

Built Sports Facilities Study Winchester District

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Overview

- PPG 17 Planning for Sport and Recreation
- WCC commissioned RQA in Oct 2007 to undertake study
- Input in to the wider Open Space Assessment by Inspace Planning



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Overview

RQA were briefed to identify:

- Future investment required for facilities over the next 10 years
- The right number and type of facilities to serve the Winchester District
- The right locations for facilities to ensure optimum access
- The quality of provision



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Considerations

- Local authority, sporting and community provision
- Review core facilities with community access
- Local issues – geographical spread, need and demand
- Neighbouring authorities – existing/proposed provision
- Levels of participation and trends in facility provision
- The impact of future population growth and the location of possible new housing development
- Regional facility development plans
- London 2012 Olympic Games



Facilities

Recommended standards and levels of provision for each of the following:

- Sports Halls
- Swimming Pools
- Fitness Gyms
- Outdoor Tennis Courts
- Synthetic Turf Pitches
- Community Halls
- Indoor Bowls Centres



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Sub area analysis

- Location, nature and issues relating to each sub area
- An audit of built facilities providing some community access – public, education, MOD, voluntary, private
- Assessments of existing facilities
- Facility development plans, governing body of sports plans, Sport Hampshire and IOW, SPAA Strategy
- Swimming, athletics, badminton, netball, hockey, football, rugby, tennis, basketball, gymnastics and squash
- Sub area 1 - Winchester is the area being covered this evening – 8 areas in all



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Winchester Sub Area

- Comprising – Badger Farm, Chilcomb, Littleton and Harestock, Olivers Battery and Winchester
- Largest settlement in the district – 43,300 (2002 population census)
- Winchester College and University of Winchester – significant land owners – contribute to image of city
- Main motorway link (M3) nearby. Park and Ride scheme, robust parking enforcement – restricted parking at University, River Park Leisure Centre and Winchester College
- Mainline trains and good public transport



Facilities – Winchester Sub Area

River Park Leisure Centre

Winchester College

Westgate School

Peter Symonds College

Winchester RUFC

University of Winchester

Kings School

Henry Beaufort School

Sparsholt College

Winchester Football Club



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Existing Facility Issues

- RPLC – condition survey, planning for the long term
- School sites – development, investment, community use agreements
- University of Winchester – Outdoor Sports Centre – potential strategic sports hub
- Winchester Rugby Club – STP feasibility, require more pitches
- Winchester Football Club – relocate and expand, STP
- Hampshire Badminton Association – additional 2 courts



Standards of Provision - approach

- Guidance from Sport England – Active Places and Active People
- Base line data – where we are now
- Quantity – number of facilities
- Quality – fit for purpose
- Access – distance threshold, community access
- Provision – per 1,000 population or per facility where appropriate
- PPG17 guidance - open space, sport and recreation
- 2001 population census – spread and make up of population
- Cross migration of use – neighbouring authorities
- Population growth/new housing development - forecast
- Condition surveys of local authority stock
- Local issues and strategic priorities



Recommended standards/levels of provision

Sports Facility	Proposed standard per number of population	Current shortfall	Shortfall by 2016	Shortfall by 2026
Sports halls <i>with community access</i>	1 per 11,000	1.3 halls	2.3	3
Swimming pools <i>with community access</i>	1 per 25,000	1.53 pools	2	2.3
Fitness Gyms <i>all provision</i>	1 station per 250	34 in total	500 stations	528 stations
Synthetic turf pitches <i>all provision</i>	1 per 20,000	0.8 pitches	1.3	1.6
Outdoor Tennis Courts	2 per 2,500	23 courts	28 courts	34 courts
Indoor Bowls Rinks	1 rink per 20,000	No shortfall	6 rink indoor centre	6 rink indoor centre
Community Halls <i>subject to local sports facility provision</i>	1 x 400m2 Hall per 2,500 to 5,000	Not identified on this basis.	Subject to sub area review	Subject to sub area review



Travel Thresholds

Facility	Walking	Driving Catchments
Sports halls	20 minutes	15 minutes
Swimming pools	20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes
Fitness Gyms	10 minutes	10 - 15 minutes
Synthetic Turf Pitches	20 - 30 minutes	20 - 30 minutes
Indoor Bowls	15-20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes
Indoor tennis/outdoor tennis?	20 minutes	15 - 20 minutes
Community Halls	20 minutes	10 - 15 minutes



Strategic Issues Identified

- Meeting the healthy living agenda
- Hierarchy of provision in and around Winchester
- Transport and sustainability - outreach, travel to key sites
- Population growth or possible housing development
- Existing facilities – ageing, limitations, limited investment
- Community access to education sites
- MOD – strengthen links to improve access/joint working
- Winchester District SPAA – Sports facility sub group
- Governing bodies of Sport – regional/county sports plans



Where next?

- Event in Spring – Open Space Assessment – district wide
- Sports facility sub group to SPAA
- Sports facility Strategy 2009

Workshop

- What are your issues?
- Discuss 2 or 3 priority areas
- Suggest actions for consideration by SPAA sub group



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