

4.2 Built facilities

The table below summarises the provision and application of the built facilities standards across the District:

Sports Facility	Proposed standard per 1000 pop	Proposed facility per no. pop	Current provision per 1000 pop	Current shortfall per 1000 pop	Quantity required -shortfall by 2016	Quantity required -shortfall by 2026
Sports halls <i>with community access</i>	54.5m ² (0.1 hall)	1 per 11,000	47.6m ² (9 halls included)	6.9m² (1.3 halls)	11.3 (2.3)	12 (3)
Swimming pools <i>with community access</i>	13m ² (.04 pool)	1 per 25,000	8.6m ² (3 pools included)	4.4m² (1.53 pools)	5 (2)	5.3 (2.3)
Fitness Gyms <i>All provision</i>	4 stations -16m ² gym space	1 station per 250	3.7 stations (418 total)	0.3 stns (34 in total)	500 stations in total	528 stations in total
Synthetic turf pitches <i>All provision</i>	30m ² (.05 pitch)	1 per 20,000	283m ² (0.04) (5 pitches)	47m² (0.8 pitches)	6.3 (1.3)	6.6 (1.6)
O/D Tennis Courts <i>All courts</i>	0.8 courts	2 per 2,500	0.6 court (74 courts included)	0.2 (23 courts)	100 (28 courts)	106 (34 courts)
Indoor Bowls Rinks	0.05 rinks	1 rink per 20,000	1 x 6 rink centre per 120,000 pop	No shortfall	6 rink indoor centre	6 rink indoor centre



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5.0 Policies and recommendations

5.1 Open space

The policies and recommendations that are made in the study identify where new provision is required and where provision needs to be enhanced, protected or relocated. The following identifies the key findings for open space:

- **New provision.** Open space should be provided as part of new development in line with the recommended Winchester standard. Where it is not practical to provide open space on site, there should be new provision off site or enhancement to existing facilities.
- **Enhanced provision.** Funds received through developer contributions should be allocated to a wide range of open space typologies in line with the Winchester standards.
- **Protected provision.** Public open space should be afforded protection through planning policy. There is little opportunity for disposing of open space, unless there is a greater community need and/or alternative provision can be provided.
- **Relocated provision.** There are no obvious demands or opportunities for 'land swaps' within the District.

5.2 Built facilities

The key issues that have arisen from the built facilities study are:

- The need to provide new sports facilities as part of proposed major development areas, particularly the need for a new swimming pool and sports hall in the south of the District.
- The need to adopt a hierarchy of provision within the District linked to the role of all providers.
- To provide accessible community/village halls of sufficient size and quality to accommodate a range of recreational sporting activities within key settlements.
- There is the potential to improve, increase and formalise such arrangements at some of the strategically located colleges and schools within the Winchester District.
- There is the potential to improve access to Army sites for community use.
- There is scope for increased joint working between facility providers and clubs under the auspices of the SPAA and also the establishment of a facilities forum or sub group to share information and co-operate on projects and initiatives.

6.0 Future use and application of standards

This study forms the basis of the information that will inform policies related to open space, sport and recreation facilities in the Local Development Framework. It provides all the information required to plan for the provision of facilities in the future. It will therefore be used as the basis for developing more detailed requirements for the provision of recreation facilities in association with new development, and will outline priorities for investment and action.



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1.0 Introduction

The study has been carried out in response to the Government's requirement under Planning Policy Guidance note 17 (PPG17), for all Local Authorities to carry out a review and produce locally derived standards for open space, sport and recreation facilities. The study in the Winchester District has been produced in partnership with East Hampshire District Council (following advice in the PPG17 guidance to seek cross boundary working). This summary outlines the purpose and key findings of the study. The overall study is a comprehensive set of documents presented in four parts:

Part 1: Main Report **Part 2:** Area Profiles

Part 3: Playing Pitch Strategy **Part 4:** Built Facilities Study

The **Part 1** Report includes the main findings from the Area Profiles, the Playing Pitch Strategy and the Built Facilities Study and meets the requirements of PPG 17, but all the documents can be accessed in full on the Council's web-site at www.winchester.gov.uk.

2.0 Study process

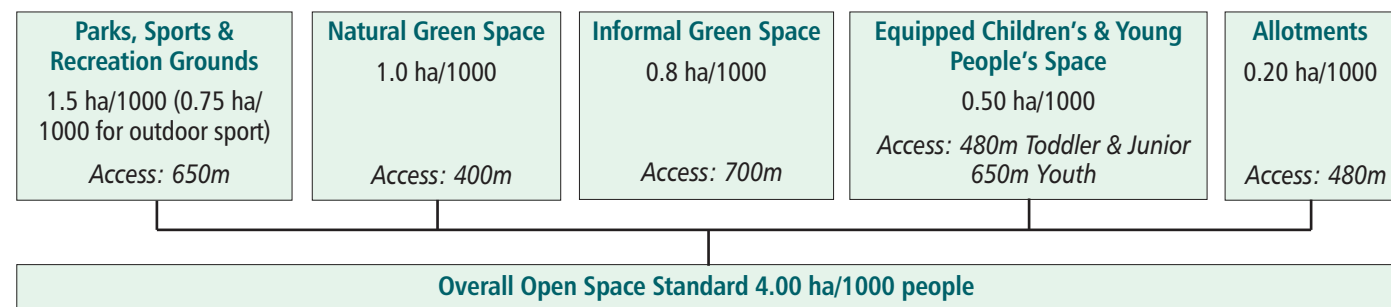
The study has been a long and comprehensive process which has followed the PPG17 guidance and the advice in the Companion Guide: "Assessing Needs and Opportunities". The process included the following:

- Step 1:** Identify local needs
- Step 2:** Audit local provision
- Step 3:** Set provision standards
- Step 4:** Apply the provision standards
- Step 5:** Draft policies / recommendations

3.0 Proposed standards of provision

The information from the assessment of local needs and the audit of provision has been used to develop standards of provision for open space, sports and recreation facilities. The standards have three aspects – Quantity, Access and Quality – and they are summarised below:

3.1 Open space standards (quantity and access)



3.2 Open space standards (quality)

All open space has been assessed against quality standards outlined in the PPG17 guidance and 'Green Flag' standards. A comprehensive database of the quality scores of all sites has been developed and used to identify priorities for improving the quality of open space across the District.



3.3 Built facilities standards (quantity and access)

Sports Facility	Proposed standard per 1000 pop	Proposed facility per no. population	Access standard (walking)	Driving catchment
Sports halls <i>with community access</i>	54.5m ² (0.1 hall)	1 per 11,000	20 minutes	15 minutes
Swimming pools <i>with community access</i>	13m ² (0.04 pool)	1 per 25,000	20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes
Fitness Gyms <i>All provision</i>	4 stations -16m ² gym space	1 station per 250	10 minutes	10 - 15 minutes
Synthetic turf pitches <i>All provision</i>	330m ² (0.05 pitch)	1 per 20,000	20 - 30 minutes	20 - 30 minutes
O/D Tennis Courts <i>Club and public</i>	0.8 courts	2 per 2,500	20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes
Indoor Bowls	0.05 rink	1 rink per 20,000	15-20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes

3.4 Built facilities standards (quality)

The quality of built facilities has been assessed through on site condition surveys and QUEST, which is the Quality Assurance accreditation model adopted by public sector leisure centres (supported by the Institute of Sport, Parks and Leisure (ISPAL) and by Sport England).

4.0 Application of the standards

The standards outlined above have been used to identify existing deficiencies or surplus in the quantity, access and quality of facilities across the District. Analysis has taken place by groups of Parishes called Sub Areas and across the District. The following summarises the key findings made across the District:



4.1 Open space

Overall, there is a sufficient quantity and good access to open space across the District. There are a number of localised deficiencies in both quantity and access which have been identified in the study and a strategy for addressing these will be developed in the future. The study found that there is little opportunity for disposing of open space, unless alternative provision can be found.

In relation to the quality of open space, the key findings are to:

- Invest in all types of open space including formal and informal provision.
- Improve the consistency of management and maintenance of open space across the District.
- Widen the range of play opportunities across the District (e.g. natural play opportunities).
- Provide support to Parishes to manage and improve their facilities.
- Produce management plans for key sites.