



THREE RIVERS, DACORUM & HERTSMERE PLAYING PITCH STRATEGIES

STAGE B CONSULTATION SUMMARY

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KEY ISSUES

Football – Three Rivers

- ◀ Evergreen FC – aspirations for Stadia 3G at home venue. Identified issues with pitch quality (generally due to high levels of overplay).
- ◀ Chorleywood FC issues with tenure arrangement on site. Five years left on current agreement. Identified quality issues with ancillary facilities.
- ◀ Chess UTD report quality issues with changing pavilion at Maple Cross Playing Field.

Football – Hertsmere

- ◀ Belstone FC has plans to acquire additional land to develop additional pitches. Future demand aspirations of 18 teams
- ◀ Herts Academy FC future demand aspirations of 23 teams. Currently exploring opportunities for adequately facilities to facilitate growth.

Football – Dacorum

- ◀ Berkhamstead Raiders FC aspirations to gain Velvet Lane Playing Field on either long term lease/asset transfer from Council with aspirations of developing ancillary provision on site.
- ◀ The Club has a waiting list of 100 members equating to high levels of unmet demand
- ◀ Tring Tornadoes looking to access a new site to better accommodate its demand. Issues with carparking and no running water on current site of Cow Lane.
- ◀ Herts Girls FC highlight issues with ancillary facilities at Warners End and note it has the potential to impact on the development of its growth of girl's football.
- ◀ Hemel Hempstead Youth has aspiration for dedicated home site.

Rugby Union – Three Rivers

- ◀ Changing rooms poor quality at Chess Valley RFC. Issues with water pressure and heating. Social space is dated and in need of modernisation.

Rugby Union – Dacorum

- ◀ Tring RUFC plans to rotate pitch and develop new clubhouse and improved changing facilities. Aspirations to acquire pitches currently used by Tring Tornadoes FC if the Club is to relocate.
- ◀ Hemel Hempstead RFC identifies need for clubhouse improvements.

Cricket – Three Rivers

- ◀ Bushey CC, Chorleywood CC, Abbots Langley CC and Rickmansworth CC all highlight need for additional training facilities.
- ◀ Abbots Langley CC and Rickmansworth CC highlight recent issues with vandalism.
- ◀ Chorleywood CC IS identified as having poor quality ancillary provision.
- ◀ Bushey CC highlight issues with the quality of its cricket square.
- ◀ Two disused squares identified at Chiltern Sport & Social Club and Sarraf King George Field

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Cricket – Hertsmere

- ◆ Shenley CC highlight need for long term tenure on its current site of Shenley Cricket Centre. Club report issue with landlord keeping the Club on a short term arrangement and fear being asked to vacate in the future.

Cricket – Dacorum

- ◆ Bovingdon CC highlight issues in renewing lease agreement with Dacorum BC.
- ◆ Long Marston CC report issues with storage and car parking.
- ◆ Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club plans to bid for funding for cricket practise facilities.
- ◆ Seven clubs outline a requirement for additional training facilities.

Tennis – Three Rivers

- ◆ Poor quality courts located at Baldwins Lane Playing Field, Maple Cross Playing Field, Saint Joan of Arc Catholic School, Scotsbridge Playing Field and Chorleywood House Grounds.

Tennis – Dacorum

- ◆ Langley TC has seven years on its lease agreement remaining from Abbots Hill School. Looking for a site with 2/3 acres of land to develop a new site on a like for like basis.
- ◆ Poor quality courts located at 13 unique sites across the Borough.

Hockey – Dacorum

- ◆ Tring School Astro coming to end of its lifespan – accessed by both Tring and Hemel & Berkhamsted HC.
- ◆ Berkhamsted School had planning rejected several times for hockey AGP
- ◆ Berkhamsted & Hemel Hockey Club export almost 2/3rd of its demand outside of the Dacorum because of a lack of localised facilities.
- ◆ Aspirations to get hockey AGP at its home venue. Area sits in area of ONB and had previous pre-planning rejections.
- ◆ RAF Halton set for potential closure. Site accessed by both Tring and Hemel & Berkhamsted and may impact on ability to accommodate fixtures in the future.

Athletics – Dacorum

- ◆ Track and ancillary facilities managed by Everyone Active
- ◆ Club has 600 members with waiting list (50-100 juniors)
- ◆ Club has concerns around future of the site due to potential sale of land for housing development – would like to have an idea of site security or plans for the future.
- ◆ Relocation too far away would impact on membership.
- ◆ LA has looked at relocation to Cupids Green site, but feasibility study revealed not possible.
- ◆ Club aspires to run the track itself and would like to put business plan together.
- ◆ At present the Club is putting a 5-year club development plan in place - National League status is aspiration.
- ◆ Track of average quality and can hold competitions – holds 10 a year approx.
- ◆ Club unsure whether a sinking fund is in place but feels resurface will be required soon.

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- Track available for public use when not being used by the Club (Tues and Thurs 6pm-9pm). Club also use on a Sat and Sun am, but public can also use at this time.

Other sports

- Hemel Stags RLFC aspires to develop a Rugby League Community Standard 3G pitch as part of Rugby League World Cup 2021 legacy funding.

Response rates

Sport/organisation	LA	Response rate	Response rate %
Football teams	Three Rivers	21/48*	44%
	Dacorum	18/63	29%
Rugby union clubs	Three Rivers	1/2	50%
	Dacorum	1/3	33%
Cricket clubs	Three Rivers	5/5	100%
	Dacorum	14/15	94%
Hockey clubs	Three Rivers	1/2	50%
	Dacorum	2/2	100%
Tennis clubs	Three Rivers	3/6	50%
	Dacorum	5/8	63%
Bowls clubs	Three Rivers	8/8	100%
	Dacorum	5/7	71%
Primary & SEN schools	Three Rivers	11/29	38%
	Dacorum	13/27	48%
	Hertsmere	18/35	51%
Independent & secondary schools	Three Rivers	6/9	67%
	Dacorum	11/17	65%
	Hertsmere	9/14	65%

* Team response rates for Three Rivers football equates to response rate of - 65%

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NEXT STEPS

The Three Rivers Assessment Report is due to be submitted on December 21nd. Hertsmere will be delivered on 11th January and Dacorum January 25th. Each will focus on reporting the findings of the extensive research, consultation, site assessment, data analysis and GIS mapping work to deliver:

- ◀ An analysis of qualitative site visits.
- ◀ A summary of consultation with a variety of stakeholders, including officers, governing bodies, league secretaries, clubs and schools.
- ◀ Supply and demand analysis using the new methodology in accordance with Sport England's Guidance 'Developing a Playing Pitch Strategy'.

Each sport by sport section will provide a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It will also provide information about the availability of facilities for the local community, and the details of governing body regional strategic plans (where they exist).

It is important to note that the Assessment Report will not, at this stage, incorporate site-specific recommendations (in relation to meeting deficiencies and dealing with surpluses). Once the facts outlined (including site information, number of teams etc.) have been agreed by the steering group, a strategy and action plan will be developed.