

MELTON OPEN SPACES SPORT & AND RECREATION STUDY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Strategy for open space, sport and recreational facilities within Melton Borough. It has been developed from research and analysis of provision and use within Melton. It follows assessment reports, which detail provision, quality and usage levels.

Melton Borough Council (the Council) commissioned the study in November 2004. The principal research was carried out between March and May 2005.

The Strategy sets out a vision for the next ten years in relation to the provision and improvement of outdoor sports facility sites and associated facilities. The Action Plan recommends a number of high priority projects for the borough, which should be implemented over the next five years (2005-2010). It should be recognised that the strategy and action plan is outlined to provide a framework for improvement of facilities. Resources may not currently be in place to implement it, and therefore partnerships and possible sources of external funding have been identified.



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2. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM THE ASSESSMENT REPORTS

2.1 Outdoor sport

Across the borough, outdoor sports facilities are provided on approximately 60 sites. These include Council parks and recreation grounds, schools, private and voluntary sports clubs and parish council playing fields.

There are 96 grass and artificial turf pitches across the borough. This includes provision for football, cricket, rugby and hockey. Of these, 53 are available for use by the community. In addition to this there are 36 tennis courts, six netball courts and seven bowling greens situated on public parks, private sports clubs and at schools. Twenty-seven of the tennis courts are available for community use. All the bowling greens are available for community use.

The pitches, courts and greens accommodate approximately 200 teams across the relevant sports each week.

In order to give the consultation and site findings a more local context, the borough has been split into analysis areas. In each area the number and location of outdoor sports facilities considered to be inadequate in terms of quality has been identified. Further to this, the number of pitches being overplayed and additional pitches needed to meet local unmet (latent) demand has also been taken into consideration.

The amount of unmet demand varies in each area and, in some cases, none has been identified. Generally, the findings show that if pitch and ancillary facility provision on existing sites were all of good quality, current and latent demand would be accommodated. Future population growth may require additional pitch provision in some areas.



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Summary of inadequate pitches and latent demand across the borough

Area	No. of inadequate facilities	Latent demand expressed	Facilities being played over capacity
Central analysis area	2 junior football 2 mini soccer	2 junior football 1 mini soccer	4 junior football 3 mini soccer
East analysis area	None	None	None
North analysis area	1 senior football 1 junior football	1 mini soccer 0.5 senior football 0.5 junior football	1 senior football 1 junior football
West analysis area	None	None	None

Local standards

Within the accompanying Assessment Report, local standards (in hectares per thousand of population) for outdoor sports facility provision are calculated. This figure takes into account the fact that poor quality pitches cannot be relied upon as part of the pitch stock throughout the playing season.

Summary of local standards

Area	Local standard
Central	1.34
East	2.94
North	1.61
West	0.90

It is recommended that the Council updates the qualitative local standards on a regular basis to take into account improvements to existing sites, instatement of new sites and subsequent fluctuations in localised latent demand.



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2.2 Built facilities

The following facility issues were raised through consultation and analysis:

Leisure facilities

There are aspirations, at Melton Sports Centre to:

- ❑ Develop the link between fitness suite and main sports hall
- ❑ Refurbish fitness facilities
- ❑ Develop more robust and appropriate pricing structure
- ❑ Develop classroom space into martial arts and dance studio

Facility plans at King Edward VII Community Sports Centre include:

- ❑ Extending the fitness facility
- ❑ Upgrade the overall facility over the next five/six years

Education

Consultation indicates that the secondary school sites have limited indoor facilities, mainly focused on sports hall provision.

- ❑ School facilities are integral to the overall mix of indoor provision in the authority providing five of the six, sports halls in the borough. Retention of both quantity and quality is essential in terms of facilitating a number of club-based sports.
- ❑ At Belvior High School there is demand for refurbishment of current changing facilities. Partners should consider the potential to invest in updating and varying the mix of indoor provision at the school.

Sports halls

- ❑ The size and quality of some school basketball courts limits the amount and quality of school basketball being played
- ❑ Despite work of Old Grammerians Badminton Club, general lack of junior development and young people feeding into competitive clubs
- ❑ Poor quality of village hall provision, however, without them the local league, Melton & District Badminton League, would fold



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Swimming pools

- ❑ Melton Swimming Club reports demand for additional water time. Club representatives believe it is operating below minimum training standards as laid down under its Swim 21 accreditation. Ideally the club would like a further 2 hours water time per week. It also aspires to have access to a 25 m six lane pool in order to facilitate a higher standard of galas and competitions
- ❑ Waterfield Leisure Pool faces a number of issues with regard to the spiralling costs of maintenance both of the plant, ventilation system and tank
- ❑ Changing rooms at Waterfield Leisure Pool are in poor condition and are currently too small to meet user needs

Fitness

- ❑ There appears to be good fitness coverage across the borough, the facility at King Edward VII School Community Centre has plans to expand.

Community facilities and village halls

- ❑ Generally provision of community centres and halls is well spread across the borough. (This should be viewed in tandem with village hall facilities). The eastern area of the authority appears to lack community provision, however there are several village halls in the area.
- ❑ The mass of community provision tends to be centred on Melton Mowbray itself. A number of centres do not, however, operate to full capacity at peak times. The Council is keen to support and encourage centres to be self financing.



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3. A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

Introduction

The following section provides a framework for the Council and partners to maintain and improve the provision of open spaces, sport and recreational facilities within the borough.

Aim

'By 2016 Melton will have an appropriate distribution and range of high quality open spaces, sports and recreational facilities with associated ancillary facilities, which will provide opportunities for participation from all sections of the community.'

Objectives

The aim will be worked towards by the implementation of the following objectives:

1. Provide usable, accessible and sustainable facilities and ancillary facilities within the borough.
2. Seek to ensure that this provision is of an appropriate distribution, quantity and quality.
3. Rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfall as outlined in the Assessment Report through improvements to the current stock and ancillaries.
4. Proactive use of planning powers to quantify and secure appropriate developer contributions for new or enhanced facilities.
5. Work in tandem with schools, parish councils and voluntary sector organisations/clubs, with regards to securing and developing pitch and other outdoor sports provision for the use of sport and recreation.
6. Ensure that existing and future provision complies with DDA legislation and is fully accessible for all residents (including juniors and girls/women).



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4. TARGETS

4.1 Outdoor facilities

Introduction

A number of targets have been developed (highlighted in green boxes) and should be implemented to enable the policy objectives to be delivered. It is recommended that the Council adopts these to enable it to achieve the Strategy's aims and objectives.

Development route of pitch provision

With particular reference to the provision of football pitches, the Council should consider adopting development routes for pitch provision that can be applied to all types of site in the borough. This approach should facilitate the delivery of appropriately specified pitches, servicing all levels of demand. It must recognise demand and supply issues within specific catchment areas.

1. Development route of pitch provision

Outline a development route of provision, which enables resources to be targeted at sites of strategic importance on a local and borough-wide level.

A number of characteristics for both development routes are identified. These apply either to site elements that are already in place or, in some instances, are not in place but have the potential to be developed:



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Development route 1	Development route 2
Strategically placed in the local analysis area context. Accessible for residents within local analysis/settlement area	Strategically placed in the local village context Accessible for residents in the immediate locality
10 minute drive-time.	5 minutes or under drive-time
Often services two sports, e.g. football, tennis.	Often services one pitch sport and one or two clubs use as a home ground e.g. football.
Good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/shower (men's and women's)/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.	Ideally include good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/showers/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.
Linked to NGB facilities strategies. Clubs have/are working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.	Clubs currently working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.

Reference has been made to the above routes in the action plan where each site has been classified into one of the development routes.

Development Route 1 sites are the largest playing pitch sites in the borough. The Council and its partners should secure and commit significant funding to their maintenance and, where necessary, improvement. Improvements in the quality of these pitches will relieve pressure on other sites across the borough and increase capacity and the adequacy of a large proportion of the pitch stock. Consideration should be given to prioritise those sites highlighted as being played over capacity or under capacity (due to poor quality).

Development Route 2 sites are smaller than development Route 1 sites. They will predominantly be parish council/voluntary sector managed facilities.

Conclusion

It should be recognised that this model is intended to be flexible to assist with funding priorities. Through investment, sites can be reclassified. It should also be noted that although Development Route 2 sites would generally be considered as local priorities in some instances they may become borough-wide priorities. This is likely to be the case in areas, which have a particularly low level of provision.



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Sport specific targets

2. Football

- ❑ Prioritise investment in pitch quality at sites, which have been classified as poor quality.
- ❑ Redistribute play from sites, which have been identified as overplayed.
- ❑ Each site to have appropriate size and specification changing facilities, which enable access from all users groups (e.g. women/girls/disabled) and pitch capacity to be maximised.
- ❑ Support Melton Foxes FC in its aspirations to re-locate all teams to a single pitch site and address the potential to consider lease options.
- ❑ Support Asfordby Amateurs Ladies FC in finding further pitch stock to support its growing membership.

3. Cricket

- ❑ At least one club in the borough to provide and develop opportunities for girls' and women's participation.

4. Rugby union

- ❑ Support Melton RFC in developing continued opportunities for junior, women and girls' participation.

5. Hockey

- ❑ Support Melton HC in its ambitions to continue hockey participation within the borough through the refurbishment of the artificial turf pitch at King Edward VII School thus ensuring the continued development of hockey within Melton.

6. Tennis

- ❑ Increase public awareness of playing and coaching opportunities at clubs through increased publicity.
- ❑ Protect and maintain the current level of courts, which are open for public recreational use.



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Education

Secondary schools

The majority of secondary schools in Melton allow some form of community access to their outdoor facilities. The most significant of these being Belvior High School in Bottesford and King Edward VII School in Melton Mowbray. However the Council and partners should explore the possibility of further weekend access to address shortfall and latent demand for facilities (particularly football).

There is substantial potential for the development of sporting opportunities in the borough. It is paramount that the Council works/continues to work with partner schools in order to fully utilise the facilities available to meet the demand and also consider the targets in the Physical Education, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) strategy.

7. Secondary school playing fields

- ❑ Continue the development of community use of schools pitches. Provide support, where appropriate in order for schools to achieve effective community use agreements.
- ❑ Support those schools that have existing community use and require improvements to the facilities to enable increased capacity as well as improving facilities for curriculum purposes.
- ❑ Improvements to pitches and ancillary facilities to accommodate additional wear and tear, and improvements to site access and security may be required. This must include access to changing facilities, and where not possible access to toilets as a minimum.



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Primary schools

Few primary schools in Melton currently allow community use on their pitches. The Council and partners should explore the possibility of negotiating access to schools particularly over the weekend. This can bring in extra income and increase a school's role in the local community, thus increasing relationships with local families and magnifying community ownership of the schools facilities. However, where primary schools do have their own pitches it is important to take into consideration the fact that there will be curriculum use also and pitches will require some recovery time.

8. Primary/junior school playgrounds

Every primary and junior school should have an adequate quality playground surface (regardless of size) for sports activities with appropriate playground markings on the ground and on walls/fences etc to facilitate cricket and hockey as well as other sports (netball, basketball, short tennis) and general movement and ball skills.

Schemes, which, should be considered to facilitate this include:

- ❑ England Cricket Board playground markings.
- ❑ Youth Sport Trust – 'Zoneparc'.
- ❑ DfES Sporting Playgrounds.

9. Primary/junior school playing fields

- ❑ Primary and junior schools, which have existing playing fields on site or immediately adjacent should mark out a minimum of one 60m x 40m training grid, which can be used for pitch sports (e.g. mini soccer, tag rugby etc.).
- ❑ Formal arrangements to be in place for community use of school playing fields and other outdoor sports facilities where appropriate.



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4.2 Built facilities

A number of targets have been produced and should be implemented to enable the policy objectives to be delivered. It is recommended that the Council adopts these to enable it to achieve the Strategy's aims and objectives.

TARGET 1

- ❑ Linked to an overall marketing plan, invest in further promotional activity to raise the awareness of facilities and activities in particular to disadvantaged communities.
- ❑ Improve the quality of signage advertising facilities on a borough wide basis.
- ❑ Encourage other facility providers, i.e. schools to increase awareness of facility access.

TARGET 2

Support the management committees/schools/sports centres in ensuring that all new built facilities must meet DDA guidelines, and existing facilities to make reasonable adjustments to meet with DDA legislation. Support those village halls, in gaining funding, if required, to upgrade buildings to meet with DDA requirements.

TARGET 3

Where new sports facilities are provided at school sites, encourage greater accessibility. Increase car parking to withstand both curricular and community usage of the site. Changing rooms to be located close to the sports facilities.

TARGET 4

Work with the management committees of community buildings and school facilities to provide balanced programme for all sections of the community.

TARGET 5

Where appropriate support schools, community groups and sports clubs in the provision of appropriately distributed facilities.



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TARGET 6

Continue building partnerships with neighbouring local authorities playing a critical role in providing facilities to service areas of Melton, particularly in relation to the north of the borough.

TARGET 7

Compare and contrast the pricing policies of the different facilitators within Melton and neighbouring authorities to make informed decisions about affordability of facilities for all sections of the community. Encourage schools with community use to provide better value for money.

TARGET 8

Detailed community use agreement to be written into planning applications for new sports and leisure facilities, particularly at school sites. This will ensure appropriate community usage of new facilities in line with Council policies. It should include pricing policies and opening time commitments.

Monitor and update community use agreements of facilities on a yearly basis. Offering guidance and support to facility providers throughout the rest of the year.



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4.3 Open space

The following targets have been developed through the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and the catchment mapping. They reflect the key areas to be addressed over the lifetime of the Strategy. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to meet planning considerations.

TARGET 1 – PARKS AND GARDENS

- ❑ Identify ways of preventing/decreasing vandalism, e.g., through increased security presence.
- ❑ Adopt the principles of Green Flag in the management and development of sites.
- ❑ Consider options to prevent/decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.
- ❑ Continue to improve access in line with DDA guidelines.
- ❑ Explore the potential to enhance parking facilities at large sites.

TARGET 2 – NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL GREENSPACES

- ❑ Improve signage at sites to increase awareness.
- ❑ Develop interpretation boards at key sites to enhance understanding of sites.

TARGET 3 – GREEN CORRIDORS

- ❑ Implement Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- ❑ Continue to upgrade footpaths and surfaces, focusing on those nearest Melton Mowbray.
- ❑ Address concerns over cropping of sites.
- ❑ Consider options to prevent/decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.
- ❑ Enhance network.
- ❑ Upgrade signage to increase awareness of network.

TARGET 4 – AMENITY GREENSPACE

- ❑ Identify ways of enhancing facilities for different groups.
- ❑ Identify ways of preventing/decreasing vandalism and improving security.
- ❑ access.

TARGET 5 – PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- ❑ Create additional provision as appropriate.



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- ❑ Continue to, where appropriate, create larger play areas and decrease the number of LAPs.
- ❑ Ensure perimeter fencing and safety surfacing is appropriate at all sites.

TARGET 6 – ALLOTMENTS, COMMUNITY GARDENS AND CITY FARMS

- ❑ Continue to explore options to develop allotment associations responsible for site management.
- ❑ Support allotment associations to improve access and facilities at sites.
- ❑ Increase disabled access at selected sites.

TARGET 7 – CEMETERIES, DISUSED CHURCHYARDS AND BURIAL GROUNDS

- ❑ Increase disabled access at sites.

TARGET 8 – CIVIC SPACE

- ❑ Increase disabled access at sites.



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5. ACTION PLAN 2005 – 2015

Priority: Short = 1-2 years; Medium = 3-5 years; Long = 6-10 years

5.1 Outdoor facilities

Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
Thorpe Road Recreation Ground	There are two senior football pitches on the site, currently they are in poor condition and unused by teams.	The Council to explore the possibility of bringing the site up to a suitable standard to allow clubs to use the site on a competitive basis. This would help to address the shortfall or latent demand expressed within the central analysis area.	The Council, local junior football clubs.	Provision of usable, good quality pitches. Increased opportunity for participation while addressing latent demand.	Short
Asfordby Sports & Social Club	The site is currently suffering from overplay. Although the pitches are considered to be in good condition at present, continued use at this level will result in deterioration of pitch quality – signs of this are beginning to appear.	The Sports Ground Trust should consider reducing the current level of play on the pitches. Use of other pitch sites, such as Thorpe Road will allow teams to be re allocated from Asfordby Sports & Social Club.	Sports Ground Trust, the Council, local football clubs.	Maintenance of current facility allowing continued quality use of the site.	Short



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
Bottesford FC	Club uses more than one site, limiting its potential to grow	Develop new site in Bottesford	Council, Bottesford FC	Site that meets club's needs	Short
Egerton Park Sports Ground	<p>The site is currently being overplayed. The pitch is described as being in adequate condition although Melton Foxes FC who use the site have noted that it suffers from water logging and poor line marking.</p> <p>Melton Foxes wish to explore the possibility of consolidating the club on one site.</p>	Town Estate (land owner) to explore possibility of improving pitch drainage to increase capacity.	Town Estate, the Council, Melton Foxes FC	Improved drainage resulting in increased pitch capacity.	Short
King Edward VII Community Sports Centre	The ATP is described as being in adequate/poor condition. The carpet requires replacement. Melton Hockey Club believes that if it is not replaced then they will have to move outside the borough to play competitive hockey.	Partners should explore the possibility of replacing the carpet and refurbishing the surround and fencing.	King Edward VII School, management company, the Council, Melton Hockey Club	Resurfacing of the ATP will ensure that the hockey club (the only one in Melton) remains within the borough. This is critical for the future development of the sport in the borough.	Short-medium
Melton Mowbray Rugby Club (King Edward VII Community	The Club has reached saturation point in terms of its membership and is unable to introduce any further teams. They wish to introduce a girl's team next season however this	The Club should explore options with the school to utilise some of the spare playing field space on the site to introduce a further pitch.	Melton Mowbray Rugby Club, King Edward VII School, the Council	Further pitch allocation will allow the Club to introduce further junior teams and satisfy the need for a girl's team in the near future.	Short



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
Sports Centre)	<p>is not possible due to lack of pitch space.</p> <p>The Club wishes to introduce floodlights to one of the pitches to allow training access in the evenings. It also plans to expand the clubhouse and has planning permission in place, however it does not currently have funds in place to do so.</p>	<p>The Club and partners should explore potential funding bodies in order to satisfy their facility development aspirations.</p>		<p>Floodlighting and clubhouse expansion will cater for the increased demand.</p>	
Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club	<p>The cricket pitch is being played to capacity and in order to develop further the Club require access to another square.</p> <p>The Club wishes to expand its storage facility, which is currently in poor condition.</p>	<p>The Club should work with the Council and other landowners in the area to explore potential access to another square.</p>	<p>Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club, the Council, other potential facility providers</p>	<p>Access to another square will allow the club to continue its junior development.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
Croxton Kerrial Sports Ground	<p>The junior football pitch is being played over capacity and as a result pitch quality will begin to deteriorate.</p> <p>The sports pavilion is in poor condition and requires refurbishment.</p>	<p>Sports club should explore the potential to increase the quality of the pitch and therefore its capacity or perhaps more appropriately introduce a further pitch on the site (potentially located on the cricket outfield).</p> <p>The Club should explore the potential to approach funding bodies.</p>	<p>Croxton Kerrial Sports Club, MBC</p>	<p>Increased pitch capacity and quality.</p> <p>Improved ancillary facilities.</p>	<p>Medium</p>



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
	The sports club wish to introduce new cricket nets.	The Club should explore the potential to approach funding bodies.		Suitable practice facilities to develop skills at all levels of the game.	
Belvoir High School	The senior football pitch is being played over capacity.	The pitch is only being played marginally over capacity and therefore is currently not unduly affecting the quality of the pitch. It may be necessary to monitor pitch quality while attempting to improve pitch quality at the site.	Belvoir High School, Football clubs.	Increased pitch capacity and quality.	Medium



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
Melton Leisure Centre	<p>Users have to travel outside the building at present in order to access the fitness suite.</p> <p>Fitness suite is in poor condition and requires refurbishment, replacement of equipment and expansion.</p>	<p>Provide a link between fitness suite and main hall.</p> <p>Improve the general standard of fitness facilities at the centre.</p> <p>Develop more robust pricing strategy.</p>	Brooksby Melton College, the Council	<p>Provision of more suitable access.</p> <p>Improved fitness facility will allow the centre to provide users with a more appropriate facility and compete with other facility providers in the area.</p> <p>Improved pricing strategy will allow the centre to improve facilities to a standard that meets the needs of the users.</p>	Medium
King Edward VII Community Sports Centre	<p>Fitness suite is very popular and increased demand means that an extension to the current facility is required.</p> <p>Facilities will require an upgrade in the near future.</p>	<p>Extension of current fitness suite to include new equipment</p> <p>Upgrade all facilities in the next 5-6 years</p>	King Edward VII School	<p>Enhancing current facility to meet demand for fitness facilities.</p> <p>Ensuring that facilities are maintained to a high standard.</p>	High
Waterfields Leisure Pool	<p>The plant and ventilation system is not running efficiently. The condition of both is resulting in spiralling costs.</p> <p>The changing rooms require</p>	<p>Major refurbishment to the plant and ventilation system.</p> <p>Improved changing facilities with further locker space.</p> <p>Melton Swimming Club require more</p>	The Council, SLM, Melton Swimming Club	<p>Currently the facility is not cost effective and costs maintenance costs are spiralling. Improved facilities will limit this.</p> <p>Improved changing and</p>	High



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
	further locker space as the currently they do not service demand at peak times.	water time in order to meet their 'long term athlete development standard'		additional locker space will allow the facility to cater for current and future demand. All partners should explore the programming in order to ensure that the needs of the club are accommodated in the most efficient way.	
The Colles Hall	The roof is in poor condition.	The facility requires a new roof.	Trust, the Council	Construction of new roof in order to keep the centre in good condition.	Medium
Polish Catholic Centre	DDA access to the facility is adequate, however the trust wish to improve it.	Improve DDA access to the facility.	Trust, the Council	Improved DDA access will bring the centre up to current requirements whilst catering for a wider range of demand.	Medium
Belvoir High School	The sports hall is in poor condition, with a poor range/mix of indoor provision. The school is a significant provider in the northern part of the borough. The changing rooms are in poor condition.	The four-court sports hall requires refurbishment and an improved mix of indoor facilities. Within the mix of indoor facilities a fitness suite should be included as there are no other in the northern part of the borough. The changing rooms require refurbishment.	Belvoir High School, the Council	Improved sports hall facility with a mix of facilities including fitness suite will provide an ideal facility for the northern part of the borough, which currently lacks facilities. The refurbished changing facility will meet the need of both the school and	High



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
				community.	
Stathern War Memorial Hall	The centre requires general refurbishment to the interior of the building.	Carry out general refurbishment to the interior of the building.	Trust, the Council	General refurbishment to the interior in order to keep the centre in good condition.	Low
Stathern Retreat Centre	DDA access to the facility is adequate, however the trust wish to improve it.	Improve DDA access to the facility.	Trust, the Council	Improved DDA access will bring the centre up to current requirements whilst catering for a wider range of demand.	Medium
Gaddesby Village Hall	Demand has been expressed for a meeting room and changing facility.	The trust wish to introduce a meeting room and changing room with shower facility.	Trust, the Council	Extension to the current facilities will allow further access to community groups meeting their needs.	Medium
Great Dalby Village Hall	The hall is used by Great Dalby Badminton Club, however the roof arches do not provide enough clearance.	Trust wish to raise the roof in order to allow full clearance for badminton.	Trust, the Council	Raising the roof will allow full clearance for badminton. This will allow the club to expand and meet regulations of the Leicestershire League.	Medium
Long Clawson Village Hall	Demand has been expressed for an extension to the current	The trust are attempting to source funding for an extension.	Trust, the Council	Extension to the facility in order to meet demand.	Medium



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
	facility.				
Twyford Village Hall	The facility is currently in debt. There is demand for further use, however the size of the hall will not allow for any further use.	The facility is in debt, the trust wish to extend the current facility in order to release further capacity.	Trust, the Council	Extension to the current facilities will allow further access to community groups generating more income and relieving debt.	Medium
Wymondham Village Hall	The hall is in poor condition and no longer meets the needs of the local community.	Trust committee wish to sell the current site, which is in poor condition, for building and re-locate to a new build site.	Trust, the Council	New build facility will meet the need of the local community providing meeting rooms and opportunities for meetings, classes etc.	Medium



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5.3 Open spaces

Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
New Park, Melton Mowbray	Poor condition of bandstand	Renovate bandstand	The Council, Town Estate, local community	Upgraded park	Short
Egerton Park, Melton Mowbray	Wall and fence needs replacing; river has silted up.	Replace wall Desilt river	The Council, local community	Upgraded site	Medium
St Mary's Way, Melton Mowbray	Potential to make site brighter and more welcoming	Increase sight lines; make entrances more welcoming	The Council, local community	Improved access and more welcoming site	Medium
Melton Country Park	Needs identified to upgrade park	Footpath improvements Shelters and entrance improvements Develop fishing area Develop bird watching observation hides Extend children's play areas	Friends of Melton Country Park, the Council, local community	Upgraded site	Medium - long
Priory Water Nature Reserve, Asfordby Hill	Lack of signage to indicate purpose of site	Install appropriate signs	The Council, local community	Increased awareness of site	Short
Kirby Fields	Support nature area	Develop interpretation boards	The Council, local community	Increased awareness of site	Short
Grantham Canal	Potential to develop multi-user route	Develop multi-user route	British Waterways, the Council, LBRA, local community	Continuation of route through Melton	Medium



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Site	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Priority
Melton Mowbray – Bingham	Potential to develop wildlife reserve	Develop route as long, narrow wildlife reserve	The Council, LBRA, local community, LCC	Enhanced provision in area	Long
Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray	Absence of designated route	Designate route	The Council, LBRA, local community	Route to meet identified need	Medium
West analysis area	Gaps in bridleway network	Link bridleway network in West of borough	The Council, LBRA, local community	Route to meet identified need	Medium
Former Melton Mowbray airfield site	No assembling and car parking area for carriage driving	Develop facilities at site	The Council, LBRA, local community	Improved facilities and access	Medium
Former Police Station	Development of area needs to incorporate amenity greenspace to meet local need	Develop amenity greenspace on site	The Council, local community	Site to meet identified need	Short
Sewstern Play Area	Site is a LAP	Close	-	Play provision that meets local needs	Short
Long Clawson Back Lane/Crown and Plough Inn play areas	Both sites are LAPs	Close one site and enhance provision at other	The Council, local community	Play provision that meets local needs	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> Barsby Village Hall Green Play Area; <input type="checkbox"/> Gaddesby: Paske Avenue Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Wymondham Primary School Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Twyford: Lowesby	Inadequate safety surface	Upgrade safety surface	The Council, local community, relevant site owners	Sites that meet appropriate standards	Short-medium



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<input type="checkbox"/> Lane Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Somerby: High Street Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Hoby: Brooksby Road Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Redmile: Main Street Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Country Park Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Dickens Drive Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Doctors Lane Allotment Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Hartopp Road Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: West Avenue Green Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Blythe Avenue Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Nether Broughton: Chapel Lane Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Long Clawson: Back Lane Amenity Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Grimston: Perkins Lane Play Area.					



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<input type="checkbox"/> Scaford: Sandy Lane Recreation Ground Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Waltham on Wolds Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Stathern Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Harby: School Lane Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Old Dalby: Church Lane Play Area.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barsby Village Hall Green Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Dickens Drive Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Doctors Lane Allotment. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Thrush Close Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Kirby Fields Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: Blythe Avenue Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Long Clawson: Back Lane Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Sproxton Village Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray: War Memorial Play	Inadequate fencing	Upgrade fencing	The Council, local community, relevant site owners	Sites that meet appropriate standards	Short-medium



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area <input type="checkbox"/> Old Dalby: Church Lane Play Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Croxton Kerrial Play Area 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Mowbray (north east) <input type="checkbox"/> Central Asfordby <input type="checkbox"/> Bottesford (west) 	Shortfall of play provision	Develop play provision	the Council, local community, landowners	Sites that meet identified shortfall	Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Long Clawson (west) <input type="checkbox"/> Waltham on the Wolds <input type="checkbox"/> Ab Kettleby <input type="checkbox"/> Barketstone-le-Vale <input type="checkbox"/> Buckminster <input type="checkbox"/> Burrough on the Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Burton Lazars <input type="checkbox"/> Croxton Kerrial <input type="checkbox"/> Eaton <input type="checkbox"/> Frisby on the Wreake <input type="checkbox"/> Goadby Marwood <input type="checkbox"/> Great Dalby <input type="checkbox"/> Kirby Bellars <input type="checkbox"/> Knipton <input type="checkbox"/> Plungar <input type="checkbox"/> Scalford (south) <input type="checkbox"/> Thorpe Arnold <input type="checkbox"/> Thorpe Satchville 	Shortfall of play provision	Under 16 population does not justify full play provision – consider kickabout wall and similar	the Council, local community, landowners	Sites that meet identified shortfall	Long



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Lake Terrace allotments, Melton Mowbray	Limited disabled use	Develop raised beds	the Council, Melton Access Group, plotholder	Improved disability access	Medium
Thorpe Road cemetery	Paths are not wide enough to allow a wheelchair to pass	Widen paths	the Council, Melton Access Group, plotholder	Improved disability access	Medium

