

Community Asset Transfer Internal Review Request – Document Pack

Property: Renfrew Cricket Pitch, Haining Road, Renfrew PA4 0AN

Applicant: Renfrew Cricket Club

Date of Initial Decision: 11 November 2024

Date of Receipt of Review Request: 9 December 2024

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Dear Mark Conaghan

Internal Review request for RENFREW CRICKET CLUB CAT request, refusal by CAT Subcommittee on 6 Nov 2024 for site (UPRN 123121137) Renfrew Cricket Field, Haining Rd, Renfrew.

We are requesting an internal review on the decision taken by the CAT Subcommittee based on several reasons with the main reason being the commitment made by Renfrewshire Council and its departments when Renfrew Sports & Athletic Club, of which Renfrew CC amongst other clubs was a member/ section of.

In 2004 the members of RS&A were requested by the council to give up our lease at Moorcroft for the new Renfrew Sports Centre to be built on the site. RS&A had a 60-year lease which we relinquished in 2004 on the conditions that each of the sections were rehoused in suitable alternative sites with equivalent lease terms.

At that time Renfrew CC and Renfrew Victoria BC both agreed on the verbal promise on the request of RC as to avoid delays with Leisure Centre project whereas the third section the Physical culture dug in its heels and would not vacate the site until they received written assurances and an alternative site with lease terms. We were informed that as the alternative sites we were to be relocated to were still in the design and build stage RC could not execute any legal lease documentation.

We were informed by RC representatives that Renfrew CC would move to Robertson Park for one year then to the new ground at KGV. We had regular meetings with Head of Renfrewshire Leisure or Education, Bob Saunders, Frank Hughes from the legal department and Gordon Pettigrew who was the project manager for the site at KGV.

There were several issues, which I will not go into at this time, but eventually we moved into the site at KGV as keyholders for the pavilion and a separate miracle span building for equipment storage and the use of the cricket field where we maintained the cricket square. During this time we continually had meetings with RC representatives to formalise a long term lease, this was never done, we did at one point have a five year lease, we were given the runaround and many excuses were given including that the site was common good land and a lease was not possible, we were able to prove later on this was not the case.

Our keyholder status was withdrawn a few years later due to other users having access to the pavilion and miracle span building, we had been responsible key holders and the reasons given were as above. In the subsequent years our access to the pavilion and kitchen facilities were curtailed and everything we were promised and expected became more and more distant

In 2014 there was a Renfrewshire Playing Fields Strategy which resulted in several consultation meetings which RCC were invited to, with the feedback gathered from multiple clubs and sports the strategy was approved and funding of £5M allocated and matched by Sports Scotland including developments to the cricket facilities.

The work on the cricket facilities eventually started after delays in 2018 and were completed in 2020 for the outdoor practice nets and the new square in 2020, although never completed and poorly constructed.

We first engaged with RC in 2018 with Gillian Beatie for the CAT process when we were advised this was our best course of action in obtaining a long-term lease for the site and securing the future of our club. Even this process was problematic with many delays, and we eventually submitted our complete application in 2024.

I hope you can understand our frustration and disappointment we have experienced with RC, with the initial commitment regarding the lease never being honoured and the many issues with the contractors appointed by RC to complete the projects we faced. Throughout this time, we have continued as a club playing a valuable part in our community, even when facing many difficulties presenting themselves caused by the incompetence of RC officers and contractors.

We have requested the internal review based on the commitments made to us by RC at the KGV site and the subsequent facility developments where Renfrewshire Council and Sports Scotland funds have been used. Throughout these times there was never any mention of a potential school project on the site, we have spent a great deal of time and money on developing the site and a great deal of time in preparing and submitting the CAT request with time and effort spent on grant applications to further develop the site as part of the CAT request. So, for it suddenly be the reason for the refusal of the CAT request was an extreme shock to us all and if we had been given the lease as promised we would not be having this discussion.

I have attached as much correspondence as I am able to access now, the older communication would have been in writing, I am unable to access that now as I was abroad when I received the news of the CAT request refusal and still am, not returning till the 13th of Dec. I will try and see what correspondence I can locate as several of the RCC officials are no longer at the club or sadly passed away. You will also see from this correspondence that RCC explored other alternative sites, of which none were suitable and it was agreed to continue at KGV with the approval of RC.

I can however confirm that the meetings we attended with Frank Hughes were also attended by Stuart Wild an official of Renfrew Victoria Boys Club, he can corroborate the commitments given to us by Frank Hughes in return for relinquishing our lease, I will forward an email from Stuart. It is common sense to understand, why would we give up our lease unless we would have an equivalent lease if not better in return.

Regards

Sajid Majeed

Secretary

Renfrew Cricket Club

: Playing fields strategy report

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[REDACTED]

To [REDACTED] · Sat, 8 Nov 2014 at 13:25

Message Body

Hi Guys

Enclosed Playing Fields Strategy which was approved by Sports Board yesterday....ratified Full Council next week!!

I think the report is very comprehensive and whilst long in pages etc the principles are positive.

Ive spoken to Angela Conboy ref certain issues which should be noted by both RSN / Renfrew CC re KGV...PL NOTE VIZ...

1 With the inevitable move of Culture / Sport to RL...Currently uncertain who [Manager / Implementation Group] is going to LEAD ?

2 St James and KGV are apparently "Strategic" and top priority...BUT EXTRA INVESTMENT MAY BE REQUIRED

3 I am assured that the "Strategic" issues will NOT be pushed aside in priority to the benefit of rectifying Football pitches.

4 The ref to "Long term leases" is very positive within the context of the development of self sufficient / ownership of Clubs and on the REAL objectives of Community / Sport Development / Neighbourhood Management etc...HUBs etc

5 4 does NOT apply apparently to St James / KGV because of the "Strategic" categorisation...THIS WILL BE ON THE RSN AGENDA as this restricts grant applications for RCC

6 The proposed movement of RCC in re-alignment of KGV is live and apparently within Planning etc...THIS REQUIRES URGENT "PUSH"

7 The ref to HUBs linkage to Clubs is positive

8 The "scrutiny" process has NOT been identified...role for RSN / HUBs?

9 The issues ref overall HUB funding requires FORMAL Clarification...[various responses at various Meetings]

NB KAREN...I attended Strategic Partners Meeting on Wed...not very impressive. re my previous em PLAN B IS ESSENTIAL...if you could fwd by 17 / 11 that would be great!!

Regards to All

Jim Mc

-----Original Message-----

From: tony.finn [REDACTED]
To: Jim Mcausland [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 6 Nov 2014 11:47
Subject: Playing fields strategy report

Jim

FYI

Re: Renfrew Cricket club - Possible Relocations

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[REDACTED]

To [REDACTED] · Thu, 16 Jul 2015 at 15:16

Message Body

Hi Julie

Thank you for your em ref the above...

Your enquired ref my health very much appreciated....been in / out of RAH like a yo yo over recent weeks...but things are now progressing positively.

The RCC Exec visited and evaluated the suggested potential sites ..but unfortunately none of these proved suitable...and the Club would certainly wish to pursue our original suggested re location of the site at the top right area.

The issue there was the "Policy" of Common Ground / Pavillion...and I realise that presents a problem both to RC / RCC....however your views on the following would be appreciated

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Modular Building...Could you confirm that when this facility was uti;ised at the Lagoon.and currently at Renfrew Sport Ctr

That Planning Permission had to be acquired

[If Planning Permission is required could thid be "run through"RL / Planning...Officer delegate

As explained on our ph/ call while writing this em Paul / Sai have requested enquiries to be made ref

a red blaise area where a Pavillion could be sited to serve our priority request

[As indicated in our tele /con that could be part of School Estate]

It was good to speak to you and as agreed you will pursue the issues outlined / discussed...and you will respond asap

Kindest regards

Jim Mc

-----Original Message-----

From: julie.telford [redacted] >
To: jimmcams [redacted] >
CC: darryl.ramage <[redacted]>; joyce.mckellar [redacted];
[redacted] >; parvase_786 [redacted];
p.goodman59 [redacted]; sai_co2003 [redacted] >
Sent: Tue, 30 Jun 2015 16:32
Subject: Re: Renfrew Cricket club - Possible Relocations

Hi Jim

Hope you are well. Have you had a chance to have any further discussions or explore any further options for possible relocation?

Kind regards

Julie

Julie Telford, Resources Support Manager (Cap. Projects)
Education & Leisure Services

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Please note my working pattern is: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: 15/05/2015 18:34

Subject: Re: Renfrew Cricket club - Possible Relocations

Hi Julie

Hope you had a great holiday.

Many thanks for your response to my enquiry...this will assist our deliberations.

Be in touch

Jim

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Fri, 15 May 2015 12:04

Subject: Renfrew Cricket club - Possible Relocations

Hi Jim

As per your request from our telephone conversation on 1 May 2015 please find attached plans of available sites throughout Renfrewshire. My colleagues in estates and property services have been working on this and have provided plans and overlays for each site available as a possible alternative location for the club.

The sites are:

- Kirklandneuk Playing Field Renfrew (Opposite side to existing pitches)
- Montgomery Road Site, Paisley (open area of ground used for football training)
- Former Cragielea Primary School, Ferguslie, grass pitch
- Inchinnan Playing Fields (Owned by Scottish Enterprise)

- Lochwinnoch Playing Fields, Lochlip Road. (Calderglen FC provided access play on one of the pitches)
- Houston Road, Bridge of Weir (former football field with old pavilion building on site)

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards

Julie

Julie Telford, Resources Support Manager (Cap. Projects)
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Re: RE: RE: Renfrew CC KGV update

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Sai Majeed

To Fraser Buchan, Mark Tokeley, Darryl Ramage, Julie Telford, Joyce McKellar and more · Mon, 23 Apr 2018 at 00:58

Message Body

Hi Fraser

Our first home game is this Saturday and we have still not had any communication from any of the individuals you mentioned in your last email, which has been the recurring theme.

In our last meeting in which Darryl, Julie and Mark I think were present along with our committee, we were promised communication and a clear understanding of our requirements, it is clear that has not been the case with decisions being made which impact on our requirements without any discussion or communication with us.

In our consultation meetings with Joyce McKellar and the project manager for the KGV project we were informed that the Improvements to the KGV pavilion would also be to the benefit of the cricket club also as we had been discussing options for the cricket field to be moved and

were looking at other pavilion/dressing room options for the other side of KGV, these changes were never mentioned to us.

I have been involved in many discussions/meetings with representatives of Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Leisure and Renfrewshire Education for our move from Moorcroft to KGV, we have been spun many false promises and commitments have been broken by a number of individuals on numerous occasions.

Rather than supporting voluntary community clubs, which is what the Hubs have been doing, we have been consistently let down and I am now concerned whether there is a hidden agenda against our club as I cannot see a logical reason for issues we have been having.

It is not unreasonable of us to request a meeting urgently to discuss the new and ongoing issues which are hindering the development of our club.

Regards

Sai Majeed

On Friday, 13 April 2018, 13:16:59 BST, Fraser Buchan
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Sai.

I've spoken with Fiona Watson, she has passed your concerns on to Mark Tokeley. He is on annual leave this week but back on Monday. The KGV Pavilion has had a change of use since December 2017 and is used as an administration base for the Sport Services Team. The toilets and the kitchen area are for staff use only and have been removed from the booking process. Mark or Darryl will get back to you next week to discuss other options and a way forward.

Kind Regards,

Fraser.

Fraser Buchan

Active Schools and Community Sports Hub Officer

Sports Services, c/o KGV Pavilion, Dean Park Road, Renfrew, PA40AJ

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From: Sai Majeed [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 April 2018 09:55
To: Fraser Buchan [REDACTED]
Cc: Paul Goodman [REDACTED] Ryan Murray
Subject: RE: RE: Renfrew CC KGV update

Thanks Fraser

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Fri, 13 Apr 2018 at 9:02, Fraser Buchan

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Sai.

I've escalated your enquiry for the attention of my line management team, Fiona Watson (Sports Services Manager) and Jim Blythe (Regional Sports Coordinator).

When I receive a response I will let you know - thanks.

Kind Regards,

Fraser.

Fraser Buchan

Active Schools and Community Sports Hub Officer

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From: Sai Majeed [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2018 17:48
To: Fraser Buchan [REDACTED]
Cc: Paul Goodman [REDACTED] Ryan Murray
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: RE: Renfrew CC KGV update

Hi Fraser

I have been unable to retrieve the response which I sent to Darryl to the email below, to which he had not replied , I did then call him on Wed 14th Feb. Darryl stated he did not respond to my email as he felt he had done so in the previous email and that he felt my email was personally attacking him, which i disagreed with. I was unhappy with the delays and lack of communication and he was my only point of contact, nevertheless , I requested he pass on my concerns and for someone to contact me, which he confirmed he would do , to Julie Telford and Mark Tokely.

The point I made to him was that my understanding was that the funding had been secured and was in place for the new outdoor cricket nets and it was part of Phase 2 of the works, and as it these particular works do not impact or involve any other works at KGV, why they could not complete this part of Phase 2 as there were delays with Phase 1.

As I also mentioned we have now been informed by the booking office that the upstairs kitchen at KGV will not be available for us to use on Saturdays and Sundays for our games. We have been using the kitchen since we were relocated to KGV from Moorcroft and was

discussed as part of our requirements for the new facility, It seems that decisions are being made without communicating with the clubs who may be affected by these decisions.

We were requested to give up our lease at Moorcroft , with the offer of relocation to KGV and a comparable lease to be given to the club, 14 years and a number of meetings , with various RCC employees , on we are still waiting for this and every year there are changes made which impact on the operation of our club. The lack of a lease also impinges on the club being unable to apply for certain grant funding.

We would appreciate very much if we can move forward and resolve the issues noted.

Regards

Sai Majeed

Secretary

Renfrew Cricket Club

From: [Sai Majeed](#)
To: [Mark Conaghan](#)
Subject: Fw: RCC CAT appeal
Date: 09 December 2024 14:09:09

Dear Mark

Email forwarded as noted in the previous email.

Kind Regards

Sajid Majeed
Renfrew CC
Secretary

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Stuart Wild [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 9 December 2024 at 00:02:37 GMT
Subject: Fwd: RCC CAT appeal

Evening Sai,

Apologies for not replying sooner to your request for clarification on the discussions surrounding the relocation of the 3 clubs who were based at the Moorcroft Playing Fields.

My club Renfrew Victoria YFC joined the group in 1991 shortly after it had been taken over from its previous custodians Babcock Sports Club to their cricket and weights sections. Unfortunately none of the office bearers at that time have sadly passed away. A debt of gratitude has to be recognised to the original committee for securing a facility where sports could continue in the town.

In my recollection over the extensive discussions with Bob Saunders, Frank Hughes and Gordon Pettigrew was to relocate the 3 clubs that were using the facility and surrounding grounds so all sports could continue to grow and flourish within the town.

At this time Bob and Frank attended numerous meetings due to the complexity of the original lease which had 50+ years remaining. It was always stressed by the council office bearers that due to the way the original lease was written the 3 groups could safely remain at Moorcroft for the remainder of the lease.

This option was never something the 3 clubs would have considered as the last thing we all wanted was to stand in the way of a Leisure Centre being constructed which would benefit the residents of Renfrew and surrounding areas.

Your own section provided separate challenges from the other sports and they were swiftly relocated in the town.

In my recollection a number of sites were offered to Renfrew Cricket Club and the preferred location was KGV. This would add another sport to assist in the future redevelopment of KGV and building the Leisure Centre with Sportscotland/Big Lottery funding. This could then boast football, cricket, rugby, american football and hockey all outdoor using the facilities and the indoor activities the construction of a leisure centre would offer.

Originally the offer was made to the cricket section to construct a clubhouse on the site of the old changing rooms and building a new square on the area of pitches 3&6. A new "show" pitch was to be laid on the current site which the cricket currently use. Due to funding timescales being short this was not the preferred option of the council officials due to cricket regulations which would allow the club to compete in the higher levels of the sport.

Bob and Frank were very firm and honest stating that the length of lease given on the Moorcroft site would never be considered by any current or future administrations and a 25 year agreement would be more realistic to negotiate which would allow Renfrew Cricket Club to access funding streams to upgrade facilities allowing not only the club but also the council to benefit with no associated cost.

Unfortunately these agreements were made on verbally as the time factor being critical to accessing the funds to allow the KGV/Leisure Centre project to proceed and short term rolling leases were agreed to allow all clubs to continue and investigate the possibility of CAT which were being considered by council officials with the bill being driven through parliament by local MP Derek Mackay at the time.

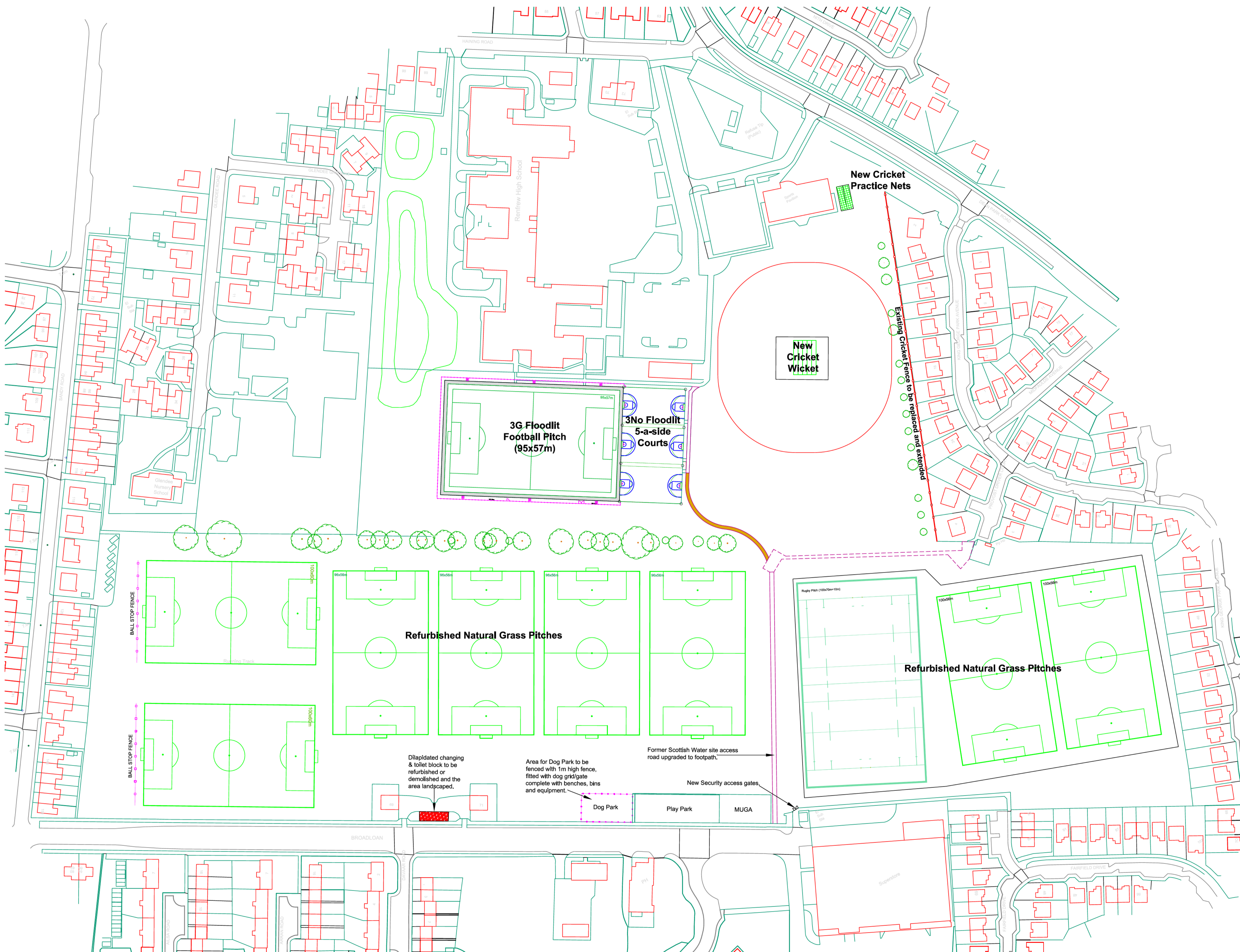
I appreciate this is over 20 years ago and Frank,Bob,Gordon are no longer in the council and Derek Mackay no longer a MP so no one to corroborate my recollections. Hopefully my recollection of events can add some background to the discussions held in what would have been 2002. Everyone involved at the time had to give and take a little but the aim was always to keep the 3 sport's flourishing which is a testament to all involved to see that they are all still active in the town today.

Regards,

Stuart Wild
Renfrew Victoria YFC Chair

Notes:

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Dilapidated changing & toilet block to be refurbished or demolished and the area landscaped.

Area for Dog Park to be fenced with 1m high fence, fitted with dog grid/gate complete with benches, bins and equipment.

Former Scottish Water site access road upgraded to footpath.

New Security access gates.



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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Draft Sports Pitches, Playing Fields and Pavilions Assessment Report prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for Renfrewshire Council (RC).

This factual report presents a supply and demand assessment of sports playing pitch facilities in accordance with the guidance laid out in **sportscotland's** 'Guide to the Preparation of Sports Pitch Strategies'. The specific aims are to:

- ◀ Determine an investment programme that addresses weaknesses in current pitch provision.
- ◀ Provide a planning evidence base for the development of pitches in the Council area.
- ◀ Identify future demands for sports pitches, playing fields and pavilions across the Council area.
- ◀ Outline suggested priorities in the short, medium and long term.
- ◀ Assist in guiding the future development of local plan policies for new provision, protection and enhancement of all sports pitches throughout the Council area.
- ◀ Take account of any local and national strategies and policies deemed appropriate.

It focuses on reporting the findings of the extensive research, consultation, site assessment, data analysis and GIS mapping work to:

- ◀ Analyse supply and demand for outdoor sports facilities.
- ◀ Identify gaps in provision and explore opportunities for improved provision.
- ◀ Inform a strategy incorporating possible future options and an action plan.

The following types of outdoor sports facilities are included:

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby pitches
- ◀ Synthetic grass pitches (SGPs) including hockey

Each section provides a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It also provides information about the availability of facilities to/for the local community and, the details of the governing body of each sport and regional strategic plans (where they exist). Local league details are provided, where possible, in order to outline the competitive structure for each sport. The findings of club consultation and key issues for each sport are also summarised.

This assessment report provides the foundations on which the subsequent Sports Pitch Strategy is built on. Together the two documents will help inform and direct the Council's decision making for sports pitch facilities and provision.

PART 2: CONTEXT

2.1: National context

sportscotland Corporate Plan: Developing and supporting a world class sporting system

The plan builds upon the work established in the previous corporate plan (2009-11) and sets out in the vision that *'by 2020 people in Scotland will be enjoying the benefits of an active life to create a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth'*.

Described within the document are the approaches to be taken, the key programmes and the high level indicators to be used up to 2015. To achieve the quality and ambition wishing to be applied a number of measures are listed in order to determine success. These are:

- ◀ Major progress is made in all key areas required for the development of a world class sporting system.
- ◀ 2011-2015 is the most successful four year cycle for Scotland in terms of performance outcomes (London 2012, Sochi 2014 and Glasgow 2014).
- ◀ All our supported performance athletes are the best ever prepared for all targeted events through the provision of quality services.
- ◀ An increasing number of Scottish Governing Bodies (SGBs) are fit for purpose and fit for performance.
- ◀ Major progress in growing sustainable levels of competent and skilled coaches, officials, administrators, specialists (paid and voluntary) within Scotland.
- ◀ A greater and more integrated role for outdoor and adventure sport, maximising Scotland's unique attributes and heritage.
- ◀ Stronger club networks with greater community involvement.
- ◀ Increased sports opportunities for children and young people through schools and improved access to the school estate.
- ◀ Organisation development strengthens the impact of our work and we are driven by continuous quality improvement.
- ◀ **sportscotland** is seen as one of the leading public bodies in Scotland in terms of delivery, effectiveness and efficiency.

Scottish Executive: Strategy for physical activity

'Let's make Scotland more active' is the physical activity strategy published by the Scottish Executive's Physical Activity Task Force in 2003. The Strategy outlines the risks of inactivity and the benefits of more active lifestyles. It recognises the role that sport plays in increasing physical activity, alongside active living, recreational activity, exercise, play and dance.

The following vision and goals are outlined:

- ◀ Vision – 'People in Scotland will enjoy the benefits of having a physically active life.'
- ◀ Goal – 'To increase and maintain the proportion of physically active people in Scotland.'

One of the key strategic objectives underpinning the strategy is:

- ◀ 'To develop and maintain long lasting, high quality physical environments to support inactive people to become active.'

Again, the provision of good quality, accessible and sustainable indoor and outdoor sports facilities can play a major role in increasing opportunities for physical activity.

Reaching Higher: Building on the success of sport 21

The Strategy sets out the long term aims and objectives for sport in Scotland up to 2020 including their delivery and evaluation. It follows and builds on the review of *Sport 21: 2003-2007*. Reaching Higher primarily focuses on sport but recognises the contribution it can have on wider issues and topics such as tackling obesity, mental well-being, cohesive communities, increasing participation and providing forums for social interaction.

Four national priorities are established to build and sustain a sporting framework to deliver national outcomes. These are:

- ◀ *Well-trained people* – motivated, confident and capable coaches, officials, volunteers and professional staff are core to delivery of the vision and in order to get people involved, enthused and reaching their potential.
- ◀ *Strong organisations* – that are fit for purpose and able to work in partnership to meet the dynamic and changing needs of sport.
- ◀ *Quality facilities* – including their availability and accessibility are fundamental to people's participation, enjoyment and performance in sport
- ◀ *Providing the player pathways* – through agencies working together to ensure opportunities exist and are accessible to those that want to improve their skills and reach their potential.

It is highlighted that the success of these priorities is dependent on a range of stakeholders such as national agencies, governing bodies, local authorities, school, clubs, parents and participants.

Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan 2014

The document sets out the aims and current successes as part of the Legacy for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. It highlights that 50 national legacy programmes and counting have already been carried out. The Plan also identifies that £10 million Active Places Fund has already supported 64 projects helping to build and improve community facilities.

As part of the legacy for the Commonwealth Games, 150 Community Sport Hubs will be created across Scotland by 2016.

Scottish Government Youth Sport Strategy

The Strategy aims to make sport as accessible and enjoyable as possible in order to increase levels of physical activity for young people. It focuses on boosting participation in sport for pre-school children to further and higher education students.

2.2: Sports Governing Body (SGB) context

Please note that Cricket Scotland's 'On the Front Foot' Strategic Plan ran from 2008-2011 and as yet has not been replaced.

Scotland United: A 2020 vision

At the core of the document is the strategic pyramid, which sets the Scottish FA's aims of winning, growing, funding, leading and supporting the game at all levels. Also set out within the plan are the four strategic goals designed to touch all aspects of the game:

- ◀ Performing and winning
- ◀ Strong quality growth
- ◀ Better financial returns
- ◀ Respected and trusted to lead

Supplementary goals and aims are set within each of these four goals over a five year period. Under the delivery of the strong quality growth area the level one goal is to *double the number of registered players in recreational football*. One of the supplementary goals in achieving this is to provide a *more attractive modern game for all participants* by 2015.

This will be done through:

- ◀ Supporting clubs and local authorities with facility related projects and policy
- ◀ Rollout a 'new season' initiative (February to November) for all U18 boys football.
- ◀ Address touchline behaviour and referee mistreatment.

One National Plan: a vision for grassroots football

The vision of the plan is to grow the national game through developing improved performance levels (at all levels), to take the game to a wider audience and expand on the benefits, enjoyment and value football brings across the country. The six main objectives set out within the plan are to:

- ◀ Increase participation
- ◀ Create an attractive modern game
- ◀ Improve coach education and development
- ◀ Create a vibrant volunteer workforce
- ◀ Develop club and school football
- ◀ Produce more talented young players

By 2015, the outcomes of the plan include 130,000 registered players, 600 Quality Mark Clubs, 14,000 coaches developed and 1,152 Talented Young Players involved in 36 2020 Development Centres.

The Big Pitch

It is the Scottish FA's first facility focused strategy. The document identifies many of the most common facility related issues across the country and what is required for new and improved facilities in the future.

The Strategy states many grass football pitches are 'not fit for purpose' due to poor drainage, uneven surfaces and budgetary pressures. This can potentially lead to a poor introduction to the game for young players resulting in a loss to the game.

As the first document of its kind, it is expected to evolve in order to reflect the challenges facing the game. Fundamental to the Strategy is the impact of local authority playing field and pitch strategies.

An emphasis is placed on Synthetic Grass Pitches (SGPs) due to the Scottish climate and vast amounts of play taking place on natural turf pitches. Importantly the Scottish FA's view on new SGPs is for surfaces to preferably be to a 3G standard as a minimum.

Inspiring Scotland Through Rugby: The Journey to 2016

The document sets out the vision and key aims for Scottish Rugby Union. It builds upon the previous SRU Strategic Plan (2007-2012). The Plan focuses on five core aspects:

- ◀ Winning teams
- ◀ Thriving club game
- ◀ Increasing match attendance
- ◀ Increasing commercial revenue
- ◀ Improving the customer experience

A key action under the aim of 'thriving club game' is to increase the number and quality of adult and age grade male and female teams playing rugby regularly in clubs across Scotland. Another related action is to support the delivery of school and university rugby. These are to be achieved by continuing to grow the game at grass roots through work with partners at clubs and local authorities. The SRU Development Officers across Scotland will assist in delivering these actions.

Scottish Hockey Facility Strategy

The strategy, completed in 2007 and updated in 2009, advises **sportscotland** and Local Authorities in the placement and maintenance of facilities across the country. It sets out the purpose of the document as being to highlight Scottish Hockey's (SH) priorities in relation to the continuation of existing hockey activity, the development of increased standards and amounts of activity, the location of facilities and the type of facilities needing to exist. It also identifies the need for maintenance, access and management issues to be considered in order for facilities to achieve their optimum use.

A key principle for SH is the development of a mixed facility stock within each Local Authority. This is in order to meet the diverse range of several sports and not just one individual sport. The strategy states that sport specific surfaces, such as water based or 3G, should only occur after multi sport facilities have been provided (especially at school sites).

On a local level facilities are required for regular training and matches as well as contributing to the development of club and school hockey. They should also encourage people to play, coach, umpire and volunteer. In addition, the strategy details minimum and ideal specifications/requirements for facilities.

2.3: Local context

Renfrewshire is located towards the south-west region of Scotland, and borders the areas of Inverclyde and North Ayrshire to the west, West Dunbartonshire to the north and East Renfrewshire and Glasgow to the east/south-east respectively.

Renfrewshire Sports Strategy

The Renfrewshire Sports Strategy is currently in draft form. Once adopted it will in conjunction with this Sports Pitch Strategy look to direct the future development of sports across Renfrewshire.

Renfrewshire Leisure Strategy 2013-2018

Follows on from the previous Strategy and sets out the vision, values and aims for Renfrewshire Leisure (RL) over a five year period up to 2018. The vision for RL is *improving the health, wellbeing and quality of life of Renfrewshire's communities through accessible sport and leisure for all.*

Key to delivering this is the four aims:

- ◀ To improve the health and quality of life of Renfrewshire residents
- ◀ To develop an organisation that is truly customer focused
- ◀ To empower and develop our employees
- ◀ To develop an efficient, effective and lasting business

The Strategy also recognises the crucial roles partners, community sports hubs, school links and high quality facilities all play in ensuring successful outcomes in the future.

Planning context

Scottish Planning Policy

The Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) is a statement of the Scottish Government's policy on nationally important land use planning matters.

Set out in paragraph 156 of the SPP is the importance of playing fields as resources for sport, and the need for them to be provided in sufficient quantity, quality and accessibility to satisfy community demand. It advises local authorities to develop a playing fields strategy in consultation with sportscotland (as part of a wider open space strategy).

Furthermore, the paragraph identifies that playing fields and sports pitches should not be redeveloped except where the:

- ◀ Proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field,
- ◀ Proposed development involves a minor part of the playing field which would not affect its use and potential for sport and training,
- ◀ Playing field which would be lost would be replaced by a new playing field of comparable or greater benefit for sport and in a location which is convenient for its users, or by the upgrading of an existing playing field to provide better quality facility either within the same site or at another location which is convenient for its users and which maintains or improves the overall playing capacity in the area, or

- ◀ Playing field strategy prepared in consultation with sportscotland has demonstrated that there is a clear excess of sports pitches to meet current and anticipated future demand in the area, and that the site could be developed without detriment to the overall quality of provision.

Renfrewshire development plan

The Plan is one of two documents to form the Development Plan for Renfrewshire; the other being the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan. Together the documents provide the planning policy framework for Renfrewshire.

A Strategic Development Plan (SDP) and a Local Development Plan (LDP) will replace these existing two documents in time. The LDP is currently being prepared by Renfrewshire Council. Until this is adopted the Local Plan still sets the policies for planning decisions.

Policy L1 under the Wider Environmental Framework section of the Local Plan identifies all pitches as being given a high level of protection. Development proposals will only be considered if the following criteria are met:

- ◀ There is a long term excess in the provision of pitches, playing fields and open space in the wider area, taking into account long term strategy for provision, estimated demand and overall recreational/amenity value.
- ◀ Alternative provision of equal or greater community benefit and accessibility would be made available on another site
- ◀ Proposal incorporates the retention or enhancement of the existing facilities on part of the site, while enabling redevelopment of the surplus section of the site for another purpose

The section also recognises that there are a number of blaes pitches at school sites that are *no longer considered suitable as quality sports provision*.

Community Growth Areas

The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan identify '13 Community Growth Areas (CGAs). Johnstone South West and Royal Ordnance Site Bishopton are identified as CGA in Renfrewshire. CGAs are locations that have been selected for their potential to deliver sustainable growth with proximity to key rail and public transport corridors in order to meet demand for new dwellings.

One of the community regeneration opportunities set out in the Johnstone South West Masterplan is to *improve local community sports facilities*. This includes encouraging physical activity by providing quality pitches for sports and play.

Approval in principle has been given for the mixed use development at the Royal Ordnance Site Bishopton. This will comprise of circa 2,500 dwellings and will look to include new sports and recreation provision. As part of the CGA Section 75 monies are to be available for the improvement and creation of sports provision in the area.

Sports development

Sufficient sports facilities of the right type, quality and location are essential if the aims of Renfrewshire Council and national strategies such as Reaching Higher (Scottish Government Sports Strategy) are to be achieved. Work with local community organisations, Sports Governing Bodies representing football, rugby, etc along with **sportscotland** and, Sports Development staff coupled with that of community groups is vital to increasing participation levels.

There is a need to address the growing demand for quality facilities, the programming and access of such facilities as well as filling gaps where current provision is not adequate or to a high enough standard in order to encourage the development of sport. Planning for the development of sports played in Renfrewshire is a major consideration in this study and will contribute to action plans and investment decisions for the Council and its partners.

Community Sports Hubs

Community Sports Hubs (CSH) are designed to make the best use of local facilities in order to give communities more opportunities to participate in sport. They are a collection of local facilities, natural environment and schools that provide a home for local clubs and sports organisations. The CSH were first proposed in the previous Playing Field Strategy in 2009 as a way to improve the management of facilities by working closer with clubs.

The specifics of each CSH may differ to the next depending on the local need and resources in that area. However, all hubs have the same five principles:

- ◀ Growth in participation
- ◀ Engage the local community
- ◀ Promote community leadership
- ◀ Offer a range of sporting opportunities
- ◀ Bring all appropriate (key) partners/groups/people together

In Renfrewshire there are a total of seven CSH:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| ◀ Renfrew and Gallowhill | ◀ Ferguslie |
| ◀ Paisley South | ◀ Linwood |
| ◀ Paisley East | ◀ Erskine |
| ◀ Johnstone | |

PART 3: SPORTS PITCH STRATEGY METHODOLOGY

This section of the report details the methodology which has been followed to deliver the findings. **sportscotland**'s 'Guide to the Preparation of Sports Pitch Strategies' (2004) outlines five key steps to producing a sports pitch strategy:

1. Defining the scope of the strategy
2. Preparing an inventory of facilities
3. Estimating demand
4. Comparing supply and demand
5. Produce a Sports Pitch Strategy

This document is the evidence of steps 2-4. The key issues identified will then help to inform development of the 'Strategy and Action Plan' document to follow.

The assessment and analysis in this report is based on Sport England's (SE) playing pitch strategy methodology (which has been adopted by **sportscotland**) 'Towards a Level Playing Field' (2003). This outlines specific criteria for assessing the quantity, quality, capacity and accessibility of playing pitches and ancillary facilities. It provides clear guidance on assessment of supply and demand for sports pitches and the types and levels of analysis required in order for the local authority to plan effectively to meet local needs.

3.1 Preparing an inventory of facilities

A total of 66 sites containing outdoor sports facilities have been identified in Renfrewshire regardless of ownership or usage.

The audit covers all outdoor sports facilities for which there is currently organised, structured play on, as follows:

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby pitches
- ◀ Synthetic grass pitches (SGPs)

The ownership and accessibility of sports pitches will also influence their actual availability for community use. The term 'community use' has been adopted and defined as:

- ◀ All Renfrewshire Council (RC) and Renfrewshire Leisure (RL) owned sites (regardless of management).
- ◀ School facilities used by community sports clubs for regular competitive fixtures.
- ◀ Any facilities that are owned, used or maintained by clubs/private individuals and which, as a matter of policy and practice, are available to large sections of the public through membership of a club or through an admission fee.

3.2 Determining pitch quality

Auditing sports pitches and assessing the level of availability is largely achieved through site visits. The 'electronic toolkit', which accompanies 'Towards a Level Playing Field' has been used to collect qualitative information.

The pitch assessment sheet is a 'tick box' assessment which rates various elements of pitch quality with a separate assessment sheet for changing accommodation. It should be noted that the pitch assessment also takes into account whether changing rooms and car parking exist on the site. However, the total pitch score is not significantly affected. This information is scored, converted into a percentage (of the highest score possible) and also into a qualitative rating. The qualitative ratings for pitch quality are:

90% +	An excellent pitch
64-90%	A good pitch
55-64%	An average pitch
30-54%	A below average pitch
Less than 30%	A poor pitch

For ease of analysis, KKP has combined this into a three-point scale:

- ◀ An excellent pitch or good pitch = **good quality**
- ◀ An average pitch = **adequate quality**
- ◀ A below average pitch or poor pitch = **poor quality**

The qualitative ratings for changing accommodation quality are listed as:

90% +	Excellent	30-39%	Poor
60-89%	Good	Less than 30%	Very poor
40-59%	Average		

It should be noted that the club and school surveys and the non-technical pitch assessment sheet in the electronic toolkit all have different scales for rating the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities. On this basis, KKP uses the 'non-technical pitch assessment sheet' to assess all pitches in order that consistent information is presented.

Database development

All information relating to sports pitches across Renfrewshire is collated in the project database (supplied as an electronic file). All sites included within the audit, as identified by RC, supplemented by KKP and assessed by KKP are included within the KKP project database. This includes quality scores from the pitch assessments.

3.3 Estimating demand

The first step to identifying current demand for outdoor sports facilities is to determine where all teams play and when. Team identification was undertaken via consultation with governing bodies of sport, leagues and clubs.

All clubs playing on outdoor sports facilities in Renfrewshire were given the opportunity to complete a survey which sought to gather views and opinions regarding quality and quantity of provision. In addition, RC officers and national governing body officers advised

which key clubs to meet with in a series of face-to-face consultations to further discuss issues.

Non responding sports clubs were chased via telephone to help secure greater response rates. Information from league consultation is used in situations where clubs were not able to be contacted.

3.4 Capacity

Capacity of current pitch stock is calculated by looking at the current number of total matches being played on a site over a week. This is dependent on the number of pitches and their carrying capacity. A pitches carrying capacity is based on the quality rating it receives. Taking into consideration national guidelines on capacity the following was concluded:

If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.	
If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as one match per week.	
If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as 0.5 match every other week.	

Through comparing the number of matches taking place against the 'capacity' of a site it is therefore possible to determine which pitches are currently being overplayed.

3.4 Comparing supply and demand

Where appropriate (predominately for grass pitches) a seven-stage process has been followed to produce a supply and demand assessment:

- ◀ Identifying teams/team equivalents
- ◀ Calculating home games per team per week
- ◀ Assessing total home games per week
- ◀ Establishing peak demand for pitches
- ◀ Defining pitches used/required on each day
- ◀ Establishing pitches available
- ◀ Assessing the findings

Analysis areas

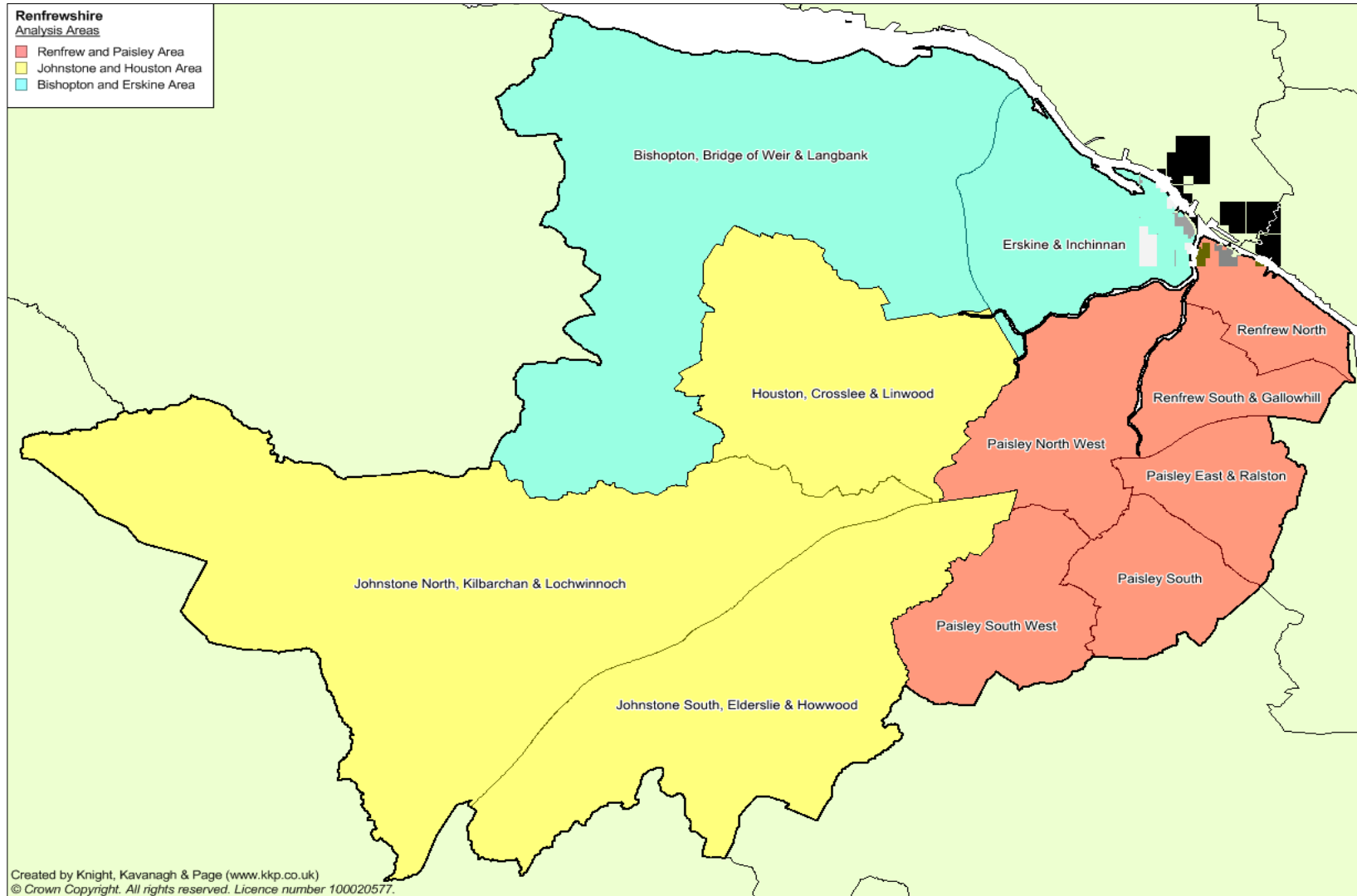
For mapping purposes and audit analysis, Renfrewshire is divided into three analysis areas (using ward boundaries – see map overleaf):

- ◀ Renfrew and Paisley area
- ◀ Johnstone and Houston area
- ◀ Bishopton and Erskine area

These allow more localised assessment of provision and examination of facility surplus and deficiencies at a local level. Use of analysis areas also allows local circumstances and issues to be taken into account.

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Figure 3.1: Renfrewshire analysis areas



3.5: Report structure

The following sections summarise the local administration of the outdoor sports in Renfrewshire.

- Part 4: Football pitches
- Part 5: Cricket pitches
- Part 6: Rugby pitches
- Part 7: Synthetic grass pitches (SGPs) including hockey
- Part 8: Education

Each provides a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It also provides information about the availability of facilities to/for the local community and, the governing body of each sport and regional strategic plans (where they exist). Local league details are provided in order to outline the competitive structure for each sport. The findings of club consultation and key issues for each sport are also summarised.

It is important to recognise that there may also be a number of other minor sports and pitches/playing fields that sit outside of the scope of this Study; for example, archery and American football. These forms of provision may have a relevance to local communities not just for formal sport but for wider recreational uses and community events. For example, a site containing pitches is likely to not just be used for football; as it is also likely to provide recreational opportunities for local communities to use for informal activities.

PART 4: FOOTBALL

4.1: Introduction

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) is the main governing body for both professional and non-professional football in Scotland and Renfrewshire. It has a number of affiliated associations that manage different formats of the game which are summarised below:

Table 4.1: Summary of affiliated associations

Organisation	Role and responsibilities
Scottish FA (SFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ The SFA is the governing body for the sport in Scotland, with ultimate responsibility for the administration and running of the professional game and strategic responsibility for the affiliated associations beneath it, as follows.
Scottish Amateur FA (SAFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ The purpose of the SAFA is to legislate for, and to foster, the game of football as played by amateurs. It organises a number of cup competitions at National and District level.
Scottish Junior FA (SJFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ The Scottish Junior Football Association aims to foster and develop the game of football among all Junior clubs in Scotland.
Scottish Schools Football Association (SSFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ The Scottish Schools Football Association oversees primary and secondary school football at regional, national, and international level.
Scottish Women's Football (SWF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ The Scottish Women's Football Association was formed in 1972, when four teams met and decided to form an Association. ◀ To date there is in the region of 4,000 players registered with SWF. Women's football is looked upon as one of the major growth sports.
Scottish Youth FA (SYFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ SYFA is the national governing body of youth football in Scotland. It is responsible for every day, recreational, grassroots football in Scotland and includes age groups up to (and including) the age of 21.
Scottish Welfare FA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Mostly concurrent with the SAFA, it oversees circa 500 clubs for summer and winter football.

Scottish Youth FA Review

The Scottish FA, in partnership with the SYFA implemented a player pathway in 2011 (mandatory) which has resulted in an increase in the small sided format of the game; providing a better transition through the system.

Playing smaller-sided games has been proven to give children an increased number of touches of the ball, while providing more goals and scoring attempts, more one-v-one encounters and a greater chance to attempt dribbling skills.

Predominantly the smaller sided formats of the game are played on synthetic pitches across Renfrewshire. There are a number of 'central venues' in the area which act as the hosts for the majority of these matches. This is set out in more detail further in the report.

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SFA Quality Mark

The SFA Quality Mark scheme is designed to support and recognise the work of clubs and teams who have a desire to be the very best they can be. To gain the award clubs must meet a set of criteria.

Each accredited club is assigned a Regional Development Manager to support them. As part of the process clubs are provided a number of best practice examples including templates and case studies to help them in their development.

In total, 13 football clubs in Renfrewshire have been awarded SFA Quality Mark Standard, Community or Development accreditation.

Consultation

In addition to face to face and telephone consultation with key clubs, an electronic survey was sent to all known football clubs playing in Renfrewshire, contact details were provided by leagues servicing the Area and background research. The invitation to complete it was distributed by email. The survey was returned by 36 clubs (equating to a 75% response rate). Results are used to inform key issues throughout this section of the report.

4.2: Current supply of grass pitches

The audit identifies 33 sites containing grass football pitches in Renfrewshire and providing a total of 63 grass football pitches.

Table 4.2: Summary of all grass pitches

Analysis area	Number of pitches		
	11 v 11	7 v 7	4 v 4
Renfrew and Paisley	33	5	2
Johnstone and Houston	13	1	-
Bishopton and Erskine	5	3	1
RENFREWSHIRE	51	9	3

Of these, 24 sites provide a total of 50 grass football pitches which are available for community use.

Table 4.3: Summary of grass pitches available for community use

Analysis area	Number of pitches		
	11 v 11	7 v 7	4 v 4
Renfrew and Paisley	28	2	2
Johnstone and Houston	10	1	-
Bishopton and Erskine	5	1	1
RENFREWSHIRE	43	4	3

Please note that the audit only assesses dedicated, line marked pitches. It is likely that some younger age groups will play across senior pitches or on informal pitches marked

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out with cones. The majority of the smaller sided formats of the game are played on synthetic pitches.

The methodology identifies that a senior size 11v11 pitch is recommended at 100m x 60m (not inclusive of a 3m runoff on each side). The minimum size of a youth 7v7 pitch is 60mx 40m and a 4v4 pitch 30m x 20m.

The following sites are identified as being available for community use but have no competitive play recorded against them:

- ◀ Erskine (Barwood)
- ◀ Glennifer High School
- ◀ St Benedict's High School
- ◀ India Tyres, Inchinnan
- ◀ University of West Scotland
- ◀ Bridge of Weir Primary School
- ◀ Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)
- ◀ Renfrew Leisure Centre
- ◀ Bishopton Primary School
- ◀ Woodlands Primary School

A lot of these sites are identified as educational establishments. The three primary schools identify that the pitch provision on site is available for community use. However, no actual play is recorded due to a lack of interest. This is most likely a result of the smaller pitch dimensions and poor quality of surfaces. Woodlands Primary School is the only one to have changing facilities that are available for community use.

Both Glennifer High School and St Benedict's High School highlight that pitches are available but not currently used. Although Glennifer High School has a full size 3G pitch that is used by the community outside of school hours; particularly for mini league and club training. The reason for no community use at St Benedict's is due to issues with poor drainage on the grass pitches. This results in provision often not being fit for use by the community but also for the school curriculum.

The pitches at the Erskine (Barwood), India Tyres and Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre) are all identified as suffering from waterlogging. Subsequently there is no recent or regular competitive matches played on these sites. This is despite some of these sites being solely used by a set club, for example, Park Moor FC at India Tyres. The Club has had to use other sites such as Park Mains High School and Inchinnan Village pitch.

As part of the previous playing field strategy several sites were identified for consideration to be available for leasing. These included:

- ◀ Perimeter Road, Linwood
- ◀ Montgomery Avenue, Gallowhill
- ◀ Ardgriffe Park, Houston
- ◀ Houston Road, Bridge of Weir
- ◀ Howwood
- ◀ Moss Road, Bridge of Weir
- ◀ Kilbarchan Park
- ◀ Knockfield Park
- ◀ Lochwinnoch, Viewfield

There are a number of these pitches that are currently not available for use. These sites are either not marked or maintained as pitches. The table below summarises the situation for some of these sites and others identified as not in use:

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Table 4.4: Council sites currently not available for use

Site name	Comment
Howwood	Not marked, no signs of use
Ardgryffe Park	Poor surface but club interest for lease
Durrockstock	Originally a GARL replacement pitch. Currently not in use but awaiting water connection
Lochfield	Not in use due to surface issues
Morar Drive	Currently not is use but to be re-instated
Miller Street	Currently not is use but plan to be re-instated for hub use. Awaiting pitch work (rolling/harrowing).
Moss Road Park, Bridge of Weir	No pitch marked, signs of water logging
Houston Road, Bridge of Weir	Not marked, no signs of use. standing water noted

The Council identifies that a couple of these sites (as indicated in the table) have the potential to be re-instated if required.

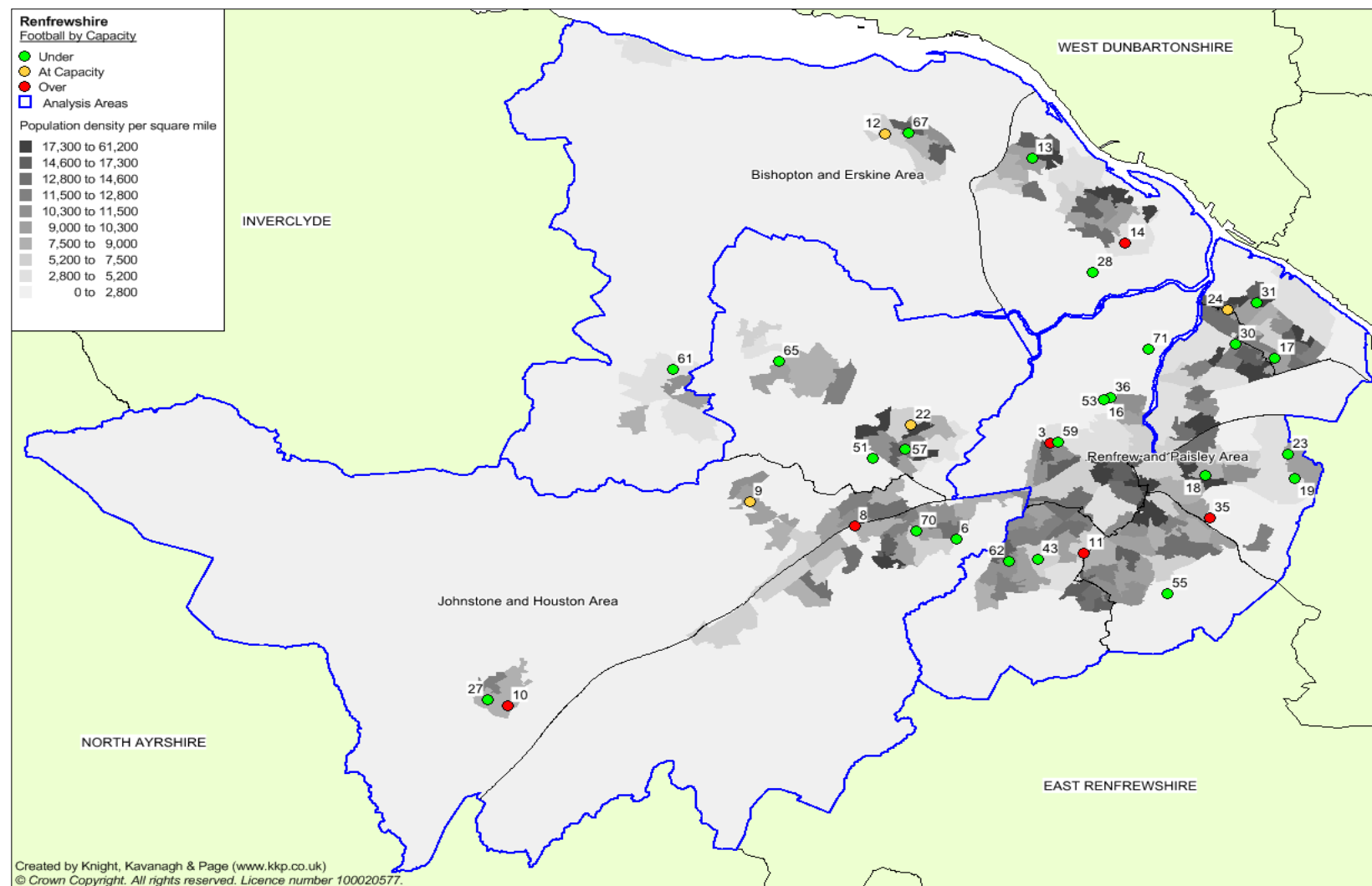
Clubs report an interest in using sites such as Miller Street, Ardgryffe Park, Moss Road and Houston Road. This is on the basis that pitches are marked and maintained as well as sufficient changing facilities being available.

The Council also identifies the potential for two additional pitches to be provided on the King George V (KGV) site. These are currently not in place due to ongoing work by Scottish Water on collapsed drains.

The Glasgow Airport Rail Link (GARL) development was to see improvements undertaken to the St James and Ferguslie pitches and changing facilities. As part of the proposed development a series of temporary pitches across Renfrewshire were created to rebalance the loss of pitches at the St James site. As the GARL development never occurred, the improvements to the sites never took place.

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Figure 4.1: Location of all grass football pitches in Renfrewshire mapped by pitch capacity



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Table 4.5: Key to map – Council sites

Site name	Site ID	Analysis area	Community use?	No. of pitches		
				11v11	7v7	4v4
Bishopton	12	Bishopton & Erskine Area	Yes	2		
Erskine (Barwood)	13	Bishopton & Erskine Area	Yes	1		
Inchinnan	14	Bishopton & Erskine Area	Yes	1		
India Tyres, Inchinnan	28	Bishopton & Erskine Area	Yes	1	1	1
Bridge of Weir Primary School	61	Bishopton & Erskine Area	No		1	
Bishopton Primary School	67	Bishopton & Erskine Area	No		1	
Glenpatrick ¹	6	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	2		
Thomas Shanks	8	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	2		
Kilbarchan	9	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	1		
Lochwinnoch	10	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	1		
Linwood Sports Centre	22	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	2		
Viewfield Park	27	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	1		
St Benedict's High School	51	Johnstone & Houston Area	No	2		
Woodlands Primary School	57	Johnstone & Houston Area	No	1		
Houston Primary School	65	Johnstone & Houston Area	No		1	
Ferguslie Park	3	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	2		
Moredun	11	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		
St James	16	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	7		1
KGV (King George V Playing Fields)	17	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	7		
Seedhill	18	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	2		
Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)	23	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		
Kirklandneuk Playing Field	24	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	2	2	
Renfrew Leisure Centre	30	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		
Gleniffer High School	43	Renfrew & Paisley Area	No	2		
St James (overmarked mini on KKP 16)	53	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes			1
Glencoats Primary School	59	Renfrew & Paisley Area	No		1	
Heriot Primary School	62	Renfrew & Paisley Area	No		1	

¹ A quarter of land is owned by private contractor; may result in reduction in pitch size to 1x11v11 & 1x7v7.

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Table 4.6: Key to map – private sites

Site name	Site ID	Analysis area	Community use?	No. of pitches		
				11v11	7v7	4v4
Thomas Shanks	8	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	2		
Keanie Park	70	Johnstone & Houston Area	Yes	1		
Ralston	19	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	2		
Western Park	31	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		
Jenny's Well Playing Field	35	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		1
Kibble Playing Field	36	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	1		
University of West Scotland	55	Renfrew & Paisley Area	No	1		
Abbotsinch	71	Renfrew & Paisley Area	Yes	2	1	

The map indicates that the majority of provision is located in the Renfrew and Paisley Analysis Area. However, in general, provision is distributed around the east of Renfrewshire.

Accessibility

The football club survey responses suggest that nearly three fifths (58%) of players travel between two and five miles in order to play. A further 19% travel up to two miles whilst a further 19% identify players travel over five miles.

In addition, some clubs report having to travel greater distances in order to access pitches/facilities for playing and training. These clubs appear to be predominantly from the Johnstone and Houston/Bridge of Weir areas. Mapping also suggests that these areas are lacking in pitch provision.

4.3: Demand

There are 49 clubs, providing a total of 251 teams playing on all types of football pitches in Renfrewshire. Of these, 106 teams are identified as playing on grass pitches. The other 145 teams play 4v4 and 7v7 format and are identified as playing on synthetic surfaces. The Renfrew and Paisley Analysis Area has the largest number of teams (71 in total).

Table 4.7: Summary of teams playing on grass football pitches

Analysis area	No. of competitive teams			
	11 v 11 Men	11 v 11 Women	7 v 7 Boys	7 v 7 Girls
Renfrew and Paisley	67	-	4	-
Johnstone and Houston	20	-	-	-
Bishopton and Erskine	13	2	-	-
RENFREWSHIRE	100	2	4	-

In addition to the above, a further 62 teams playing the 4v4 format and 71 teams playing the 7v7 format of the game are identified as also playing in Renfrewshire. Matches for smaller sided formats take place on synthetic grass pitches (SGPs) at 'central venues'.

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SGPs are covered in more detail in Part 7. These teams compete in the Paisley, Johnstone and District Youth League.

Sites used to host games are:

- ◀ Johnstone High School – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Seedhill Sports Centre – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Park Mains High School – Saturday (9am to 12pm)
- ◀ Ferguslie – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Ralston Sports Complex – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)

The Paisley, Johnstone and District Youth League is the largest football league to service Renfrewshire. A total of 198 teams are identified as playing in the league. It provides a competitive league structure for age groups from six years of age up to 18 years.

In total there are nine leagues servicing Renfrewshire for senior football clubs.

- ◀ Paisley and District League
- ◀ Greater Glasgow Premier Football League
- ◀ Glasgow and District Youth Football League
- ◀ Scottish Junior Football League
- ◀ Caledonian Football League
- ◀ Scottish Amateur Football League
- ◀ Glasgow and District Saturday Morning League
- ◀ Strathclyde Saturday Morning League
- ◀ Glasgow Sunday Central Amateur Football League

The largest provider of senior football in Renfrewshire is the Paisley and District League; with 19 clubs. Other noticeable leagues identified as containing Renfrewshire based clubs include the Scottish Amateur Football League, Greater Glasgow Premier Football League and the Glasgow and District Saturday Morning League.

Temporal demand identifies times of peak demand and use of pitches (for matches only) throughout the course of a week. The peak time usage of 11v11 grass pitches in Renfrewshire is a Saturday pm.

Women's and girls' football

There are a total of 12 women's and girls' football teams playing in Renfrewshire; three are identified as senior women's teams and nine are junior girls' teams. All 18 teams are provided at seven clubs. It should be noted that girls are able to play within youth teams and mini teams (with boys) up until the age of 15. Subsequently there may be less demand for clubs to specifically field girls' teams.

However, in the last few years the number of girls' teams in Renfrewshire has grown. The girls' and ladies teams all compete in the Scottish Women's Leagues. The League, run by the SFA, has a large geographical spread and is not restricted to Renfrewshire alone.

The three women's teams playing in Renfrewshire are Paisley Saints, Bishopton Ladies and Renfrew Ladies. All three play in the Scottish Women's Senior League.

The seasons for both the women's and girls' leagues runs from March to November. This includes a one month hiatus during July (due to school holidays and to allow some respite time). The format changed from the traditional September to May format in order to reduce the impact of games being cancelled during the winter months.

Women's football is a priority area for the SFA. In order to increase participation the SFA has a dedicated Girls/Women's Club Officer. Any significant increase in girls/women's football is likely to impact in terms of facilities required.

Latent demand

Latent demand is defined as the number of additional teams that could be fielded if there was access to a sufficient number of pitches. Consultation identifies that there are several clubs in Renfrewshire that currently express demand which they cannot meet due to lack of access to grass pitches. The table below summaries the latent demand identified by consultation.

Most latent demand in Renfrewshire is expressed for youth teams. Based on the player pathway system this equates to latent demand for eight teams at the 4v4 game, six teams at the 7v7 game and 16 teams at the 11v11 game. This converts to the need for an additional four 4v4 pitches, three 7v7 pitches and eight 11v11 pitches².

Future demand

Through consultation with the SFA and clubs, it is estimated that most likely growth in football will be seen in smaller sided format age groups.

Analysis of club survey responses identifies that 14 clubs have plans to increase the number of teams they provide. This predominantly relates to an increase of youth teams; approximately 15 youth boys' teams and eight girls' teams in total.

Most of these teams are identified by the clubs as being able to be accommodated at existing sites. As most of the teams plan to be at the age level where matches take place on synthetic pitches at 'central venues' i.e. Seedhill, Ferguslie, Johnstone High School.

Three clubs also highlight plans to increase the number of senior men's team. Only one states that the additional team could play at an existing site (e.g. Ferguslie).

4.4: Key issues for football

Condition/maintenance

Generally the issue of flooding and drainage of sites was highlighted by clubs as a common problem in response to the consultation. Often this is cited as being due to insufficient drainage of pitches. Subsequently this regularly results in the cancellation of matches. Drainage and flooding is also identified through the site visit assessments as being an issue. Specific sites where this is an issue are highlighted later in the report.

The wet condition of pitches has an impact on the level of grounds maintenance that can be delivered. For instance cutting equipment cannot be used on sites due to prolonged periods of wet weather. This is likely to further exacerbate the need for clubs to be able to access SGP facilities.

² The number of additional pitches required is based on a team playing on a home and away basis i.e. two additional teams would only require one additional pitch as only one team would be at home each week. 0.5 can be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.

Sites such as St James have historical problems with a high water table; resulting in continuing issues with drainage. The site was identified for improvements to be undertaken as part of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link (GARL) development. Changing facilities on site would also have been improved. As part of the proposed development a series of temporary pitches across Renfrewshire were created to rebalance the loss of pitches at the St James site. As the GARL development never occurred, the improvements to the sites never took place. Subsequently there are a number of pitches that exist that were never intended to be used for such prolonged use. However, since the last Playing Field Strategy there has been upgrading of pitches at sites such as Penilee and Seedhill.

Pitch allocation and cost

A number of clubs report the process for accessing pitches across Renfrewshire sites as being difficult. The main issue relates to the weekly format of fixtures being released by leagues. Clubs only receive fixtures the week before matches are due to take place. This means clubs all try to find a suitable venue at same time. As a result no block booking of sites/pitches is possible (as a club does not know its fixtures). Several clubs report difficulty in finding a preferred site to play matches.

Clubs also highlight some issues with being a hub club but not being able to book pitches within their own hub areas (due to demand outweighing supply). In addition, if a clubs own stock of hub pitches is fully booked they do not have priority for use of other hub area pitches. Hub clubs are clubs that have signed up to one of the seven 'Community Sports Hubs' (CSH) in Renfrewshire. These hubs act as a base for local facilities (including pitches) and are designed to make it easier for local people to engage in active lifestyles (i.e. a club signed up to a CSH should access one of the CSH pitches).

The cost of pitch hire for match play does not necessarily seem to be an issue for most clubs. Whilst there are some clubs that do refer to the price being expensive, most clubs do not identify cost of pitch hire for match play as being a particular concern. Where an issue is highlighted by clubs is in terms of pitch hire cost for training purposes.

Training

Nearly all clubs identify that training takes place on SGPs. A couple of clubs identify using grassed areas adjacent or close to their match pitches. However, in general, most clubs access SGPs.

The majority of clubs responding to the survey (69%) identify demand for access to additional facilities to accommodate training. This is supported by consultation with clubs met with face to face (e.g. St Peter's Boys FC, Renfrew Victoria, Erskine YFC). Demand for SGPs is also further demonstrated through their use to accommodate the majority of the smaller sided formats of the game. In addition, the existing SGPs are also used to help catch up on the backlog of matches cancelled as a result of games being called off due to the weather/ poor pitch surfaces.

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Pitch quality³

The non technical site assessments carried out scores over two fifths (41%) of football pitches in Renfrewshire as 'average' quality (according to a set criteria considering elements such as grass coverage, evenness of pitch, line markings, goal posts). Individual pitch quality scores can be viewed in the accompanying project database.

There is a mixed opinion gained from consultation with clubs. A third of clubs (33%) responding to the survey, suggest that the quality of provision across Renfrewshire (including local authority pitches) is average. Slightly fewer clubs (28%) rate quality of pitch provision as good or poor respectively.

Relating to this, most clubs (42%) indicate that there has been no difference in the quality of pitches compared to last season. This is followed by nearly a third of clubs (31%) rating the quality of pitches as being much or slightly worse; a combination of drainage, water logging and inadequate maintenance are given as the main reasons for this. Conversely a total of 17% of clubs responding to the survey suggest pitches are much or slightly better than last season. Reasons for this include pitch/drainage improvement works being undertaken.

The table below summarises the quality of pitches following site assessments. All sites were assessed regardless of management, ownership or availability.

Table 4.8: Summary of quality for all grass pitches

11 v 11 pitches			7 v 7 pitches			4 v 4 pitches		
48			12			3		
Good	Average	Poor	Good	Average	Poor	Good	Average	Poor
18	21	9	3	4	5	1	1	1

Nearly one quarter (24%) of the pitches are assessed as poor quality. The following sites contain pitches which have been assessed as below average:

- ◀ Kilbarchan
- ◀ Lochwinnoch
- ◀ Moredun
- ◀ Bishopton
- ◀ Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)
- ◀ India Tyres, Inchinnan
- ◀ Renfrew Leisure Centre
- ◀ St Benedict's High School
- ◀ Woodlands Primary School
- ◀ Bridge of Weir
- ◀ Heriot Primary School
- ◀ Houston Primary School

Drainage and issues with flooding are noted for all these sites. Quality and pitch issues for school sites are covered in the education section later in the report.

³ Site assessments were undertaken by KKP during the winter months (February).

Ancillary facilities

Quality of changing facilities in Renfrewshire is variable. The site visit assessments found changing accommodation at most Renfrewshire Council and Renfrewshire Leisure run sports centres as being, in general, of a good standard. The exception to this is the changing accommodation at St James. Facilities on the site are large but considered old fashioned (i.e. a locker style system rather than individual rooms). Clubs also highlight the quality of the changing facilities on site as being in need of attention.

Consultation with clubs also highlights that the amount of changing rooms available at KGV do not match with the number of pitches on site (i.e. there is a shortage of changing rooms particularly as officials have to use a set).

Within Renfrewshire there are a number of sites with container style changing facilities. These are in most instances viewed by clubs as being of a poor quality. However, container style facilities are not the only changing facilities solely viewed as poor; a number of sites with built changing facilities are also rated poorly. Sites recognised as being in need of repair and/or updating include:

- ◀ Bishopton
- ◀ Moredun
- ◀ Jenny's Well – non-council (private) site with container style
- ◀ Lochwinnoch – changing facilities closed
- ◀ Inchinnan
- ◀ Thomas Shanks
- ◀ Seedhill – quality sufficient but not enough

Both the Thomas Shanks and Lochwinnoch sites have interest from clubs to lease on long term basis. The latter already has an informal agreement of use for Calderglen FC (that would like a more formal agreement). Thorn Athletic FC, Fordbank FC and Johnstone Burgh FC collectively signal an interest in leasing the former.

There are also a few sites where a lack of appropriate changing facilities results in the pitches on site not being used. A stipulation for leagues such as Paisley and District Youth League is for changing accommodation to be available at the site. Sites identified as potentially being able to accommodate play but which currently do not due to surface quality issues and a lack of changing facilities are:

- ◀ Ardgryffe Park
- ◀ Bridge of Weir Park

Both Ardgryffe and Bridge of Weir sites are identified in the previous Playing Field Strategy as being considered for community lease/use. Houston United identifies an interest in these sites for lease as a home ground.

A lack of appropriate changing facilities not only restricts pitch use but also impacts on club growth. The following clubs identify that they could produce more teams if they had access to better quality ancillary facilities.

The Council is currently looking to establish Key Holder Agreements in order to help address any issues with access to changing facilities. A 'key holder' will be a member of one of the CSHs and will be responsible for unlocking/locking a changing facility. This should help with easier access for users to accommodation.

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Table 4.9: Summary of Council ancillary facility issues

Club	Site	Requirements
Glenvale FC	Ferguslie Park	Increased access to meeting room and equipment storage.
Ferguslie Star FC	Ferguslie Park	Better quality changing facilities.
Inchinnan Community Club FC	Inchinnan	Better quality changing facilities.
Johnstone Burgh FC	Johnstone area	Additional changing and girls facilities
Calderglen FC	Lochwinnoch.	Upgraded changing rooms and showers
Paisley Athletic FC	St James	Bigger and better changing facilities
Thorn Athletic	Thomas Shanks	Additional changing rooms and showers

Table 4.10: Summary of Private ancillary facility issues

Club	Site	Requirements
St Mirren YFC	Jenny's Well	Player and officials changing facilities and small dedicated car park.
Parkmoor FC	India Drive, Inchinnan	Secure changing facilities and better pitch drainage.
Renfrew FC	Western Park	Better ancillary facilities

The majority of clubs (86%) that responded to the survey state they have changing facilities available on the sites they use. Most of these clubs rate the quality of changing accommodation as being either good (36%) or poor (33%) quality. Other ratings include average (22%) and do not state (9%). Clubs which rate changing facilities as good quality are using sites such as KGV, Seedhill and Park Mains High School. Those rating changing accommodation as poor are using, for example, other sites such as Ferguslie Park, Lochwinnoch and Thomas Shanks.

Facility development

A small number of clubs in Renfrewshire report specific pitch/facility development aspirations which are summarised below. The table merely reports what has been highlighted during the consultation process, it is not an indication that clubs are currently in the process of undertaking these plans. For any such development to take place there would be need for the Club to have its own site plus it would require support from partners such as SFA and the Council.

Table 4.11: Facility development aspiration

Club	Aspiration
Arkleston Athletic FC	Aspiration of own 3G pitch if funding can be secured
Renfrew FC	Plan to move to new ground; to be built at Blythwood Retail Park in 2014
St Mirren YFC	Development of Jenny's Well Park and other facility initiatives
Parkmoor FC	Look to attract new youth teams and develop a hub location
Bridgewater BC	Take boys to 11 a-side format in July 2015

In addition to the above, Linwood Community Development Trust highlights plans to develop a 3G football pitch. The Trust is a group of volunteers from the local community with the aim to improve the health and wellbeing whilst reducing social inequalities in the Linwood area. One of the key projects for the group is to develop a 3G facility in the Area; as currently only the two grass pitches at Linwood Sports Centre service Linwood. As part of this, the Trust is currently building a business case towards the development of community/football facilities.

4.5: Capacity analysis

This section presents the current pitch stock available for football in Renfrewshire. The capacity tables are presented within the accompanying project database. It illustrates the:

- ◀ Number of pitches rated as Good (G), Average (A) and Poor (P) on each site.
- ◀ Type of pitch(es) on each site (i.e., 11v11, 7v7, 4v4).

The column entitled 'matches per week' is split into three sections – play, capacity and rating:

- ◀ The current level of play per week (0.5 for each match played at the site, assuming half of matches will be played 'away').
- ◀ The capacity of the pitches on each site.
- ◀ The rating of the pitches, which indicates if pitches are played under capacity (green), played at capacity (amber) or played over-capacity (red).

Calculation of *capacity* is based on the qualitative ratings⁴. Taking into consideration national guidelines on capacity the following was concluded:

If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.	
If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as one match per week.	
If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as 0.5 match every other week.	

⁴ Quality ratings of pitches was undertaken by site visits carried out in February 2014

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Table 4.12: Football pitch quality and capacity summary – Council sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	11v11			7v7			4v4			Actual play	Site capacity	Capacity rating	Site comment
			G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P				
12	Bishopton	Bishopton and Erskine Area		1	1							1.5	1.5		Pitch 2 slopes
13	Erskine (Barwood)	Bishopton and Erskine Area		1								-	1.0		Waterlogged
14	Inchinnan	Bishopton and Erskine Area		1								2.0	1.0		Drainage issues
6	Glenpatrick	Johnstone and Houston Area	2									1.5	4.0		¼ of land privately owned
8	Thomas Shanks	Johnstone and Houston Area		2								4.0	2.0		
9	Kilbarchan	Johnstone and Houston Area			1							0.5	0.5		
10	Lochwinnoch	Johnstone and Houston Area			1							1.0	0.5		
22	Linwood Sports Centre	Johnstone and Houston Area		2								2.0	2.0		
27	Viewfield Park	Johnstone and Houston Area	1									0.5	2.0		
3	Ferguslie Park	Renfrew and Paisley Area		2								3.0	2.0		
11	Moredun	Renfrew and Paisley Area			1							1.5	0.5		Flooding issue
16	St James	Renfrew and Paisley Area		7								6.5	7.0		
17	KGV (King George V Playing Fields)	Renfrew and Paisley Area	7									12.0	14.0		
18	Seedhill	Renfrew and Paisley Area	1	1								2.0	3.0		
23	Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)	Renfrew and Paisley Area			1							-	0.5		Waterlogged
24	Kirklandneuk Playing Field	Renfrew and Paisley Area		2			2					4.0	4.0		Can waterlog
30	Renfrew Leisure Centre	Renfrew and Paisley Area			1							-	0.5		Unused due to quality issues
53	St James (over marked mini)	Renfrew and Paisley Area							1			-	2.0		

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Table 4.13: Football pitch quality and capacity summary – Private sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	11v11			7v7			4v4			Actual play	Site capacity	Capacity rating	Site comment
			G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P				
28	India Tyres, Inchinnan	Bishopton and Erskine Area			1			1			1	-	1.5		Unusable due to poor quality (Scottish Enterprise)
70	Keanie Park	Johnstone and Houston Area	1									0.5	2.0		Private club site
31	Western Park	Renfrew and Paisley Area		1								0.5	1.0		Private club site
35	Jenny's Well Playing Field	Renfrew and Paisley Area		1						1		2.5	2.0		Private club site
36	Kibble Playing Field	Renfrew and Paisley Area	1									0.5	2.0		Private site
71	Abbotsinch	Renfrew and Paisley Area	2			1						3.0	6.0		Private club site

Supply and demand analysis

Overplay occurs when there is more play accommodated than the site is able to sustain (which is often dependent upon pitch quality).

In summary, six sites are overplayed in Renfrewshire. Of particular note is the amount of overplay/demand expressed at Thomas Shanks and Ferguslie Park. Pitches at both of these sites are assessed as average quality. They are overused beyond their recommended capacity due to the number of fixtures being accommodated. Both sites are used by a variety of clubs. Retaining this level of play at these sites may in the future start to impact on the quality of the pitches. Furthermore, Clubs such as Glenvale FC, Thorn Athletic FC, Kilbarchan FC and Johnstone Burgh FC, which all identify as playing at these sites, are identified as expressing latent demand for additional adult and youth teams.

In addition, other sites overplayed, such as Lochwinnoch and Moredun, are rated as having poor quality pitches. Current play identified on both sites could be accommodated if the quality of pitches could be improved.

There are four sites being played to capacity in Renfrewshire; Bishopton, Kilbarchan, Linwood Sports Centre and Kirklandneuk Playing Field. Both the Kilbarchan and Kirklandneuk sites have agreements for clubs to use. Any additional play on any of these sites is likely to further reduce the quality of the pitches on site. The Kilbarchan site is rated as a pitch of poor quality as is one of the pitches at Bishopton. Quality of the pitches is likely to be inhibiting the carrying capacity of these sites.

Demand for the pitches at the two larger sites of St James and KGV are currently being met. However, this is thought to be as a result of when demand for these pitches is at its peak. Clubs wishing to use the pitches are, in most instances, trying to use them for a Saturday PM kick-off. As there are only so many pitches available on these sites, once all pitches are allocated, clubs have to find another pitch/site. This is to some extent regulating the capacity of the sites when looked at for a weekly basis (as fewer matches are played on the sites outside of Saturdays).

There are a number of sites with spare capacity at peak time (14 sites). Spare capacity is more noticeable in the Renfrew and Paisley analysis area. However, the spare capacity at sites is not always genuine and can often be a result of a lack of demand for grass pitches or for other reasons (quality or lack of changing facilities). The site comments column in Table 10.4 identifies any reasons why sites with spare capacity may not be actual (genuine) spare capacity.

It is advisable to retain some spare capacity to account for latent demand and overplay of other sites. This can also help with allowing pitches to rest and rotate.

The priority should be in addressing those areas of Renfrewshire currently lacking in provision of pitches and at sites showing levels of overuse; important sites such as St James and KGV should also be recognised within this. Any opportunities to address such shortfalls through areas of new housing development should be explored. Key to this rebalancing of pitch provision and use across Renfrewshire is the provision of appropriate changing facilities. As highlighted earlier, there a number of sites with changing facilities in need of repair and/or lacking accommodation completely.

Football summary

- ◀ The audit identifies 24 sites providing grass football pitches currently available for community use in Renfrewshire, providing a total of 50 grass football pitches.
- ◀ 10 sites are available for community use but have no play recorded against them. There are also circa eight sites currently not available or in use due to surface or ancillary issues. These sites could offer potential capacity/additional pitches where current supply does not meet expressed demand.
- ◀ The majority of provision is located in the Renfrew and Paisley analysis area.
- ◀ There are a total of 251 teams playing football in Renfrewshire (across all surfaces). A total 106 of these teams play on grass football pitches. The Renfrew and Paisley Analysis Area has the largest number of teams (71 in total).
- ◀ Synthetic pitches are used to accommodate the majority of play for the smaller sided formats. During periods of bad weather they are also used to host some senior matches.
- ◀ Site assessments score over two fifths (41%) of football pitches in Renfrewshire as 'average'. However, nearly a quarter of pitches (24%) score poor for quality. Supporting this, club consultation suggests that the quality of provision is mixed. Drainage and issues with flooding are often cited as main reasons.
- ◀ Access to appropriate ancillary facilities is also variable across Renfrewshire. There are a number of sites with container style facilities or without any provision. This limits both their ability to host matches but can also impact on clubs looking to expand team numbers.
- ◀ Several clubs identify aspirations and plans to develop new and improved facilities. These predominantly relate to ancillary facilities plans and seeking of security of tenure on specific sites.
- ◀ Spare capacity is noted at football sites in Renfrewshire. However, there are several sites being overplayed or at capacity. In addition, there are other sites that are close to becoming 'at capacity' due to the large number of fixtures being accommodated.
- ◀ Furthermore, there are areas in Renfrewshire lacking in current pitch provision that require attention. There are also a number of sites with the potential to accommodate football pitches which are not currently used due to a lack of demand or quality issues.

PART 5: CRICKET

5.1: Introduction

Cricket Scotland (CS) is the governing and representative body for cricket within Scotland, including Renfrewshire Council. Its aim is to promote the game at all levels through partnership with professional and recreational cricketing clubs.

There are three cricket clubs in Renfrewshire. The main opportunity to play competitive cricket (for seniors and juniors) is through the Western District Cricket Union League.

Consultation

Consultation was carried out with Cricket Scotland and Renfrew Cricket Club and surveys were completed by Kelburne Cricket Club and Ferguslie Cricket Club with results of the consultation being used to inform key issues within this section of the report. Kelburne CC and Ferguslie CC both access their own home sites and Renfrew CC plays its home fixtures at King George V Playing Fields.

5.2: Current provision

There are three sites currently being used for competitive cricket in North Renfrewshire which are all located in the Renfrew and Paisley Analysis Area.

Table 5.1: Summary of pitches

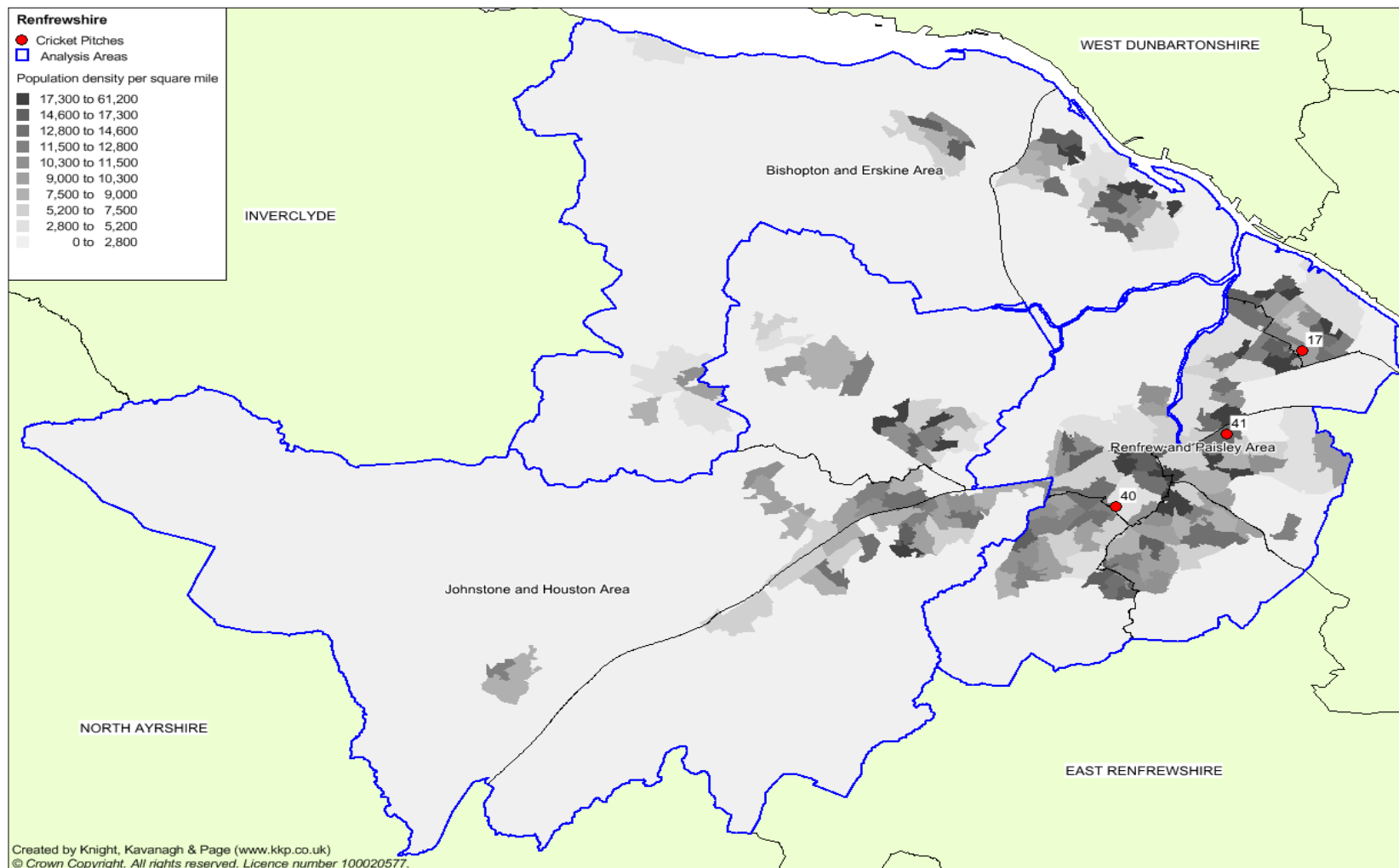
Analysis area	No. of pitches
Bishopton and Erskine Area	-
Johnstone and Houston Area	-
Renfrew and Paisley Area	3
RENFREWSHIRE	3

There is also an artificial cricket square at the Seedhill site. This is not currently in use.

Cricket Scotland identifies that a standard cricket pitch is 46m x 46m (minimum size) with 1.6 – 2.0 hectares maximum safety run-off.

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Figure 5.1: Location and availability of cricket pitches in Renfrewshire



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Table 5.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of cricket pitches	Wicket type
17	KGV (King George V Playing Fields)	Renfrew and Paisley	1	12 grass wickets
40	Ferguslie Cricket Club	Renfrew and Paisley	1	12 grass wickets
41	Kelburne Cricket Club	Renfrew and Paisley	1	10 grass wickets

5.3: Demand

Cricket clubs in Renfrewshire generate 21 cricket teams in total including 9 junior and 12 senior teams. There are currently no senior women's or junior girl's cricket teams. However, junior girls are permitted to play in junior boys' teams dependent on league specifications.

Table 5.3: Summary of teams playing in Renfrewshire

Analysis area	Number of teams	
	Senior	Junior
Bishopton and Erskine	-	-
Johnstone and Houston	-	-
Renfrew and Paisley	12	9
RENFREWSHIRE	12	9

An analysis of match play identifies that peak time demand for senior cricket pitches in Renfrewshire is Saturday for seniors and midweek for juniors.

All three clubs have teams in both junior and senior age groups playing within competitive leagues.

Kelburne CC provides four senior teams, two of which play Saturday fixtures, one on Sundays and one midweek. It also fields an U18 (in conjunction with a club from another local authority) and an U11 team which plays fixtures midweek.

Ferguslie CC has three senior teams. Two play on Saturday and one plays Sunday fixtures as well as one team at U11, U13, U15 and U18 levels which play fixtures midweek. The Club reports that it has decreased by one junior and one senior team within the last three years due to a fall in participation.

Renfrew CC has five senior teams; two play on Saturday, two on Sunday and one midweek. It fields an U11, a combined U13 and a combined U18 side (with a club from another local authority). The Club notes that it has increased from two teams in recent years due to the development of its junior section progressing players through to senior teams.

Latent demand

Renfrew CC reports that it plans to increase its senior section by either one or two teams. However, it does not know where these will be accommodated due to a lack of access to

pitches on a Saturday in Renfrewshire. The Club notes that it would be willing to move outside of the Area to further its development as a club.

5.4 Key issues for cricket

Ownership/management

There is one Renfrewshire Council owned site with cricket provision, King George V Playing Fields. Currently the main user is Renfrew CC which has a five year lease on the cricket pitch. The Club reports that it would like to increase this tenure to a longer lease in order to access additional funding.

The two other cricket pitches are located at Ferguslie Cricket Club and Kelburne Cricket Club. Both clubs own and manage their respective sites.

Pitch quality

The cricket pitch at KGV is rated as being of average quality. Due to the open access of the site, issues such as dog fouling and littering are evident and have a detrimental effect on quality. The outfield is also assessed as being uneven. Renfrew CC which access the site also report issues with vandalism to both the pitch and the outdoor training facilities. It also reports recent changes to the Council's maintenance regime to grass cutting either once per week or (occasionally) not at all, whereas it used to be cut twice a week. The Club does note that it invests £1,500 per year into the pitch which pays for top dressing, seeding and fertilising. The Club also fertilises the pitch three to four times a year and scarifies as and when is needed.

The pitches at Kelburne CC and Ferguslie CC are both rated as good quality. Both pitches are owned and maintained by the clubs. Both clubs also report that overall quality of pitches is good. Kelburne CC notes that it plans to improve practice and match day pitches. Ferguslie CC also highlights that it is in receipt of a £10k grant for drainage work.

Ancillary facilities

King George V Playing Fields site has a changing pavilion block that incorporates ten changing rooms that are accessed by cricket, rugby and football teams. The main user (for cricket), Renfrew CC, suggests an issue with congestion when multiple sports teams access the changing provision and the consequential lack of hot water. The Club report that it would like its own clubhouse on site which would not need to be as substantial as the changing block and would ease congestion and capacity issues. Consultation also suggests that the car parking at the site is insufficient and the neighbouring school is accessed as a result.

Kelburne CC and Ferguslie CC both have clubhouses at their respective sites which incorporate facilities such as changing provision for teams and officials, showers and kitchens. Both sites are fenced and as a result vandalism is minimal or not at all.

Training facilities

There is provision of two practice training lanes with artificial surfaces at King George V Playing Fields. The Club had plans to refurbish the training facility. However, the cost of this, including secure surrounding fencing, meant that it could not afford the whole

development. It has instead sourced some second hand artificial turf carpets and is trying to source shock pads in order to undertake the work.

Both Ferguslie CC and Kelburne CC train on site and have off field training facilities; which the majority of training hours takes place on. Kelburne CC has a two lane training facility with artificial surfaces and Ferguslie CC has a four lane artificial turf training facility.

All three Renfrewshire clubs (Ferguslie CC, Kelburne CC and Renfrew CC) also note accessing facilities at Hutchesons Grammar School located outside of Renfrewshire in Glasgow for winter training. The School is a preferred base as it provides five lanes of high quality cricket nets. Renfrew CC also uses the High School of Glasgow for winter training for its youth teams.

Supply and demand

Existing provision is meeting current demand in that no teams have to access pitches outside of Renfrewshire for competitive fixtures. However, Renfrew CC would be able to increase its senior section by at least one senior team if it had access to an additional pitch on a Saturday (peak time). In addition, Ferguslie CC also access indoor provision for winter training due to lack of indoor provision within Renfrewshire to meet the Club's needs.

Cricket summary

- ◀ There are three sites currently being used for competitive cricket in Renfrewshire which are all located in the Renfrew and Paisley Analysis Area. There is also an artificial cricket square at the Seedhill site.
- ◀ Cricket clubs in Renfrewshire generate 21 cricket teams in total including 9 junior and 12 senior teams. There are currently no senior women's junior girl's cricket teams playing in Renfrewshire.
- ◀ Renfrew CC reports that it plans to increase its senior section by either one or two teams, however, it does not know where they will be accommodated.
- ◀ The one pitch at King George V Playing Fields is rated as standard quality and the pitches at Kelburne CC and Ferguslie CC are both rated as good quality.
- ◀ All three clubs are identified as having access to changing facilities. Changing facilities at the two privately owned sites are incorporated into clubhouses with additional facilities. Renfrew CC has aspirations to have its own clubhouse/pavilion at King George V due to associated issues of sharing with other sports teams.
- ◀ Currently all three Renfrewshire clubs access winter training facilities at the Hutchesons Grammar School in Glasgow. Site provides high quality five lane cricket nets.
- ◀ There is, in general, an adequate supply of cricket pitches in Renfrewshire to meet current demand and there is no displaced demand reported. However, latent demand for access to provision on Saturdays is expressed by Renfrew CC which reports that it would be able to field more teams if there was additional provision on Saturdays.

PART 6: RUGBY

6.1: Introduction

The Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) is responsible for the development of the sport across Scotland, ranging from the national team to grassroots development. At present, there is no SRU national or regional facilities strategy.

There are two active rugby union clubs in Renfrewshire. Both play on pitches provided at privately owned venues. There is also one other rugby union club currently on a season long hiatus due to facility issues and difficulty in player retention.

The playing season operates from end of August to March.

Consultation

With assistance from SRU, face to face consultation was completed with one club (Paisley RFC), whilst views were also received from Bishopton RFC by survey. The results, from both these clubs, are used to inform key issues regarding rugby union provision in the Area.

6.2: Current supply of grass pitches

There are six grass rugby union pitches provided across five sites in Renfrewshire, all but one site, Park Mains High School, are used by rugby club teams.

Table 6.1: Summary of pitches in Renfrewshire

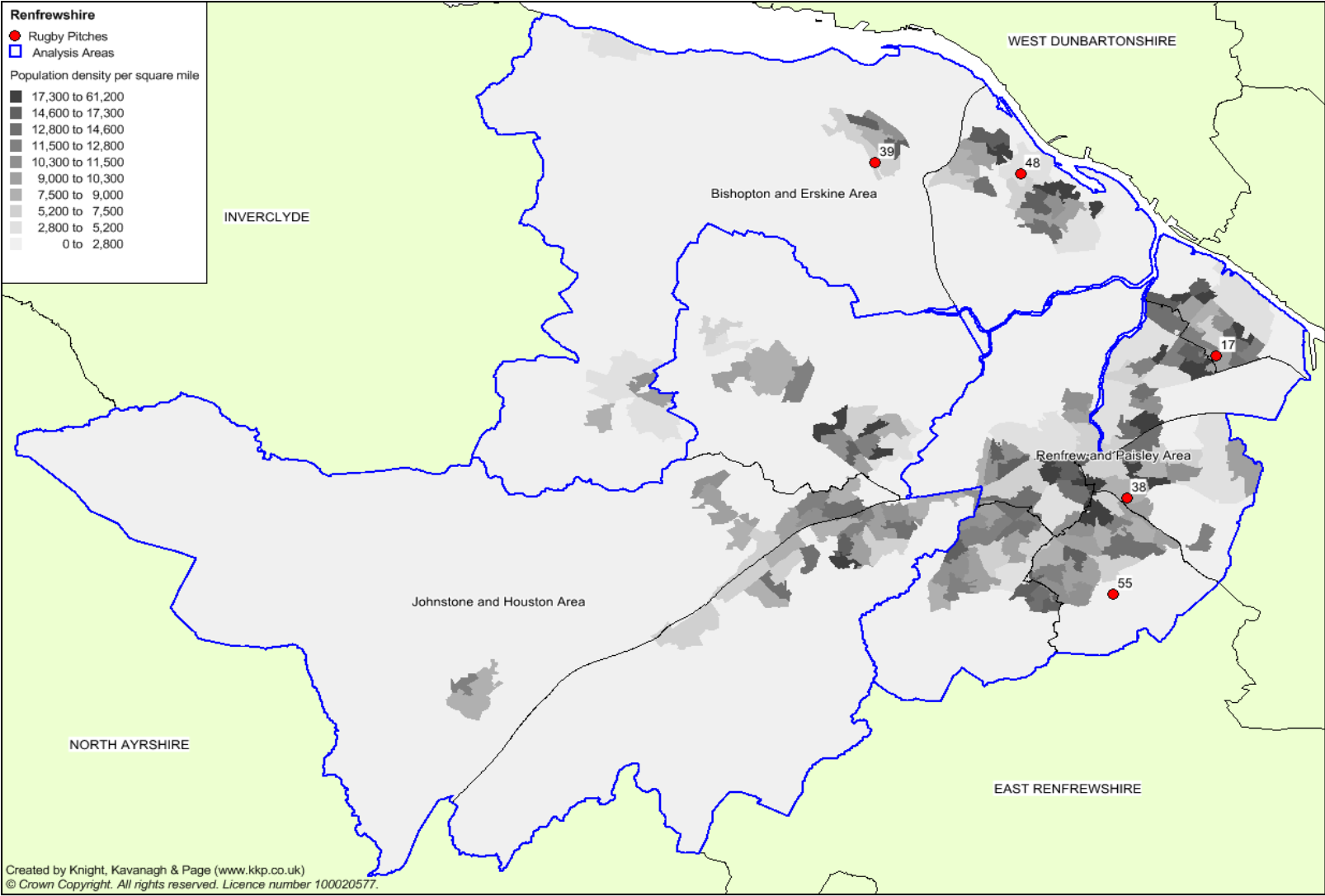
Analysis area	Total no. of rugby pitches
Bishopton & Erskine	2
Johnstone & Houston	-
Renfrew & Paisley	4
RENFREWSHIRE	6

Please note that the audit only identified dedicated, line marked pitches and it is likely that younger age groups will play across senior pitches or on informal pitches marked out with cones.

The methodology identifies that an average senior sized rugby union pitch is 144m x 69m.

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Figure 6.1: Location of rugby pitches in Renfrewshire



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Table 6.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use	Number of pitches
17	KGV (King George V Playing Fields)	Renfrew & Paisley	Yes	1
38	Paisley RFC	Renfrew & Paisley	Yes	2
39	Bishopton RFC	Bishopton & Erskine	Yes	1
48	Park Mains High School	Bishopton & Erskine	Yes	1
55	University of West Scotland	Renfrew & Paisley	No	1

6.3: Demand

Rugby union clubs in Renfrewshire generate 10 teams. There are no women's teams and junior teams are accommodated at both Paisley and Bishopton rugby clubs.

Table 6.3: Summary of demand by area

Analysis area	No. of competitive teams	
	Senior	Juniors
Bishopton & Erskine	2	3
Johnstone & Houston	0	0
Renfrew & Paisley	2	3
RENFREWSHIRE	4	6

In addition, Bishopton Rugby Club has micro and mini rugby sections. However, neither section plays competitive matches; instead they train and play the occasional friendly match on Sunday afternoons.

Temporal demand identifies times of peak use of pitches (for matches only). In Renfrewshire the peak time usage of rugby pitches is Saturday afternoon.

Junior rugby

Only Bishopton Rugby Club provides regular competitive junior sections; at micro, mini and junior age groups. All teams play friendly matches organised against other local clubs as well as festival meetings and host venue tournaments. Junior teams play competitive matches at Under 16 and Under 18 level as part of the progression towards senior rugby.

The SRU is responsible for rugby development across the Area. With its partners and Paisley Rugby Club it delivers two School of Rugby programmes to secondary school level children from Paisley Grammar and Castlehead High schools. The aim of this programme is to:

- ◆ Increase the amount of young people participating in rugby
- ◆ Improve and develop players and coaches currently involved in the sport

The Club reports that School of Rugby coaching sessions take place on the ground each week, totalling approximately three hours usage altogether. Both schools also use Anchor Playing Fields at Paisley RFC to play competitive fixtures after school time as part of the agreement. The Club does, however, report that although there are no other formal

agreements with schools, most in the area ask to use the ground for fixtures and local development officers often use the ground as the venue for local schools tournaments.

Schools rugby is particularly well played and has seen growth in recent years. However, the issue with games being called off due to weather/ground conditions is frequent.

Women and girls’ rugby

There is currently no women’s rugby team playing competitively in Renfrewshire. Girls are permitted to play in junior sections. However, there is no specific girls’ team playing in Renfrewshire. It is assumed that there is some girls’ participation in mixed mini sections. Paisley RFC has plans to field a ladies and girls teams in the coming future. However, the Club realises that arrangements for appropriate changing facilities must be made beforehand. Bishopton RFC also has plans to offer ladies rugby and intend on fielding two senior teams in the future.

Latent demand

Latent demand is defined as the number of teams that could be fielded if access to a sufficient number of pitches were available.

Bishopton RFC expresses latent demand for access to more rugby pitches in Renfrewshire. The Club has access to one senior pitch but believes that it can grow to have one team per age group from P4 to S3, Under 16 and Under 18, in addition, two senior teams, two ladies teams and a team at Over 35s. In order to do so, the Club would need access to at least one more pitch in order to manage the quality of its current pitch at Holmpark Playing Fields.

6.4: Key issues for rugby union

Clubs

The table below summaries the key issues emerging from the consultation with rugby clubs in Renfrewshire.

Table 6.4: Club summary

Club/site	Summary of issues
Paisley RFC/Anchor Playing Fields	Paisley RFC has aspirations on the site which they own in order to add a third pitch, preferably an IRB standard synthetic grass pitch (SGP). In order to do so it plans to rotate Pitch 2 in order to make room, although it would need to purchase surrounding land in order to accommodate it. Pitch 2 would then be under the small existing floodlit area, providing potential to create a fully floodlit pitch in the future. The Club plans on working in partnership with a local school to develop the SGP which would be available for community use, notably to cater for football training demand. This would also help alleviate the significant training usage on the current grass pitches. Other plans include two temporary self contained changing rooms to allow for the refurbishment of the existing poor quality rooms. This would also allow for potential women’s and girls’ rugby in the future.

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Club/site	Summary of issues
Bishopton RFC/Holmpark Playing Field	Bishopton RFC also has aspirations to develop an SGP pitch in addition to a new grass pitch and floodlit training area onsite to accommodate for the increased demand in the area. As part of a seven year plan it aims to work with the local Community Sports Hub as well as the SRU, SFA, SHA and LTA in order to develop a community use pitch for multi sports use. The Club intends to seek funding from the Lottery, BAE Systems & SportsMatch, SRU Facilities Fund and RBS GroundForce. The Club also uses the pitch at KGV as a secondary pitch. However, it is often waterlogged or made unavailable for various reasons, hence the drive to develop existing provision onsite as the Holmpark pitch also has drainage issues.
Renfrew RFC/King George V Playing Fields	The Club began the 2013/14 season playing league matches in RBS Division 4 on the senior pitch at KGV. No response was received from the Club. However, Renfrew CC plays on the neighboring cricket pitch at KGV, often at the same time. During consultation the Club commented that it understood Renfrew RFC had to withdraw from league fixtures due to the poor quality of the KGV pitch which caused consistent cancellations and an inability to uphold league commitments from September onwards. In addition, it is believed that the Club has difficulty in retaining players. It is understood that the Club is looking to return to league rugby for the 2014/2015 season and is looking to prepare pitch arrangements accordingly.

Quality

The non technical site assessments rate the majority of rugby pitches in Renfrewshire as being of a good quality. Clubs also tend to rate pitches as either average or good quality. However, uneven surfaces and poor drainage are considered to be regular pitch quality issues.

It is understood that Renfrew RFC can no longer commit to fulfil league fixtures due to waterlogging which occurs on the pitch at KGV. This is consistent with the views of Bishopton RFC who use the pitch as a secondary facility and report a lack of accessibility, with reasons given including waterlogging and lack of changing facilities available.

All clubs report having access to training provision (off match pitches) and changing accommodation. Bishopton RFC uses an SGP at Park Mains High School for training purposes when its Holmpark grass pitches are waterlogged; the micro and mini sections also train indoors here between December and March.

Clubs tend to rate changing facilities as being poor in terms of quality. Notable issues include a lack of hot water in what are communal showers at Paisley RFC. The Club acknowledges this and is planning on installing two temporary self contained changing rooms whilst they refurbish the existing facilities. Bishopton RFC also rate shower provision as poor.

Funding

Paisley RFC previously received approximately £56,000 from the Cashback for Communities fund. This was used primarily to improve the drainage on grass pitches, whilst also funding the installation of floodlights on the grass training area as well as improvements to the shower areas.

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Bishopton RFC plans to submit applications to various schemes in order to seek funding as part of its plans to develop a new SGP onsite. Potential sources include Lottery, BAE Systems and SportsMatch, SRU Facilities Fund and RBS GroundForce. The Club has also expressed desire to work with other SGB facilities funds in order to work towards building a community use pitch available to several sports and clubs in the Area.

Table 6.5: Rugby pitch provision and level of use

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Senior			Matches per week		
			G	A	P	Actual play	Site capacity	Rating
39	Bishopton RFC	Bishopton & Erskine	1			2.5	2.0	
48	Park Mains High School	Bishopton & Erskine	1			-	4.0	
17	KGV	Renfrew & Paisley	1			-	2.0	
38	Paisley RFC	Renfrew & Paisley	2			2.5	4.0	

Supply and demand

The rugby pitches at Holmpark Playing Fields are considered to be being played over capacity. Currently the pitches are used by Bishopton RFC for matches only. The Club accesses a secondary pitch offsite at KGV. However, this is often made unavailable which directs more play onto the Holmpark pitches. Furthermore, the Club reports plans to provide one additional senior ladies team next season as well as two girls teams.

All sites are available for community use with the exception of the University of West Scotland pitches, which are used exclusively by the student sports teams. All other pitches are in receipt of play. The pitch at Park Mains High School will be available for club use once the licence for its use has been finalised. Currently it is predominantly used exclusively by the School. The senior pitch at KGV is exempt as, although it would usually receive play from two clubs, it is largely unused at the current time.

The only pitch being overplayed is Holmpark Playing Fields. The extent is marginal, however, if the pitch at KGV is out of use this serves to put extra pressure and play on the Holmpark pitch. Additionally, any success in plans to add three more teams would create significant pitch quality and management issues for Bishopton RFC. In order to accommodate any additional growth/teams partners will need to investigate the provision of training facilities and/or quality of pitches in order to realise capacity on competitive pitches. For example, addressing the pitch quality issues at KGV could help to meet demand expressed by Bishopton RFC.

If existing pitch improvements are unrealistic then a longer term solution could be to provide additional pitch stock in order to meet current and future demand. This could be through the creation of additional pitches as highlighted as part of the Club's development plan, or by seeking an alternative secondary or possibly tertiary pitch access, such as at Park Mains High School.

Rugby union summary

- ◀ There are six grass rugby union pitches provided across five sites in Renfrewshire.
- ◀ Clubs generate 10 teams, including junior teams. Although there are no women's teams currently playing, both Paisley RFC and Bishopton RFC have plans to develop women's and girl's teams.
- ◀ Bishopton RFC expresses latent demand for access to more pitches. It suggests access to at least one more pitch is needed in order to manage the quality of its current pitch at Holmpark Playing Fields.
- ◀ Paisley RFC identifies aspirations to update its current clubhouse and changing rooms in order to provide more up to date facilities. Both Paisley RFC and Bishopton RFC highlight independent desires for SGP facilities at their respective home grounds.
- ◀ The majority of pitches in Renfrewshire are rated as good quality. However, uneven surfaces and poor drainage are considered to be regular pitch quality issues. Bishopton RFC report that the quality of their secondary pitch at KGV is affected by waterlogging.
- ◀ Overplay is identified as occurring at the Bishopton RFC site (Holmpark Playing Fields). The Club reports occasionally using the pitch at KGV when possible. All other sites with rugby pitches are in theory being under played, however, weather conditions means they are not always available.
- ◀ In order to accommodate any additional growth/teams clubs will need to investigate the provision of training facilities and pitch quality to realise capacity on competitive pitches. This applies particularly to Bishopton RFC which will require additional pitch provision in order to realise plans to field more teams.

PART 7: SYNTHETIC GRASS PITCHES

7.1 Current provision

There is a mixture of synthetic grass pitch (SGP) provision in Renfrewshire; these are predominantly third generation (3G) surfaces. There are two second generation (2G) pitches identified in the area; at the University of West Scotland and Park Mains High School. The latter is the only full size pitch.

Table 7.1: Summary of SGPs

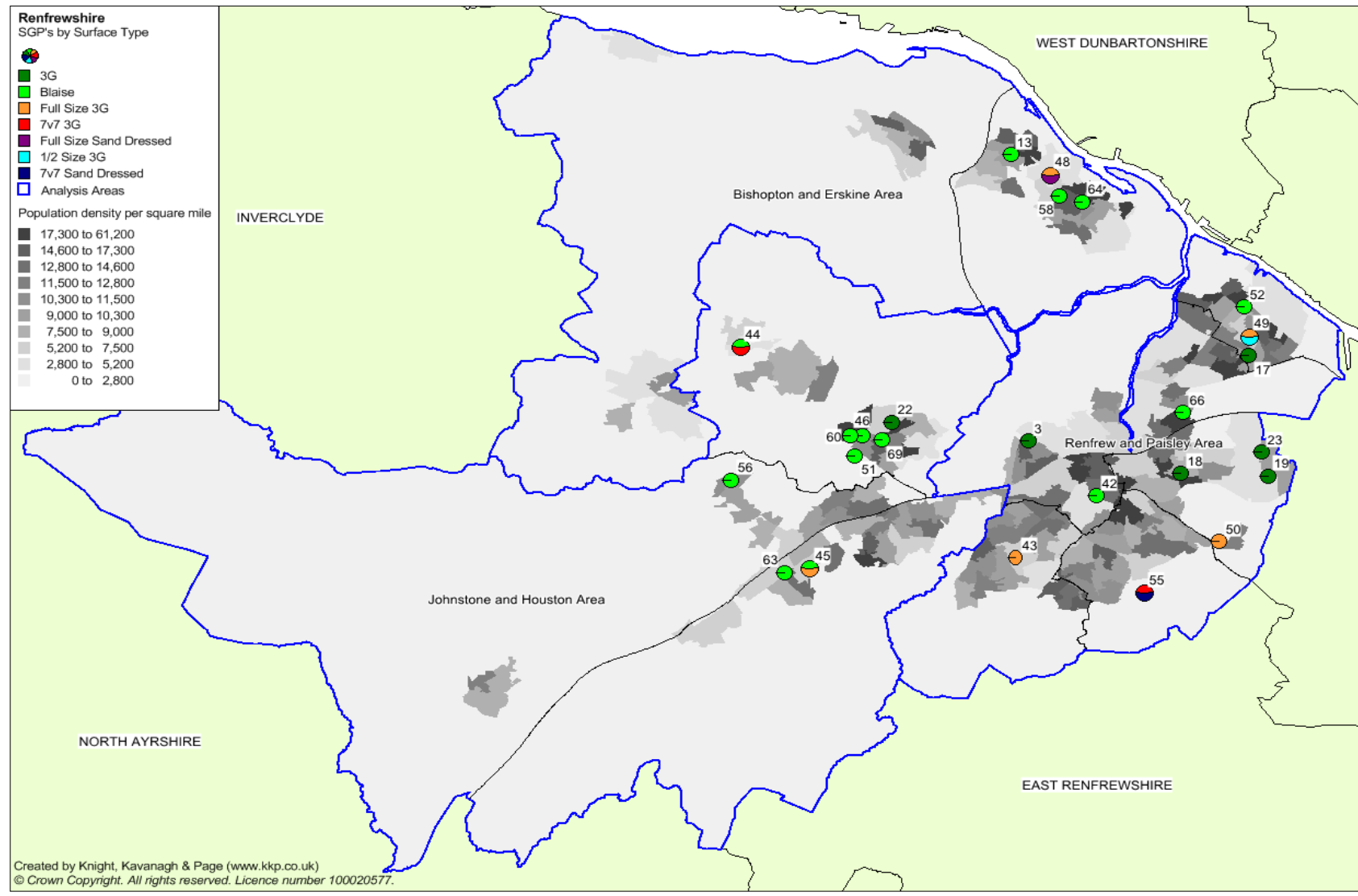
Analysis area	Number of SGPs		
	3G	2G	Blaes
Renfrew and Paisley	12	1	3
Johnstone and Houston	5	-	8
Bishopton and Erskine	2	1	2
RENFREWSHIRE	19	2	13

We have also included blaes pitches within this section of the report for audit purposes. Blaes pitches can be used for football. However, all existing blaes pitches in Renfrewshire are rated as being either average or poor quality. This results in a lack of demand for their use. Many suffer from poor drainage and can often flood in wet weather; making them unavailable for use. Where blaes pitches do exist there could be potential to upgrade to synthetic surfaces or convert to grass pitches where demand exists.

During the course of the study, a number of clubs and community groups highlight aspirations to develop new SGP facilities.

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Figure 7.1: Location of SGPs in Renfrewshire by surface type



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Table 7.2: Key to map – Council sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number	Size	Surface
13	Erskine	Bishopton and Erskine	1	Full size	3G
48	Park Mains High School	Bishopton and Erskine	1	Full size	3G
48	Park Mains High School	Bishopton and Erskine	1	Full size	Sand
58	Barsall Primary School	Bishopton and Erskine	1	Full size	Blaes
64	St Anne's Primary School	Bishopton and Erskine	1	Full size	Blaes
22	Linwood Sports Centre	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	3G
22	Linwood Sports Centre	Johnstone and Houston	1	Half size	3G
44	Gryffe High School	Johnstone and Houston	2	7v7	3G
44	Gryffe High School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	Blaes
45	Johnstone High School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	3G
45	Johnstone High School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	Blaes
46	Linwood High School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	Blaes
51	St Benedict's High School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	Blaes
56	Kilbarchan Primary School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Half size	Blaes
60	East Fulton Primary School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Full size	Blaes
63	Fordbank Primary School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Half size	Blaes
69	Our Lady of Peace Primary School	Johnstone and Houston	1	Half size	Blaes
3	Ferguslie Park	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
17	KGV	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
18	Seedhill	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
18	Seedhill	Renfrew and Paisley	3	5-a-side	3G
23	Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
42	Castlehead High School	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	Blaes
43	Gleniffer High School	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
50	St Andrew's Academy	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
52	Trinity High School	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Half size	Blaes
66	Gallowhill Primary School	Renfrew and Paisley	1	7v7	Blaes

Table 7.3: Key to map – Non council sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number	Size	Surface
19	Ralston	Renfrew and Paisley	1	Full size	3G
55	University of West Scotland	Renfrew and Paisley	2	7v7	3G
55	University of West Scotland	Renfrew and Paisley	1	7v7	Sand

In terms of SGP size, half size refers to 60m x 40m and full size refers to 100m x 60m. Facilities should allow for a 3m run off as well.

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7.2 Quality

The table below provides a summary on the quality of all 2G and 3G SGPs in Renfrewshire. It incorporates findings from non technical quality assessments carried out in early 2014 and also takes into account user views on quality.

Table 7.4: Quality summary of Renfrewshire 2G and 3G pitches (Council)

Site ID	Site name	Size	Surface type	Year built	Floodlit?	Quality rating	Comments
3	Ferguslie Park	Full	3 rd Generation	1999/2000	Yes	Good	One of the 'central venues' to host smaller sided formats of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League. Several clubs also identify using facility for training purposes.
17	KGV/Renfrew High School	Full	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Poor	Fire damage and vandalism a major issue on the site. Despite double fencing around perimeter it still suffers from extensive vandalism. Facility is currently offline due to the damage.
18	Seedhill	Full	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Good	Site has full size 3G and 3 x 5-a-side facilities (with 3G surface). Both are floodlit. Clubs identify using facility for training purposes. Site is also a 'central venue' to host smaller sided formats of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League.
		5-a-side	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Good	
22	Linwood Sports Centre	Full	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Good	Standing water was noted as an issue during site visits
		Half	3 rd Generation	-		Poor	
23	Penilee (Ralston Sports Centre)	Full	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Good	Site is used a 'central venue' for smaller sided formats of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League.
43	Glennifer High School	Full	3 rd Generation	2006	Yes	Average	School regards condition as sufficient but does identify a slight issue with seagulls leaving mess of surface. Clubs identify using facility for training.
44	Gryffe High School	7v7	3 rd Generation	2007	Yes	Good	Site contains a 2 x 7v7 size facility. Created as part of school refurbishment in 2007. School reports that despite its good standard of quality the facility does suffer from vandalism. Site is used a venue for the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League.
45	Johnstone High School	Full	3 rd Generation	2012	Yes	Good	The 3G facility was built in 2012. It is a 'central venue' for the smaller sided format of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League as well as being used by clubs for training. The School reports that the sharing of the changing facilities with the community for the SGP is an issue.

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Site ID	Site name	Size	Surface type	Year built	Floodlit?	Quality rating	Comments
48	Park Mains High School	Full	2 nd Generation Sand-dressed	2012	Yes	Average	Venue for 7v7 format of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League. Facilities are well used by clubs for training. 3G facility is only one year old, locked regularly and is to a good standard. School reports that the 3G accommodates the majority of the curriculum use, with the rest taking place of the astro.
		Full	3 rd Generation	2013	Yes	Good	
50	St Andrews Academy	Full	3 rd Generation	2006	Yes	Good	Built in 2006. Site is central venue for smaller sided formats of the Paisley and Johnstone Youth League.

Table 7.5: Quality summary of Renfrewshire 2G and 3G pitches (private)

Site ID	Site name	Size	Surface type	Year built	Floodlit?	Quality rating	Comments
19	Ralston	Full	3 rd Generation	2009	Yes	Good	Identified as being used predominantly by St Mirren.
55	University of West Scotland	7v7	3 rd Generation	-	Yes	Good	2x 7v7 size pitch with 3G surface. The 1x 7v7 is used as a multi-sport facility as it is over marked with tennis line markings and nets.
		7v7	2 nd Generation Sand-based	-	Yes	Average	

In addition to the SGPs identified above, there are also a number of blaes surface facilities across Renfrewshire. A summary of these is provided in the table:

Table 7.6: Summary of quality of blaes pitches

Site ID	Site name	Size	Surface type	Year built	Floodlit?	Quality rating	Comments
13	Erskine	Full	Blaes	-	Yes	Poor	-
42	Castlehead High School	Full	Blaes	2009	No	Average	Surface can get slippery when rains. Pitch put in five years ago, was intended to be a SGP.
44	Gryffe High School	Full	Blaes	-	No	Average	-
45	Johnstone High School	Full	Blaes	-	No	Average	-

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Site ID	Site name	Size	Surface type	Year built	Floodlit?	Quality rating	Comments
46	Linwood High School	Full	Golden Grit	2008	No	Poor	Built in 2008. School reports no demand for a pitch of this type. Pupils do not want to use it.
51	St Benedict's High School	Full	Golden Grit	2006	No	Average	Pitch has got worse in recent years due to silage from nearby farm running off on to facility. Promoted growth of plants, resulted in parts of pitch having to be sectioned off from being used.
52	Trinity High School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Average	School states it is not fit for purpose as it floods easily. Funding is in place to upgrade to a 3G – although it is not enough to be full size.
56	Kilbarchan Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Poor	Schools identifies pitch suffers from unofficial use and dog fouling.
58	Barsall Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Poor	Schools identifies pitch suffers from unofficial use and dog fouling.
60	East Fulton Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Poor	Schools identifies pitch suffers from some unofficial use and dog fouling.
63	Fordbank Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Average	School reports some evidence of unofficial use
64	St Anne's Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Poor	Schools identifies pitch suffers from unofficial use and dog fouling.
66	Gallowhill Primary School	7v7	Blaes	-	No	Poor	-
69	Our Lady of Peace Primary School	Half	Blaes	-	No	Poor	Schools identifies pitch suffers from unofficial use and dog fouling.

The expected average life span for an SGP is 10-15 years. It is likely that a number of sites will reach the end of their life span in the near future. This will result in the need for full carpet replacement, particularly at older facilities such as Ferguslie Park.

7.3 Availability

The vast majority of 3G SGPs in Renfrewshire are available for community use. However, the facility at Renfrew High School/KGV is currently offline and not able to be accessed due to the extensive vandalism and fire damage that has occurred. The site has had a prolonged problem with vandalism. Preventative measures such as a double fence around the perimeter have been installed but issues still persist.

Community lettings are managed by Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Leisure or AMEY. No block booking of provision is possible. Clubs have to arrange on a weekly basis for access to SGPs. Clubs part of the CSH initiative have priority for booking provision only in their own hub area. Hub clubs do not receive any form of priority in other CSH areas. Subsequently some clubs highlight accessing SGPs as difficult.

7.4 Usage

Use of SGPs in Renfrewshire is dominated by football. Instances of other sports being played are highlighted but in the main SGPs are used for both mid week evening training and small side formats of the game on Saturdays and Sunday.

Often, the size of the pitch is divided up for hire into thirds. Therefore hire of a whole full size SGP by a single booking is not common.

Consultation generally identifies a need for additional provision of artificial 3G pitches to service football demand for both training and competition. This could also help in terms of relieving pressure on grass pitches particularly during periods of bad weather.

Certain SGPs in Renfrewshire appear to be more used than others. The Council indicates that SGPs with a high number of bookings include the facilities at St Andrews, Glennifer and Gryffe High Schools. The number of bookings at St Andrews is over double the numbers received for the SGPs at KGV and Ferguslie Sports Centre. All three of the school sites have substantial booking numbers for the Under 19 age group category. This will be partly due to the sites being used as 'central venues' for league fixtures. Spare capacity at these facilities is likely to be less available compared to other sites.

The number of bookings for SGPs without changing room facilities is much higher compared to those with access to changing accommodation. This is a trend seen across all SGPs in Renfrewshire.

As the only Council 3G pitch in the Johnstone Area, demand for access to the SGP at Johnstone High School is particularly high, with a number of football clubs reporting difficulty in booking slots.

At the time of writing, clubs also highlight the impact of the KGV/Renfrew High School SGP being 'offline' due to the damage caused by vandalism. This is considered to be adding to the demand for provision especially in the Renfrew Area.

7.5: Hockey

The Scottish Hockey Union (SH) is the recognised governing body for hockey in Scotland and leads on the development, management and promotion of the sport across all ages and abilities.

2G pitches are most suitable for hockey training and competitive matches. However, hockey can use short pile 3G (40 mm) with no shock pad for training purposes up to senior two/three level.

Consultation

There are two hockey clubs in Renfrewshire; Kelburne Hockey Club and Ferguslie Ladies & Anchor Men's Hockey Club. The former was met with face to face and a survey sent to Ferguslie Ladies & Anchor Men's HC although no reply was received.

Current provision

There is only one full size 2G pitch, suitable to play competitive hockey on in Renfrewshire at Park Mains High School. No competitive play is identified as taking place on the site.

Linwood Sports Centre is also identified as being used for hockey. It acts as the home ground for Ferguslie Ladies & Anchor Men's HC. The Club is able to play matches at the site, despite it being a 3G surface, as the level of hockey the team plays is to an appropriate standard.

Quality

The general condition and quality of the two facilities (Linwood Sports Centre and Park Mains High School) used for hockey in Renfrewshire is good. However, the half size AGP at Linwood is currently identified as suffering from flooding issues.

Demand

There are two hockey clubs currently based in Renfrewshire, producing nine senior teams in total. Kelburne Hockey Club is the only club that has a junior section.

Table 7.7: Summary of hockey club and teams

Club	Teams	Home ground
Kelburne Hockey Club	Men's x 5 Ladies x 3 Juniors x 5	Glasgow Green Scottish Hockey Centre
Ferguslie Ladies & Anchor Men's HC	Men's x 1 Ladies x 1	Linwood Sports Centre

Displaced demand

Kelburne HC plays and trains outside of Renfrewshire at the Glasgow Green National Hockey Centre; although juniors do use the Kelburne Cricket Club site for training on Saturday mornings. The Club used to play out of Linwood Sports Centre but due to league stipulations have to use a water based surface.

The University of West Scotland (UWS) also highlights having a hockey team which plays outside of Renfrewshire. The University states that the team plays at Clydesdale Hockey Club in Glasgow. However, it does not highlight any specific interest in playing within Renfrewshire.

Latent demand

As highlighted earlier, Kelburne HC does not play any of its matches within Renfrewshire due to a lack of suitable facilities. The Club identifies that it would be able to field more junior teams if it had its own pitch within Renfrewshire. This would then subsequently lead to more senior teams in the long term (due to progression of players).

Relating to this, and due to playing out of Renfrewshire, the Club has aspirations to develop a new water based pitch with clubhouse facilities in Renfrewshire. No funding is in place yet and the Club is currently looking at a number of potential options for a site; as part of this it is meeting with local organisations such as St Mirren and UWS.

7.6 Football use of SGPs

Competitive football is not sanctioned on 2G pitches. Although training can take place on 2G, the preferred artificial surface for football is 3G.

Competitive youth matches take place on 3G provision across Renfrewshire and the majority of the smaller sided format of the game occurs on 3G. It is estimated that 142 teams per week use 3G SGP for matches (based on club consultation). The largest youth league in the Area (Paisley, Johnstone and District Youth League) plays its matches at 'central (hub) venues'. Sites used to host games are:

- ◀ Johnstone High School – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Seedhill Sports Centre – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Park Mains High School – Saturday (9am to 12pm)
- ◀ Ferguslie – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)
- ◀ Ralston Sports Complex – Saturday and Sunday (9am to 12pm both days)

In addition, clubs report playing some senior matches on SGPs (which leagues do sanction). However, booking provision for appropriate kickoff times i.e. 3pm on Saturdays is difficult as well as being an added expense to clubs.

The majority of football clubs express demand for access to additional training facilities. A total of 69% of the clubs consulted express the need for further training provision; often the requirement stated is for a 3G pitch and/or a need for better access to existing facilities.

In addition to the above, Linwood Community Development Trust highlights plans to develop a 3G football pitch. The Trust is a group of volunteers from the local community with the aim to improve the health and wellbeing whilst reducing social inequalities in the Linwood area. One of the key projects for the group is to develop a 3G facility in the Area; as currently only the two grass pitches at Linwood Sports Centre service Linwood. As part of this, the Trust is currently building a business case towards the development of community/football facilities.

7.7 Rugby use of SGPs

Rugby clubs do not, in general, access off site training facilities and often train on their home ground sites alongside match pitches. The exception is Bishopton RFC which sometimes uses the SGPs at Park Mains High School for training if the grass pitches at its Holmpark ground are waterlogged.

sportscotland's guidance 'Guide to the preparation of Sports Pitch Strategies' reports that rugby teams should avoid using match pitches for training due to wear and tear to the playing surface.

Whilst there are a number of SGPs in Renfrewshire, none of these are International Rugby Board (IRB) approved. Both Bishopton RFC and Renfrew RFC highlight plans to develop an SGP suitable for rugby use.

Summary

- ◀ There are 19 3G SGPs in Renfrewshire; 11 of these are identified as being full size. There are also two 2G SGPs (one being full size) as well as a 13 blaes surface pitches.
- ◀ The majority of 3G pitches (nine sites) are located in Renfrew and Paisley analysis areas; with other analysis areas, Johnstone and Houston (four sites) and Bishopton and Erskine (two sites), having less.
- ◀ All SGPs are available for some level of community use. SGPs in Renfrewshire are predominately used for football training and youth matches. Demand for use of Johnstone High School SGP is particularly high as it is the only one in the Area.
- ◀ Linwood Community Development Trust plans to develop a new 3G pitch as part of its aim to improve health and wellbeing/social opportunities in the area. It is currently building a business case for sports/community facilities.
- ◀ **Hockey** – two clubs are based in Renfrewshire; Ferguslie Ladies & Anchor Mens HC use Linwood Sports Centre as its home ground. However, Kelburne HC currently plays all its matches outside of Renfrewshire at the Glasgow Green National Hockey Centre as it needs to access a waterbased pitch.
- ◀ Kelburne HC has aspirations to develop a new water based SGP and clubhouse in Renfrewshire. The Club suggests it would be able to field more junior teams if it had such a facility more locally based. It is currently exploring potential options.
- ◀ **Football** – Consultation with football clubs suggests that, in general, there is demand for further access to SGP provision in Renfrewshire. Often demand relates to football training needs.
- ◀ **Rugby** – There are no suitable IRB pitches in Renfrewshire to service rugby. However, both Bishopton RFC and Renfrew RFC highlight aspirations to develop a facility.

PART 8: EDUCATION

8.1: Introduction

The provision of sport and recreation facilities at education sites can make an important contribution to the overall stock of provision. It is therefore important to have accurate information about the number, type, quality and availability of facilities and pitches within the education sector in Renfrewshire.

Consultation

Face to face meetings were conducted with all eleven secondary schools and the one University, whilst an online survey was sent via email to each of the 49 primary schools (gaining a 98% response rate) to ascertain the quality, quantity and accessibility of outdoor sports pitch provision.

8.2: Current provision

The tables below provide a summary of the current provision recorded at education sites in Renfrewshire.

Table 8.1: Summary of grass pitches at education sites

Analysis area	Football 11v11	Football 7v7	Football 4v4	Rugby Union	Cricket
Bishopton & Erskine	0	2	0	1	0
Johnstone & Houston	3	1	0	0	0
Renfrew & Paisley	2	2	0	0	0
Renfrewshire	5	5	0	1	0

In addition, a number of schools have golden grit/blaes pitches and some mark out grass tracks (usually over-marked with football pitches and only available during the summer only).

8.3: Secondary schools

Current provision

All secondary schools have access to outdoor sports facilities. The majority of this provision is on-site. However, Paisley and Trinity High schools primarily use SGPs off site for curriculum and any other school use. Many schools access off site provision in order to play competitive fixtures due to the stock of onsite pitches comprising of few grass surfaces, or prefer to play fixtures on SGP pitches onsite.

A variety of outdoor sports provision is accommodated at secondary schools (on and off site) in Renfrewshire. Two secondary schools provide an 11v11 football pitch (St Benedict's and Glennifer High Schools), both providing two pitches onsite. There are no junior or mini football pitches at secondary school sites. Only Park Mains High School has a dedicated rugby pitch, however, Glennifer High School has a grass field used for PE which was previously marked as a senior rugby pitch. Paisley and Castlehead High schools report accessing rugby pitches off site at Paisley RFC through the School of Rugby programmes.

Six of the eleven secondary schools have Blaes/Golden Grit pitches onsite. The two Golden Grit pitches were installed as new within the last seven years. Blaes and Golden Grit are largely unfavoured by clubs and are supported by further pitch stock onsite; however, two schools (Trinity and Linwood High) have access to one sole blaes pitch.

Quality

Grass pitch quality varies between schools. For example, football pitches at Glennifer High School are assessed as good quality. However, the quality of grass pitches at St Benedict's High School is deemed poor.

SGPs are generally average quality with four schools being assessed as good quality, two as average and one as poor quality. Six schools also provide blaes/Golden Grit pitches that are assessed as being poor to average in quality. Two schools also have SGPs onsite and report clearly favouring the SGP wherever possible.

One of the main issues highlighted during consultation is around unofficial use of pitches. Almost all schools report that due to pitches not being fenced or secured unofficial use is common particularly on the SGPs. Schools do not tend to lock SGP facilities due to the risk of damage to fences from people trying to break in. Renfrew High School is an example of where this occurs, where the SGP is double fenced and padlocked yet is still out of use due to excessive unofficial surface damage.

Usage

Community lettings are managed by Renfrewshire Council. No grass pitches are available to local sports clubs for community use. All of the eight SGPs report current use. Community demand tends to be for SGPs rather than grass football or blaes pitches. Additionally there is also significant use of football pitches to accommodate school league fixtures which can affect the capacity of pitches to accommodate community use.

Ancillary facilities

There are specific changing accommodation/rooms at all of the secondary schools. However, quality and community access varies quite significantly between schools.

8.4: Primary schools

Current provision

Several types of outdoor sports facilities are accommodated at primary schools in Renfrewshire. Under half (45%) have an on-site playing field but only one school (Woodlands Primary School) provides a senior grass football pitch. In addition, only 10% have a 7v7 grass football pitch whilst there are no mini football pitches at primaries in the area.

No primary schools provide adult rugby, junior rugby, or cricket pitches. Seven schools (14%) provide an SGP, although this includes blaes pitches.

Quality

The majority of responses relating to the condition of playing fields rate the overall quality as poor (67%) or average (34%). All primary schools rate the amount of grass cover as being good and 66% rate the slope of pitch as flat. However, most primary schools also rate the quality of line markings (66%) as being poor and the same number report evidence of unofficial use. The quality of drainage varies between schools and half rate the quality as average.

Usage

There is little (31%) availability for community use of school playing pitches and only one school reports that its grass pitch was currently used, although the nature of which was not specified. Common reasons for lack of use during the holidays include lack of demand, possibly influenced by the poor quality grass pitches in place at several schools. These results differ when considering wider availability of playing fields for regular community use by sports clubs with over half of schools with playing fields (60%) reporting that community use of unmarked fields is available.

Ancillary facilities

Many primary schools (38%) do not have specific changing accommodation/rooms available for sports use; however 26 (58%) did not answer that question. Of the 4 schools that indicate that they do have specific changing accommodation half rate the quality as being good and 25% rate the quality as being adequate, however only one school reports access for community use.

8.5: Further and Higher Education

The University of West Scotland Paisley Campus represents the only higher education site in the Area and fields outdoor sports teams in the BUCS league on a weekly basis. All outdoor provision is located offsite at Robertson Sports Centre which is owned by the University and has onsite an adult football pitch, senior rugby union pitch and three 7v7 size SGPs. Another site at Titwood (Clydesdale HC) is accessed for Hockey use.

The grass pitches at Robertson Sports Centre are rated as good quality and are maintained weekly by the Universities' estates department, with no significant issues reported. The quality of the SGPs varies slightly, with two rated as good and one of average quality.

Pitches are available for community use but are primarily only used for university teams playing midweek on Wednesday afternoons. Provision is therefore available for potential lets at weekends. There is some current community use, although no regular users were identified and no agreements or partnerships with community clubs are in place. It is notable that American Football is also played on the rugby union pitch which may influence capacity for rugby union use by the community.

The University of West Scotland Paisley Campus highlights a clear desire and plans to expand its sport offering from September 2014. Growth will include an increase in the number of teams (particularly football) and the introduction of an intra mural sports programme for all students. This will therefore have an impact on future demand, something which the University anticipates and as such is investigating facilities

development opportunities within the area, with the sale or redevelopment of Robertson Sports Centre or development of a new site as potential options.

Education summary

- ◀ In total there are five adult grass football pitches, five junior grass football pitches and one senior grass rugby union pitch at education sites in Renfrewshire.
- ◀ None of the three secondary schools with grass pitches have community use by local clubs for competitive fixtures or training.
- ◀ Six of the eleven secondary schools (55%) have Blaes/Golden Grit pitches onsite. These are hugely unfavoured in preference of other SGP surfaces and are of poor quality in general.
- ◀ All secondary schools have access to changing accommodation. Conversely the majority of primary schools do not have changing facilities available. The quality of changing varies significantly between schools.
- ◀ The quality of outdoor sports facilities at schools in Renfrewshire is generally to an average or poor standard and there is a notably low number of grass pitches. However, a common theme is instances of significant and consistent unofficial use are frequently reported.
- ◀ The University of West Scotland Paisley Campus is actively looking to expand its sport offering from September 2014. In order to accommodate the expected increase in demand it is purposefully considering facilities development options on its current site and beyond.

PART 9: SUMMARY

This Assessment Report considers the supply and demand issues for playing pitches in Renfrewshire. It identifies local need from consultation highlighting the predominant issues (utilising a project database to coordinate and present findings). This will inform the development of the Strategy and Action Plan to address key issues. Strategic recommendations and provision standards will also be incorporated in the strategy document.

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
SPORTS PITCHES, PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILIONS ASSESSMENT**

PART 10: CONSULTEE LIST

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Renfrewshire Council	Julie Telford	Resources Support Manager (Cap Projects)	Steering group
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Renfrewshire Leisure	Tony Finn	Business Service & Development Manager	Steering group
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Renfrewshire Leisure	Fraser Buchan	Sport Hub Development Officer	Telephone
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Scottish Football Association	Danny Bisland	Development Officer	Telephone
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Trinity High School	Jack Nellaney	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Renfrew High School	Carolanne Cameron	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Gryffe High School	Scott Taylor	Education Support Manager	Face to face
Glennifer High School	Gordon Menzies	Principal Teacher	Face to face
St Andrew's Academy	Mark McLean	PE Department	Face to face
Castlehead High School	Kate Scott	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Linwood High School	Gordy Mothersole	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Paisley High School	Martin Paton	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Johnstone High School	Susan Chambers	Principal Teacher	Face to face
St Benedict's High School	Margaret McGachy	Principal Teacher	Face to face
Park Mains High School	Craig Corr	Acting Principal Teacher	Face to face
Linwood Community Development Trust	Kirsty Flannigan	-	Face to face
Linwood & Gryffe Community Sports Hub	Louis Jeffrey	Chairman	Face to face
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Linwood Rangers YFC	Eric Fallen	-	Face to face
St Peters Boys Club FC	Paul McTaggart	Club President	Face to face
Glennifer Thistle FC	Billy Hassan Jr	-	Face to face

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Langcraigs FC	William Nicol	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Paisley Athletic AFC	Stewart Cameron	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Glenbrae Colts YFC	Stewart Williamson	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
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Thorn Athletic FC	Derrick McMillan	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
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Linwood Thistle AFC	Gary McDonald	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Linwood AFC	Mark Gray	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Parkmoor Boys Club	Gordon Coulter	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Inchinnan Community Club (ICC)	Duncan MacLean	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Paisley, Johnstone & District YFL	Elizabeth Canning	League Secretary	Survey/email
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Abercorn AFC	Grant Wilson	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
AFC Fulbar	Craig Hammond	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Tannahill AFC	Gerry McDonagh	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
Arkleston Athletic	Stephen McCallum	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
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Bridgewater Boys Club	Ben Cox	Club Secretary	Telephone/survey
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Paisley Rugby Club	Grant Murney	Club President	Face to face
Kelburne Hockey Club	Billy Anderson	Club President	Face to face