Of particular concern is Pennine Way where pitch quality is being significantly impaired by the number of fixtures. It may be prudent to move some clubs to other sites with spare capacity in order to give the pitches at Pennine Way time to recover. There are a number of pitches within Hemel that have spare capacity. Grovehill appears to have good quality playing pitches that could accommodate further fixtures. In order to relieve pressure on some sites currently over capacity it may be prudent to engage schools such as Longdean, Astley Cooper and Hemel Hempstead Schools.</p>	<p>Para 1.11: There is a reasonably good supply of commercial leisure facilities in Hemel Hempstead for a town of its size. There is also a good range of such attractions in nearby towns and no need is identified for additional commercial leisure development.</p>
<p>P. 32: The need for a dedicated swimming 'centre of excellence' was highlighted during consultation with both officers and clubs. This would allow swimming to develop to its full capacity from one site. Given the current facility stock, this could be best achieved at Hemel Sports Centre. SAP P. 17: Highlighted the importance of developing the Boroughs Swim Centre in the SAP .</p>	<p>P. 89: Currently rugby provision in Hemel is sufficient to meet the needs of the community.</p>	<p>Para 7.5: There are 6 health and fitness centres within Hemel - 4 within the town centre and 2 edge of centre. There is also an ice-rink, cinema, bowling facilities and 2 nightclubs - all located at Jarmans Park with the exception of one nightclub which is located on the Marlowes.</p>
<p>SAP P. 4: Demand identified for gymnastics equating to extension of facilities at both Hemel Sports Centre and Ashlyns School. Highlighted in the SAP as key action.</p>	<p>P. 107: re Football: levels of participation are lower than the rest of the borough. Strong junior participation is not reflected within the senior game .</p>	<p>Para 7.7: There is a requirement from one operator for a 2-2.5ha site for an indoor and outdoor racquet sports facility. Also a requirement for a weight loss and fitness centre of 232 sqm.</p>
<p>SAP P. 4: Identified demand for additional facilities for use by ethnic minority groups.</p>	<p>P.. 130: Opportunities to work with local junior clubs to better accommodate teams all on one 'home' site, particularly in the case of Hemel Hempstead Town Youth FC.</p>	<p>Para 7.8: There is a requirement from one operator for a bingo premises at Jarman Park. Hemel was also cited as a possible location for a new cinema by one operator.</p>
	<p>P. 130: Hemel Hempstead Stags Rugby League Club are the only provider of the game in Dacorum and surrounding area. All development should be done in participation with the Club. Partners should also investigate and support facility development aspirations at Pennine Way. Key priority from report.</p>	<p>Para 7.9: Strong interest in Hemel as a location for a leisure hotel was expressed from one operator while Holiday Inn also had a requirement in Hemel.</p>
	<p>P. 183: Support Hemel Hempstead Stags RLFC in its aspirations to develop the junior game (girls and boys) in Dacorum. This may have an implication for the provision of ancillary facilities.</p>	<p>Table 7.1: 12 food and drink operators registered a requirement in Hemel.</p>
	<p>P. 189: Hemel Hempstead Town CC are desperate to find another square in the locality in order to cope with the demand for junior cricket. DBC to help source a suitable cricket facility in the locality .</p>	

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Social and Communities Facilities Study 2006	Town Stadium Study 2009	Transport Study 2006
<p>Para 4.4.16: Sporting facilities at Cavendish School are identified in the leisure study as in need of improvement. It must be considered whether this is contrary to planning policy, and if so, whether policy needs changing.</p>	<p>P. 14: HHTFC has a pressing need for a new stadium in the short term. In the medium to long term, if the club is to progress through the National League structure as per its aspirations, it will need a stadium that meets Football League, or at least Blue Square Premier criteria. There is scope to deliver a stadium that meets the medium-term aspirations of the club, designed in such a way as to allow for further expansion should HHTFC or HSRLC require additional capacity in future years. It would not be desirable to immediately build a large-scale (i.e. 10,000+ capacity) stadium since no potential tenant can justify the necessary expenditure.</p>	<p>Para 4.15: The guidance states that a green travel plan will be required for planning applications for stadia over 1,500 seats.</p>
	<p>Para 4.16: Based on population projections from Hertfordshire County Council for the Hemel Hempstead area, a need for the following indoor sports facilities has been identified: Health & fitness (119 stations) Swimming pools (182m2 - 0.9 25m x 4 lane pools) Sports halls (5.4 courts - 1.3 x four court sports halls)</p>	
	<p>Para 4.17: Based on analysis of the increased population expected in Hemel Hempstead to 2031, this projects additional demand for indoor sports facilities beyond the existing supply. A Town Stadium might therefore seek to address this anticipated demand through inclusion of wider community sport and leisure opportunities within the complex.</p>	
	<p>Para 4.25: The analysis shows that there is a slight deficiency of Synthetic Turf Pitches in the Borough (0.02 per 1,000 population) compared to the national and regional averages (both 0.03 per 1,000 population). However, consultation with key stakeholders has suggested that there is substantial demand for additional synthetic pitch provision in Dacorum.</p>	
	<p>Table 4.3: Increases in population in Hemel Hempstead will require additional provision of both football and rugby pitches.</p>	
	<p>Para 4.30: The Town Stadium complex offers a good opportunity to accommodate both the existing shortfalls identified in the Outdoor Facilities Assessment Study and the identified future demand for pitch provision in Hemel Hempstead. The Town Stadium Complex could also meet the identified need for Synthetic Turf Pitches, be it a solely full-size pitch or a combination with small-sided football provision.</p>	
	<p>Para 4.36: The Town Stadium complex may seek to include appropriate provision of leisure space in order to alleviate both existing deficiencies and meet future projected demand.</p>	

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Town Stadium Study 2009

Para 4.38: The effect of increased population indicates that future demand for following facility provision (to 2031 unless otherwise stated):

- 28.84ha of leisure space (to 2021)
- 119 health and fitness stations
- 182m2 pool water (0.9 x 4 lane, 25m pool units)
- 5.4 badminton courts (1.3 x four court sports halls)
- 3.8 adult football pitches
- 3.6 junior football pitches
- 1.3 mini soccer pitches
- 0.2 adult rugby union pitches
- 0.1 junior rugby union pitches.

Research indicates substantial additional demand for leisure space in Hemel Hempstead to 2031 given the population increase identified in the East of England Plan. It is recommended that the Council delivers additional sport and leisure provision to offer opportunities for activity and improving health. Delivering this provision as part of the Town Stadium development would help to meet projected future demand and create a true hub facility.

Para 6.65: A site to the south of A4147 and close to the M1 junction is likely to be most suitable for the development of a Town Stadium complex.

Para 8.1: This study has confirmed the potential demand for, and deliverability and sustainability of, a Town Stadium Complex in Hemel Hempstead. Based on market research and consultation, together with the vision developed by the Council and its stakeholders, there are strong opportunities to deliver a project that is a valuable resource for existing and future residents of the town.

Para 8.2: The stadium complex could potentially support the delivery of the sporting aspirations of the town's clubs and their progress through the respective football and rugby league structures, while offering a valuable community leisure facility to meet demand for indoor and outdoor sport in Hemel Hempstead.

Para 8.3: In order to achieve this, it is recommended that the Council consider, as a base position, the delivery of a stadium solution that allows for competition at the Football League level (Option C) and community sport provision that meets existing latent, and projected future, demand (Option 2 or Option 3).

Kings Langley

Indoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Outdoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Social and Communities Facilities Study 2006
<p>P. 18: re swimming: There is no local authority provision in the area and therefore the School plays a critical role in meeting the needs of the local community. It provides extensive community use. It is keen to further develop its facilities. Sportspace hires the facilities on a regular basis to provide 'Learn to Swim' and other similar initiatives.</p>	<p>P. 92: Spare football pitch Capacity has been identified at Kings Langley School, Boxmoor Special School, Kings Langley Primary School and Community Hall Playing Fields.</p>	<p>Para 4.4.16: Sporting facilities at Kings Langley School are identified in the leisure study as in need of improvement. It must be considered whether this is contrary to planning policy, and if so, whether policy needs changing.</p>
<p>P. 19: Rudolf Steiner School This private school, located in Kings Langley offers good quality facilities for community use each evening and weekend. Its main indoor facility is the four badminton courts sports hall with sprung floor. Changing rooms are available if required. It is a valuable facility as this is the main sports hall provision in Kings Langley.</p>		
<p>P. 35: The LTS programme is delivered in the main, by Sportspace at its own centres and Kings Langley School. Demand is so high for swimming lessons that a number of private companies are now competing for water time to deliver similar schemes.</p>		
<p>SAP P. 4: High demand for leisure facilities at Kings Langley School.</p>		

Bovingdon

Outdoor Recreation Facilities 2006
<p>P. 92: There is sufficient football provision in Southern analysis area although there are three sites that are being played over capacity. (Gaywood Park, Queens Street and Green Lane (check locations)). All of the sites being played over capacity are single club occupancies.</p>

Markyate

Indoor Recreation Facilities 2006	Outdoor Recreation Facilities 2006
<p>SAP P. 4: There is poor accessibility to sports centres in the Markyate and Flamstead Area.</p>	<p>P. 83: The quality of football pitches is generally of an adequate standard. The junior pitch at Cross Road is considered to be in poor condition and currently only able to facilitate one match every other week. The senior pitch at Holly Bush Lane is currently being played to capacity. The Parish Council should monitor this to ensure that pitch quality remains at its current level.</p>
<p>SAP P. 19: Explore alternatives to pricing and transport issues to encourage use of other sites. More effective use of community based facilities in the area for sporting activity should be examined.</p>	<p>P. 122: re football: levels of participation are low compared to the rest of the Borough.</p>