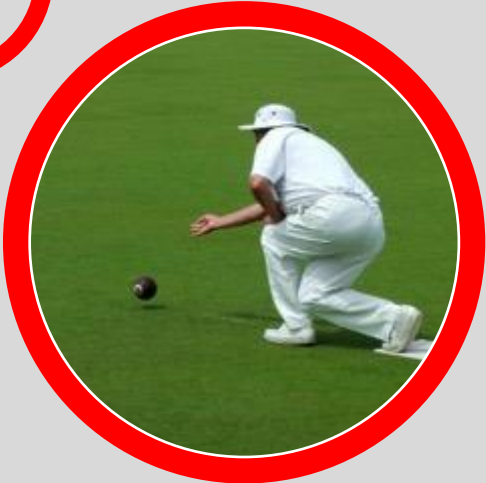


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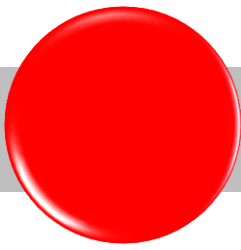
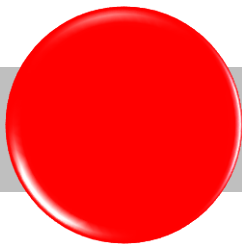
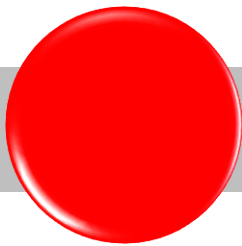


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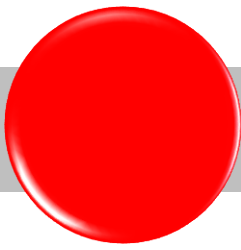


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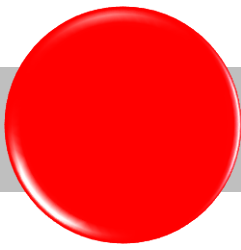
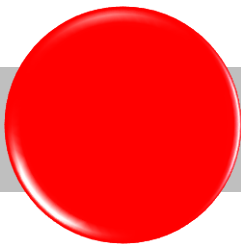


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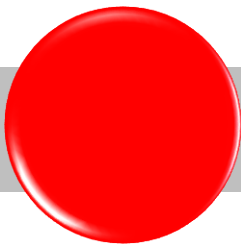
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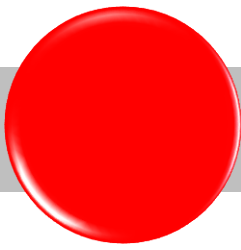
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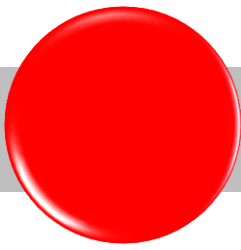
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

TERMS	EXPLANATION
AFFORDABLE FITNESS FACILITIES	These are fitness facilities which may be in the public, private or voluntary sectors, which offer similar prices as those operated by Harrogate Borough Council; these facilities are therefore considered to be both affordable and accessible, and providing for at least some of the community, in a way that membership only facilities may not.
ASSESSING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES GUIDANCE (ANOG)	The Sport England guidance on preparing and developing needs assessments for built sports facilities, which provides the evidence to support a Local Plan.
COMMUNITY USE	A facility has community use if it is open for use by sports clubs/community groups and pay and play use (use by individuals in the community).
COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT (CUA)	A CUA is a formal agreement between an education facility and a Local Authority (and sometimes also Sport England) for community use of a sports facility on an education site out of school hours.
FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM)	The FPM is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to inform the current and future need for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and all-weather pitches.
HARROGATE, HARROGATE DISTRICT OR HARROGATE BOROUGH	Reference to Harrogate, Harrogate or Harrogate Borough, means the entirety of the geographic area for which Harrogate Borough Council is responsible.
HARROGATE TOWN	Reference to Harrogate town means the settlement within the wider borough area.
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)	The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies and how they are expected to be applied. It covers both plan -making and development management.
PAY AND PLAY	Sports facilities which are available for use by the general public; facilities can be booked by individuals or groups, without membership necessarily being required.
SCHOOL LETTINGS	A school open for lettings provides community access but these tend to just be for clubs/groups i.e. pre-organised groups as opposed to individual pay and play use.
SPORTS FACILITY CALCULATOR (SFC)	The SFC is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to calculate the future need for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls, based on a specified population increase in an identified location.
STRATEGIC SIZE	Strategic size refers to either a sports hall of minimum 3 badminton courts, or a pool of a minimum 160 sqm. These are definitions used by Sport England in the FPM.



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. The Vision for future provision of sport and leisure in Harrogate is to have:

“A healthier more active population living longer, more independent and happier lives”

1.2. Sustainable, high quality, and accessible facility provision has a critical role to play in delivering these opportunities. Harrogate Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, to ensure its health and well-being priorities can be delivered, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

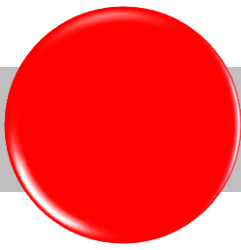
AIMS

1.3. The aim of providing sufficient high quality, fit for purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces is to:

- **Increase the proportion of the population that is physically active; the level of activity undertaken will support efforts to further reduce health inequalities;**
- **Develop additional facility provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth;**
- **Design in flexibility; future facility provision may need to be more multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities;**
- **Encourage new participants to start taking part in physical activity;**
- **Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level, using e.g. community centres/halls;**
- **Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Harrogate’s communities;**
- **Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically obesity, reduced inactivity, across Harrogate; and**
- **Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life.**

1.4. Based on the supply and demand analysis there is clearly a need for:

- **Additional swimming pool provision;**
- **Additional health and fitness provision in the long-term;**
- **Retaining existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports halls, and swimming pools, as a minimum;**
- **Consideration of an enhanced dedicated gymnastics facilities; and**
- **Increased provision of indoor bowls facilities.**



- 1.5. It is also important to retain community access to sports facilities on education sites, and where possible, increase the level and type of access available.
- 1.6. Improving the quality of ageing provision is important in Harrogate to ensure that participation levels are retained and wherever possible increased. Market evidence highlights that modern, fit for purpose facilities are more likely to attract increased usage, and participation from those who may not be physically active. Active Lives highlights that 20.9% of the Harrogate community is inactive enough to have any health benefit.
- 1.7. The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the Borough. This reflects Public Health and Harrogate Borough Council’s health and well-being priorities, to facilitate sustained behaviour change to reduce obesity, improve health, contribute to addressing address mental health issues and increase participation.
- 1.8. Modern facilities are also more cost-effective and efficient to operate.
- 1.9. In Harrogate district, there is insufficient pay and play accessible health and fitness provision to meet future demand. There is also a need to increase existing levels of community accessible swimming provision and studio facilities into the future.

SUMMARY OF FACILITY PRIORITIES IN HARROGATE

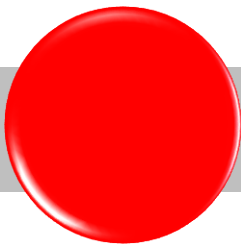
1.10. Overall, Harrogate has a good range of existing sport and leisure facilities across the area; however, some existing facilities on education sites are now ageing, some are of a poorer quality than others, and some will require replacement /refurbishment. This is particularly true of education sports halls and, Harrogate Borough Council facilities such as Ripon Leisure Centre (in progress), the Hydro, Starbeck Baths and Knaresborough Pool.

- **Improving the quality of existing, ageing provision is the priority for future investment;**
- **Harrogate Borough Council’s health and fitness facilities are already very full; there is insufficient fitness station provision to meet future demand. Therefore, it is also important to invest in larger health and fitness facilities to increase participation levels and generate more income;**
- **Although there is enough water space for the current population, demand will increase in the future as a result of new housing development which will see higher population levels in the borough, so there is a need to invest in additional provision; and**
- **There is also a need to consider future need for the provision of indoor bowls, gymnastics and trampolining.**

1.11. The identified priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

Table 1.1: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

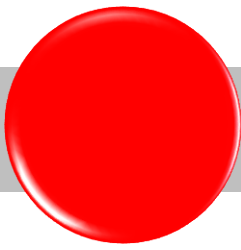
FACILITY TYPE	PRIORITY FOR FUTURE PROVISION	LOCATION
SPORTS HALLS	Long term replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Boroughwide -education facilities



FACILITY TYPE	PRIORITY FOR FUTURE PROVISION	LOCATION
SWIMMING POOLS	Retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable swimming facilities as a minimum	Borough wide The longer - term need to replace / refurbish Knaresborough Pool could provide the opportunity to address the identified long-term need for an increased level of water space e.g. a larger main pool (8 lane x 25m) and a learner pool with a moveable floor
	Replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Ripon Leisure Centre (in progress) The Hydro Knaresborough Pool Ripon Spa Baths
HEALTH AND FITNESS	Increased pay and play accessible health and fitness provision space, equivalent to a minimum of 30 fitness stations to meet the demand by 2035. Increased number of fitness stations at Harrogate Borough Council facilities e.g. The Hydro	Ripon Leisure Centre (replacement) The Hydro Potentially Knaresborough
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	Potential to explore further club-led provision/partnership provision given high numbers on waiting lists	No specific location
INDOOR BOWLS	Potential opportunity to consider long term additional club-led provision of indoor bowls facilities (increased demand for additional 1.28 rinks imminently)	No specific location
GENERAL PROVISION	Overall, and specifically through the housing growth agenda, provision of more active environments, reflecting active travel, safe cycle routes to school, the need to link existing and new communities with walking / cycling / jogging routes	Borough wide

SPORTS HALLS

- 1.12. There are 24 individual sports halls located on 14 sites across Harrogate in 2018. Of the 11 sports halls built pre 2000, only 4 have been modernised, so there is an increasing need for modernisation of these older sports halls
- 1.13. 11 of the total 14 sports hall sites are owned and operated by educational institutions - state and independent schools and colleges. There is an aggregate total of 27 badminton courts which are unavailable for community use. This represents just under 30% of the total supply of badminton courts across Harrogate;



1.14. Although there is sufficient provision of sports halls both now and into the future, the supply/demand balance is very finely balanced by 2035 i.e. 15.46 badminton courts or 4 sports halls (3.5 badminton court size). If any of the current supply changes, or accessibility conditions change, this balance could become an under supply.

SWIMMING POOLS

1.15. There are 28 swimming pools in Harrogate, over 25 sites (main pools, learner pools, leisure pools, and a diving pool); 15 pools are strategic sized swimming pools i.e. 160 sq. m +. 9 of the strategic sized pools (main), provide pay and play community access; 6 strategic size pools are on education sites providing for club /community group access. Two of HBC pools are very well used: Knaresborough Pool 76% of available capacity and Ripon Spa Baths 99% of available capacity. 49% of available capacity is used at the Hydro.

FUTURE DEMAND

- **Housing development and population growth in Harrogate will increase demand for swimming pool provision;**
- **Under-supply of pools could be higher by 2035 if any other pools were to close/exclude community access. This is potentially relevant to smaller, older pools in the district; and**
- **The future level of unmet demand in Harrogate, suggests there is an opportunity to consider additional provision of swimming pools. Given there is also a need to modernise facilities, there is potential to look at addressing both these issues together; this is because future demand may have the potential to be addressed through facility extension, or refurbishment, as well as new locations.**

1.16. There is a need to retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable swimming facilities as a minimum.

1.17. Ripon Spa Baths will be replaced on the same site as Ripon leisure Centre to provide co-located wet and dry facilities, offering a wider range of physical activities.

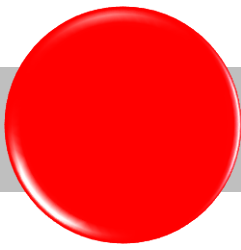
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HEALTH AND FITNESS

1.19. In 2018 there is a small over-supply of +21 fitness stations if 384 affordable fitness stations are included in the supply, based on the fact that some Harrogate residents will be using this provision. If these affordable fitness stations are excluded from the supply, there is a significant under-supply of -406 fitness stations.

1.20. With significant housing developments across Harrogate Town, Knaresborough and Ripon there will be approximately 15,715 new residents in the Borough by 2035. These additional residents will further increase demand for health and fitness over that period.

1.21. On this basis there is both a need and opportunity to increase the provision of HBC fitness facilities. This will be addressed at the new Ripon Leisure Centre and could be delivered through extended facilities at the Hydro and a replacement facility in Knaresborough.

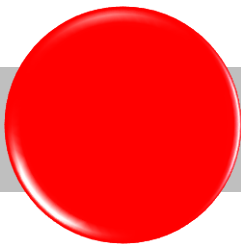


OTHER PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

CONTINUED LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH EDUCATION SITES

- 1.22. In order to deliver the identified Strategy needs, and the key outcome of increased participation to address health inequalities, plus meet demands from increased population, there is an opportunity for some changes in approach to delivery. The development of new/replacement facilities, increasing and optimising the available capacity in existing education facilities, and potentially asset transferring some existing provision, provides a mechanism to deliver these outcomes.
- 1.23. The key issue to address initially is that of future partnership with education sites, to retain community access for clubs and groups as a minimum, and where possible agree CUAs which provide balanced access for the community on a pay and play basis. Increasing capacity to offer and deliver increased participative opportunities, particularly for those who are currently inactive, could contribute significantly to a reduction in health inequalities in the District.
- 1.24. Harrogate's population will grow significantly over the coming years to 2035, so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities – formal and informal, and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need.
- 1.25. Equally, given that 65% of the population achieves the Chief Medical Officer's target of 150 minutes of physical activity per week¹, it is clear that to increase levels of regular participation amongst the remaining 35%, many of whom will be living in the more rural or deprived areas of the Borough, there is a need to change the physical activity offer. Of this 35%, 20.9% are inactive and 14.1% are not active enough to achieve any health benefits
- 1.26. In Harrogate, this means ensuring geographical distribution of facilities and physical activity opportunities across the District to enable more people to access facilities in the urban area by walking, and/or cycling. It also means better use of existing community places and spaces for sport and physical activity i.e. more use of community centres/halls for badminton, fitness classes etc, as well as higher quality formal sports facilities with greater capacity, which can provide a wider range of activities to more people.
- 1.27. More, and better, access to physical activity at local level is important for residents, particularly those who are currently inactive, and those without access to private transport, to participate, and become physically active. Linking facility provision, informal and formal, to opportunities for active travel, and informal places will help to facilitate more active lifestyles for more people.
- 1.28. This is very important given the need to retain and continue to grow existing levels of physical activity in the District and address the existing health inequalities across the District.
- 1.29. It is therefore very important that the potential to utilise community centres/halls, and other informal places and spaces better for sports hall activities, which could provide at a more local level, and therefore facilitate participation by those who are elderly, do not have access to a car, have young children, or have a disability, is fully explored, developed and implemented. In order to make best use of these community centres/halls, it is very important to ensure they are fit for current and future use.

¹ Source: Harrogate Public Health Report – 2015



RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1)

The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.

(PROTECT)

RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2)

There is a need for Harrogate Borough Council and partners to plan now for the replacement of ageing, poor quality facilities, with provision that can better respond to local health and wellbeing priorities and deliver increased opportunities for participation in physical activity and sport.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)

Harrogate Borough Council to work with funding and delivery partners to identify medium to longer term investment opportunities for additional health and fitness provision.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4)

Harrogate Borough Council to consider opportunities for investment in additional swimming provision to meet identified future demand.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)

RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5)

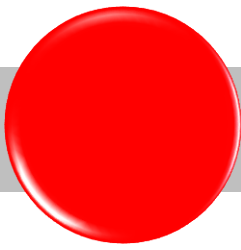
Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for increased levels of pay and play recreational participation should be developed wherever possible.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)

Harrogate Borough Council should seek to ensure that any new education provision involving new or enhanced sports facilities has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)



RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)

Consider the opportunity for Harrogate Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, seek enhanced provision through a CUA.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8)

Public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity.

(PROTECT AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)

Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities i.e. new facility or additional rink provision at Harrogate Bowling Club.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 10 (R10)

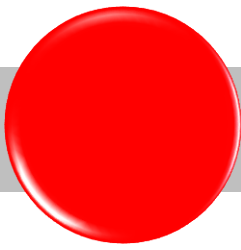
Future need for enhanced gymnastics/trampolining facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampolining, local clubs/partners and Harrogate Borough Council.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)

Where appropriate, Harrogate Borough Council and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from strategic developments that could contribute towards the development of strategic facilities, additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)



RECOMMENDATION 12 (R12)

Harrogate Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 13 (R13)

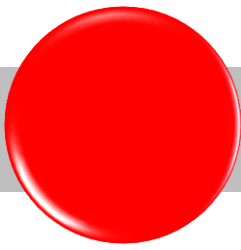
Harrogate Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities/spaces, with local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 14 (R14)

There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.

(PROTECT)



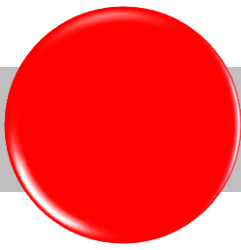
2. STAGE A - INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

INTRODUCTION

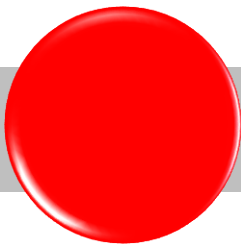
- 2.1. This Built Facilities Study (BFS) provides an assessment of the need for built Sports Facilities. The BFS will guide future provision of indoor sports facilities to serve existing and new communities in the Harrogate.
- 2.2. This BFS Study is one of two related pieces of work developed for Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) (providing an evidence base for the Harrogate Local Plan 2014 – 2035 In respect of indoor and outdoor sports facilities (the latter are covered in the 2019 Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)).
- 2.3. The Borough of Harrogate is a local government district in North Yorkshire. It is the most populous district in North Yorkshire the majority of the population live in the larger towns of Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough, Boroughbridge, Pateley Bridge and Masham. These six settlements make up 75% of the District's population. Therefore, there is a large proportion of approximately 42,000 living in villages and more rural areas of the district.
- 2.4. Harrogate is by far the largest town of the district with a population of approx. 75,000. Knaresborough has also seen significant population increases, as have Ripon and Boroughbridge. This trend is likely to continue with significant housing developments across the Borough.
- 2.5. Harrogate's economy, travel, leisure and retail patterns are heavily influenced by its close proximity to Leeds and Bradford City. Harrogate Rail and Bus services provide transport to Leeds Bradford Airport, Leeds City Centre, Bradford, York, Ripon and Skipton. As such, the town has a large export of commuters working across three major Yorkshire cities.
- 2.6. The district is a popular tourist destination; visitor attractions include a number of historical sites such as Aldborough Roman Museum, Fountains Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, three castles, spa waters and RHS Harlow. More recently, Harrogate has been a key feature of both the Tour of Yorkshire and Tour de France cycling events.
- 2.7. In the west of the district lies the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which covers some 233 sq. miles; more generally the district has high quality natural, built and historic environments. Around 11% of the district is designated as Green Belt.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES IN DEVELOPING A SPORTS FACILITIES STUDY

- 2.8. The development of a Built Facility Strategy and needs assessment provides a robust evidence base to support and inform the local planning policy. This study has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF, PPG and Sport England throughout, and provides an updated evidence base for the Local Plan 2014-2035 and underpinning future priorities for provision.
- 2.9. Harrogate Borough Council's Corporate Plan sets out HBC's key issues and challenges; the vision, aims, values and priorities as well as detailing how HBC is addressing these challenges to ensure the district is a progressive and vibrant place to live, work and visit and to maintain a strong financial position from 2018 to 2024.
- 2.10. The Corporate Plan references a strong local economy, strong partnership working, excellent sporting and cultural opportunities and a focus on health and well-being related to the provision of built sport and leisure facilities within Harrogate.



- 2.11. Having current strategies and strong supporting evidence until 2036 (to coincide with the Council's proposed new Local Plan from 2014-2035), will secure the continued provision of the appropriate level of valuable community assets, to meet increasing population levels.
- 2.12. The strategies, will enable the Council to plan in the longer term, by ensuring the future provision of sustainable sport and leisure facilities across the area.
- 2.13. The purpose of this Built Facilities Study (BFS) Study is to:
- **Review the current supply and demand for indoor sports and recreation facilities in Harrogate.**
 - **Model the demand to assess the current and projected over/under supply of facilities using a recognised modelling technique that satisfies the requirements of Sport England e.g. Facilities Planning Model (FPM).**
 - **Provide conclusions and recommendations on policy and proposal development.**
- 2.14. The Council will also be updating its Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which will support the production of the Local Plan. This BFS Study not only provides evidence to support Local Plan policy and proposal development; it will also help to inform the IDP.
- 2.15. The BFS Study covers the geographical area of Harrogate but references areas outside Harrogate boundaries as appropriate. It reflects the diversity of sport and recreational needs across Harrogate and provides a robust evidence base for the Local Plan to 2036.
- 2.16. The Strategy focusses on the identified sub areas and their surrounding areas, these are:
- **Harrogate town;**
 - **Knaresborough;**
 - **Ripon;**
 - **Boroughbridge;**
 - **Masham;**
 - **Pateley Bridge; and**
 - **Local Villages/Countryside.**
- 2.17. The HBC Corporate Plan aims to be: **“A progressive and vibrant place to live, work and visit.”**
- 2.18. Being a great place means ensuring four outcomes for Harrogate Borough Council:
- **Having a strong local economy;**
 - **Supporting the communities;**
 - **Providing a sustainable environment; and**
 - **Providing an excellent public service.**



2.19. The Corporate Plan 2018-2024 identifies the importance of working in partnership to:

‘improve health and well-being in the District’

2.20. This is implemented through a wide range of Council activities across the Council’s service areas and is one of the main priorities to which this Strategy contributes.

2.21. To achieve the above, the Council aims to:

facilitate ‘a healthier more active population living longer, more independent and happier lives’²

STUDY STRUCTURE

2.22. The BFS Study has been developed using the Sport England Assessing Needs and Opportunities guidance (ANOG), published in 2014.

2.23. The Evidence Base (essentially Stages A-C) – is based on the ANOG approach, as set out in Figure 1.2.

2.24. The **subsequent** Strategy sets out the proposed response to the issues identified in the Evidence Base.

² Source: Sport and Leisure Strategy 2018-24

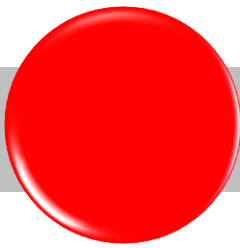
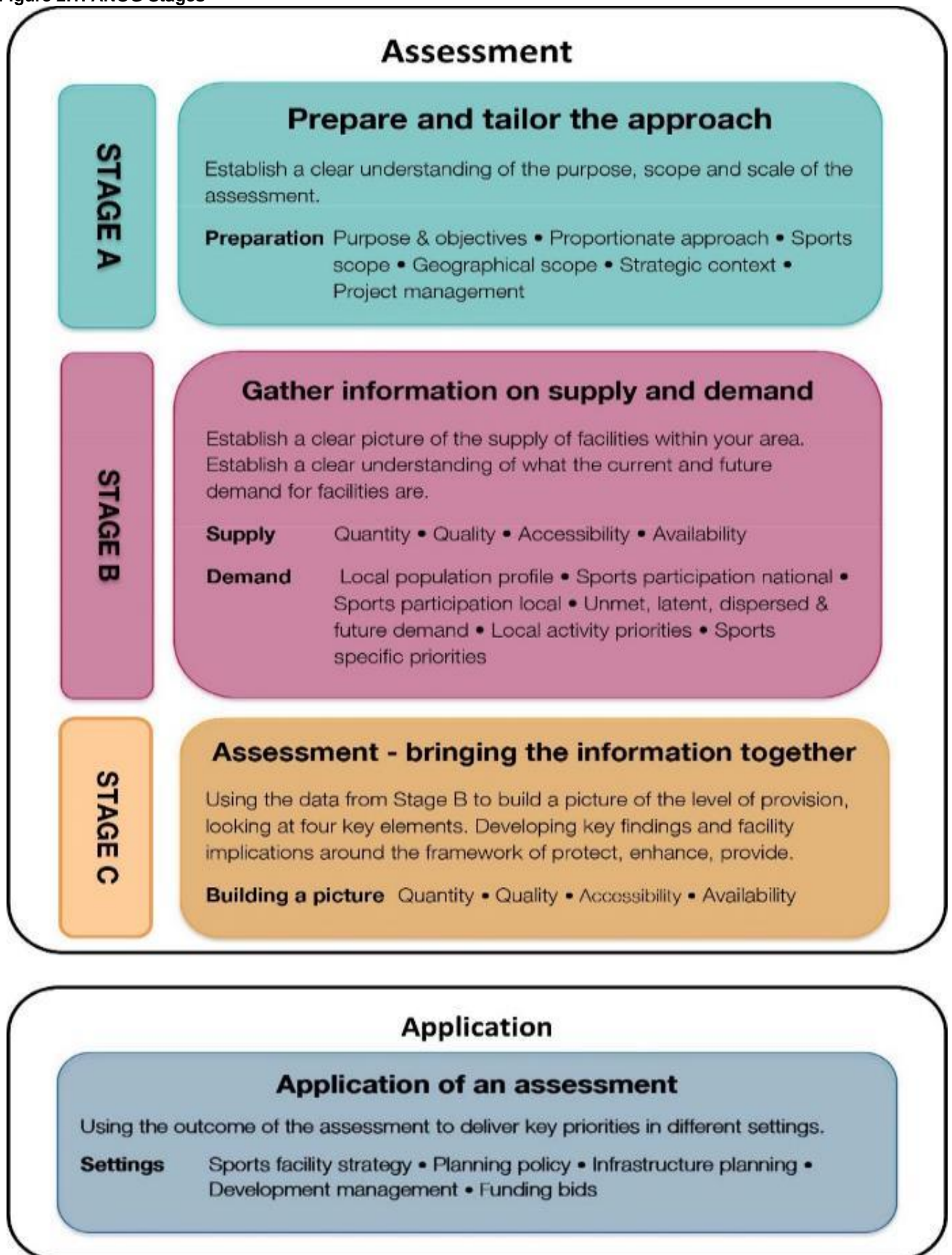
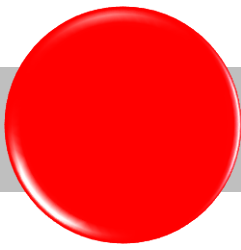


Figure 2.1: ANOG Stages





SPORTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

2.25. The scope of this BFS Study includes analysis of provision for the following facility types across Harrogate, in line with the geographical area covered by the Local Plan. The scope of the work includes:

- **Building on existing material to comprehensively audit all pre-defined sports facilities/facility networks across Harrogate District;**
- **Assess the impact of forecast population growth on the future planning for sports facility provision within Harrogate District;**
- **Assess the impact that sports facility provision in neighbouring Local Authorities has on future provision and planning for sports facility provision within Harrogate District; and**
- **Assess the requirements to demonstrate the impact of investing in existing and new facility stock across Harrogate District in terms of economic, social and health outcomes.**

2.26. The project scope includes the following type of facilities:

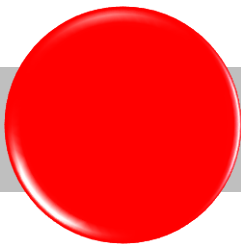
- **Swimming pools – indoor and outdoor;**
- **Sports Halls and appropriate school and local community facilities; and**
- **Health and Fitness Facilities.**

2.27. The key sports to be covered by the facilities include but not limited to:

- **Badminton;**
- **Health and Fitness (Fitness Suites and Dance Studios);**
- **Basketball;**
- **Swimming;**
- **Table Tennis;**
- **Martial arts and boxing; and**
- **Volleyball;**
- **Bowls;**
- **Indoor Netball;**
- **Indoor Tennis;**
- **Gymnastics;**
- **Trampoline.**

2.28. The Strategy will assess and identify the provision of all strategic scale indoor recreation facilities i.e. 3 court sports halls, 20m pools or larger and will focus on key providers such as:

- **Local Authority;**
- **Education (School and Higher Education Based); and**
- **Voluntary and Private Sectors.**



2.29. Outdoor sports facilities and pitches are covered in the 2019 Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS). This Built Facilities Study comprises:

- **A Strategy and Action Plan, which sets out the full range of findings supported by the evidence, which is fully NPPF compliant;**
- **Technical evidence which sets out the results of the assessment for all indoor sports facilities;**
- **Location plans of all sites using a GIS mapping system; and**
- **Identification of proposals for generic District wide issues, sport specific issues and area specific issues.**

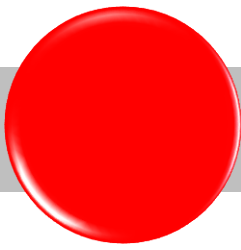
PROPORTIONATE APPROACH

2.30. The brief developed by Harrogate Borough Council identifies the key objectives of the strategy as:

- **Provide a viable and deliverable model of sports facility stock (type/mix) that meets existing and anticipated future demand;**
- **Provide a clear understanding of the overall surpluses and deficiencies across the District and any specific geographical and/or individual facility needs;**
- **Establish the principles to help inform where future resources should be focused and help inform the policy direction of the emerging Local Plan; and**
- **Produce a strategy which is compliant with Sport England guidance.**

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

2.31. The development of this Strategy has been informed and influenced by a number of key National and local strategies and policies. The National policies and references are summarised in Appendix 1. Other key Local policies and strategies are summarised in Appendix 5 and referenced in subsequent sections of the Strategy, as appropriate.



3. STRATEGIC POLICY AND CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

NATIONAL LEVEL

3.1 There are a number of key National and Local strategies and policies which inform and influence the development of these strategies. The majority of the National documents are summarised in Appendix 1, National Context, but the main ones are highlighted below. These National policies inform the approach to current and future provision of sports facilities, linked to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet Local needs. From a planning perspective, the National agenda makes the link between National planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at Local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, linked to Sport England's priorities of Protect, Enhance and Provide.

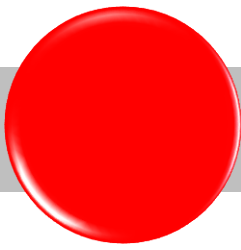
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)³

- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. A revised version was published in July 2018. The NPPF provides the framework that must be considered in the preparation of local plans and is a material consideration in determining planning decisions. The NPPF highlights the purpose of the planning system in terms of contributing to the achievement of "sustainable development", and defines the three dimensions of this – economic, social and environmental – which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.
- 3.3 The Revised NPPF retains the broad policy approach of the previous version, albeit with a stronger emphasis upon housing delivery. The policy wording for sport and recreation is largely unchanged.
- 3.4 Paragraph 96 of the NPPF states that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.
- 3.5 Paragraph 97 of the NPPF specifies that:

Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- a) **An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
- b) **The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or**
- c) **The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.**

³ A revised version of the NPPF was published (2018) for consultation in March 2018. Essentially, the guidance in the 2018 revised version remains the same, in relation to sport and recreation, with only subtle changes introduced (see paragraphs 84 and 92-96).



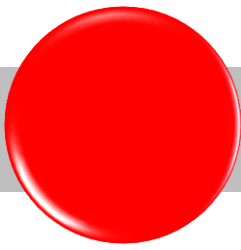
- 3.6 Sport England is a statutory consultee on all planning applications affecting playing fields used in the last 5 years, and a consultee on other applications: it looks to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unsatisfied demand. Sport England requires local authorities to have an up-to date assessment of sports facility needs and an associated strategy including a recommendation that the evidence base is regularly reviewed to keep it up to date and renewed at least every five years.
- 3.7 The key drivers for the production of the strategy as advocated by Sport England are to protect, enhance and provide sports facilities, as follows:
- **PROTECT:** To provide evidence to inform policy and specifically to support Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which will protect sports facilities and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership;
 - **ENHANCE:** To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that best uses are made of existing resources - whether facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on Local authority budgets; and
 - **PROVIDE:** To provide evidence to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements (if on the Regulation 123 List) and Section 106 agreements. Sport England and the Local authority can then use the strategies developed and the guidance provided in making key planning decisions regarding facility developments in the area.

SPORT ENGLAND DEFINITIONS

- **Protect:**
 - Existing provision should be protected unless an assessment has demonstrated there is an excess of the provision and the specific buildings or land are surplus to requirements, or equivalent or better provision will be provided as replacement;
- **Enhance:**
 - The use of existing **provision** should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities; and
- **Provide:**
 - Appropriate new **provision** that meets needs and encourages people to play sport and be active should be provided by adapting existing places and through new development.

A NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT – DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT

- 3.8 The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, following a consultation paper in 2015, launched the new strategy 'Sporting Future: A new Strategy for an Active Nation' in 2016. The development of the new strategy reflects a need to re-invigorate the nation's appetite for participation in sport following what appears to be a significant reduction in participation (highest profile being swimming), following the immediate upsurge after the 2012 London Olympics.



3.9 The sport strategy is targeting five outcomes which each sports organisation, public or private sector, will be measured against:

- **Physical wellbeing;**
- **Mental wellbeing;**
- **Social and community development;**
- **Individual development; and**
- **Economic development.**

3.10 Government funding will go toward organisations which can best demonstrate that they will deliver some or all of the five outcomes.

3.11 The delivery of the outcomes will be through three broad outputs:

- **More people from every background regularly and meaningfully taking part in sport and physical activity, volunteering and experiencing live sport;**
- **A more productive, sustainable and responsible sports sector; and**
- **Maximising international and domestic sporting success and the impact of major sporting events.**

SPORT ENGLAND STRATEGY 2016- 2021 'TOWARDS AN ACTIVE NATION'

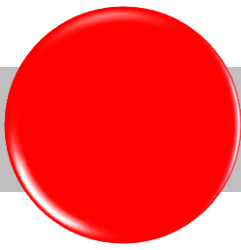
3.12 The Vision for this Strategy is:

'We want everyone in England regardless of age, background or level of ability to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity. Some will be young, fit and talented, but most will not. We need a sport sector that welcomes everyone – meets their needs, treats them as individuals and values them as customers'.

3.13 The Sport England Strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' puts the policies set out in 'A new Strategy for an Active Nation' into practice. This will mean significant change for Sport England and for their partners.

3.14 The strategy sets out how Sport England will deliver this task. The key changes Sport England will make are:

- Focusing more money and resources on **tackling inactivity** because this is where the gains for the individual and **for** society are greatest;
- Investing more in **children and young people from the age of five** to build positive attitudes to sport and activity as the foundations of an active life;
- **Helping those who are active now to carry on, but at lower cost to the public purse over time.** Sport England will work with those parts of the sector that serve the core market to help them identify ways in which they can become more sustainable and self-sufficient;



- **Putting customers at the heart** of what we do, responding to how they organise their lives and helping the sector to be more **welcoming and inclusive, especially of those groups currently under-represented in sport**;
- Helping sport to keep pace with the **digital expectations** of customers;
- Working Nationally where it makes sense to do so (for example on infrastructure and workforce) but **encouraging stronger Local collaboration** to deliver a more joined-up experience of sport and activity for customers;
- Working with a **wider range of partners**, including the private sector, using our expertise as well as our investment to help others align their resources; and
- Working with the sector to encourage innovation and share best practice particularly through applying the principles and practical learning of **behaviour change**.

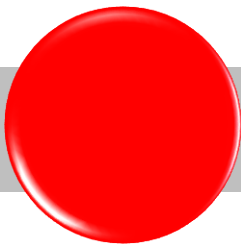
3.15 The remaining National policy context is summarised in Appendix 1, National Policy Context.

LOCAL LEVEL

3.16 A number of current strategic policies, strategies and factors will influence the current and future supply and demand for sport and recreation facilities in Harrogate. As well as providing the context for future facility provision, e.g. health improvement, improving accessibility and increasing participation, these strategies provide opportunities to link priority areas and needs, and ensure that outcomes are aligned with identified Local objectives. The relevant strategies and policies include:

- **Harrogate Borough Council Corporate Plan 2018-2024;**
- **Harrogate Borough Council Local Plan 2014-2035;**
- **Economic Growth Economic Growth Strategy For The Harrogate District 2017-2035;**
- **Harrogate Housing Strategy 2015-20;**
- **North Yorkshire Health and Well-being Strategy 2015-2020;**
- **Healthy Weight, Hives: Tackling Overweight And Obesity In North Yorkshire 2016 - 2026 (Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives: Tackling Overweight And Obesity In North Yorkshire 2016 - 2026 (Estimated Publication November 2016);**
- **York, North Yorkshire And East Riding Housing Strategy 2015-21;**
- **Housing Strategy 2015-21;**
- **Harrogate Borough Council Equalities Strategy 2016-2020; and**
- **Sport & Leisure Strategy 2018 – 2023.**

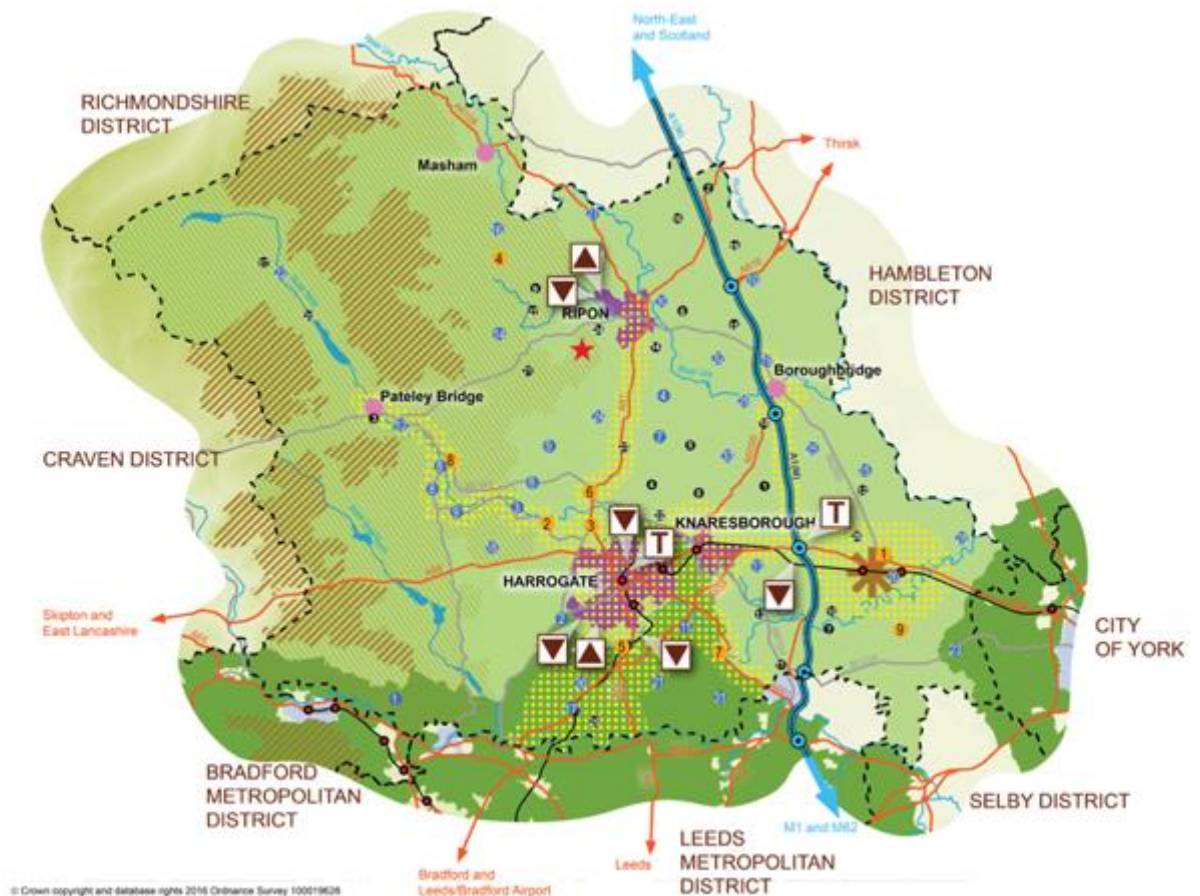
3.17 The above strategies/policies are summarised in Appendix 5. Demographic and participation data are also included in Appendix 5.



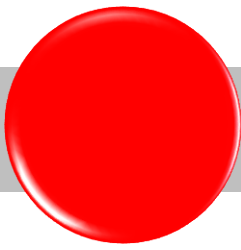
POPULATION GROWTH

- 3.18 The population projections are based on the 2014 Subnational Population Projections with adjustments for local circumstances; the projected growth is from 157,267 (2014) to 164,749 (2035). In addition, there is an uplift in residents to meet job growth of 8,233. The total population for 2035 is 172,982.
- 3.19 The population growth is therefore 15,715 by 2035.
- 3.20 5,312 new houses are anticipated to be built in the district by 2035; 2063 of these are planned to be constructed by 2023.
- 3.21 The key diagram (Figure 3.1) illustrates the main elements of the growth strategy. It includes a broad location for growth within which a site for a new settlement will be identified; the locations for major housing and employment growth; areas for major transport improvements; settlements within the settlement hierarchy as well as key features such as the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Green Belt and the World Heritage Site at Studley Royal Park.

Figure 3.1 Main Elements of HBC's growth strategy⁴



⁴ Source: Publication Draft HBC Local Plan 2014-2035

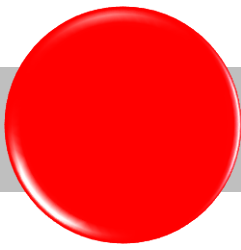


SUMMARY OF KEY DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

3.22 Table 3.1 summarises the demographic profile of Harrogate 's localities, reflecting the overall demographic analysis and factors for Harrogate as discussed above.

Table 3.1: Summary of Harrogate 's Localities – Demographic Profile

LOCALITY DESCRIPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate covers 505 sq. miles of which the main settlements are Harrogate Town, Knaresborough, Ripon, Nidderdale, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge and Masham. • Most of the population live in the towns, with the rest being in the more rural areas
POPULATION PROFILE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population 2018: 158,000. • Total population 2035: 172,982 • % Population Change 2017 to 2035: 15,715 • Population is growing. The largest growth will be in those aged 45+ years. • The district's population includes a greater proportion of people aged over 45 years than the region and England, and a much greater proportion of people aged over 85 years. • 3.1% aged 16 + years as at 2016. •
ETHNICITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a low percentage of BME population.
HOUSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,312 new homes projected by 2035, within the Local Plan period. • Key development areas are in Harrogate, Knaresborough, Ripon and in countryside/villages
DEPRIVATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate 's population is fairly affluent however there are areas of both high and low deprivation.
CAR OWNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car ownership is high at 84%. • 15.3% of residents have no access to a car.
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall health better than the national average. • Life expectancy is higher than the national average. • Harrogate's physical activity and health statistics are slightly better than the regional and national averages. • At year 6, in 2015/16 the number of children classed as obese was 12.7%, lower than the regional (20%) and England average of 19.8%. • Excess weight in adults is below the Regional (65.3%) and England average (76.2%) at 57.9%. • Total Health costs due to a lack of physical activity are £3,772,280 per annum.



4. STAGE B - EXISTING FACILITY PROVISION

INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 The current level and nature of facility provision has been assessed across Harrogate. The population base used for the assessment and analysis is the ONS mid-year 2014 SNPP Single Year population projections, as set out in detail in Section 3.
- 4.2 The projected growth is from 157,267 (2014) to 164,749 (2035). In addition, there is an uplift in residents to meet job growth of 8,233. The total population for 2035 is 172,982.
- 4.3 The population growth is therefore 15,715 by 2035. This figure is used as the basis for calculating future need for facility provision in Harrogate to 2036.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 4.4 The value of participation in sport and physical activity is significant, and its contribution to individual and community quality of life should not be underestimated. This is true for both younger and older people; participation in sport and physical activity delivers:
 - **Opportunities for physical activity, and therefore more ‘active living’;**
 - **Health benefits – cardio vascular, stronger bones, mobility;**
 - **Health improvement;**
 - **Mental health benefits; and**
 - **Social benefits – socialisation, communication, inter-action, regular contact, stimulation.**
- 4.5 In addition, participation in sport and physical activity can facilitate the learning of new skills, development of individual and team ability / performance, and provide a ‘disciplined’ environment in which participants can ‘grow’ and develop.
- 4.6 The benefits of regular and active participation in sport and physical activity will be important to promote in relation to future sport, leisure and physical activity in Harrogate. There is an existing audience in Harrogate, which already recognise the advantages of participation, and a latent community who are ready to take part. The sport, physical activity and leisure offer in the Harrogate can support the delivery of the desired outcomes across a number of strategic priorities and objectives.

CURRENT PARTICIPATION RATES

- 4.7 In terms of the Public Health England definition for physical activity (150 minutes or equivalent of at least moderate intensity activity per week) 68.1% of adults aged 16+ years are classed as being active, as shown in Table 4.1 ⁵.

⁵ Source: Harrogate Draft Sport Leisure Strategy

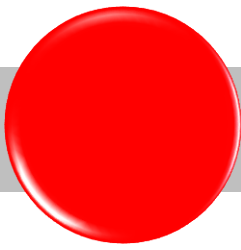


Table 4.1: Physically active and inactive adults ⁶

RATE	HARROGATE	REGION	ENGLAND
% ACTIVE	68.1%	63.3%	57%
% INACTIVE	19.1%	23.7%	28.7%

SPORTS ACTIVITY

4.8 Active Lives Year 2 data (2015/16) for Harrogate highlights the following:

- **85.5% of Harrogate’s residents aged 16+ took part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days prior to the survey being undertaken;**
- **54.7% of the population is inactive i.e. they had undertaken less than 30 minutes physical activity or sport in the last 28 days;**
- **12.3% of the population had undertaken at least 30-149 minutes of physical activity and sport in the last 28 days; and**
- **69% of the population has undertaken at least 150 minutes physical activity and sport in the last 28 days (including gardening).**

4.9 This data further highlights that whilst many in Harrogate are physically active, the regularity of this could still increase, and there is just under a fifth of the population who are not active enough to gain any health benefits.

MARKET SEGMENTATION

4.10 Sport England’s market segmentation model comprises of 19 ‘sporting’ segments (See Appendix 5). The relevance of Market Segmentation is that it is designed to assist understanding of attitudes, motivations and perceived barriers to sports participation and to assist agencies involved in the delivery of sport and recreation to develop tailored interventions, communicate more effectively with the target market and to better understand participation in the context of life stages and cycles. This in turn helps to inform the nature and extent of facilities that should be provided to meet local need and demand.

4.11 In Harrogate, the dominant segments are; Tim, Philip, Roger and Joy, Elaine and Ralph and Phyllis. These are described in Table 4.2 and Appendix 5.

⁶ Source: Public Health England - Public Health Outcomes Framework. Measure: percentage of physically active and inactive adults. Time period(s): 2014

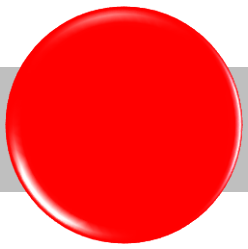
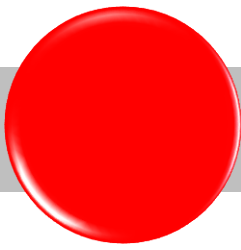


Table 4.2: Summary of Market Segmentation for Harrogate - Largest Segments

MARKET SEGMENT	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	% HARROGATE	ACTIVITIES / SPORTS THAT APPEAL TO SEGMENT
TIM SETTLING DOWN MALES	Tim is an active type that takes part in sport on a regular basis. He is aged 26-35, may be married or single, is career professional and may or may not have children. Tim participates in very active, technical sports, team sports, individual activities and is likely to have a gym membership.	10.8%	Cycling, keep fit / gym, swimming. Football, Athletics or Running, Football
PHILIP COMFORTABLE MID- LIFE MALES	Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children and more time to themselves. Philip's sporting activity levels are above the national average. The top sports that Philip participates in are cycling and 16% of this segment do this at least once a month, almost double the national average. Philip also enjoys keep fit/gym, swimming, football, golf and athletics (running). His participation in most of his top sports is above the national average, which is indicative of the priority he places on sport.	10.6%	Cycling, keep fit / Gym, Swimming, Football, Golf, Athletics or Running
ROGER AND JOY	Free-time couples nearing the end of their careers (aged 56-65). Roger & Joy are slightly less active than the average adult population. The top sports that Roger & Joy participate in are shown in the chart opposite: Keep fit/gym and swimming are the most popular sports with 13% of the segment doing these, followed by cycling (8%), golf (6%) and angling (2%). Their participation levels are below average for all of these sports, with the exception of bowls, golf and angling.	9.4%	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, golf and angling
ELAINE	Mid-life professionals who have more time for themselves since their children left home (aged 46-55). Elaine's sporting activity levels are consistent with the national average, and slightly above average for some indicators (more detail overleaf). The top sports that Elaine participates in are shown in the chart opposite: Keep fit/gym and swimming are the most popular sports with around a fifth of the segment doing these, followed by cycling (7%), athletics or running (3%), tennis (2%), badminton (2%) and horse riding (2%). Her participation levels are above average for keep fit/gym and swimming.	7.6%	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, athletics or running, tennis and badminton
RALPH & PHYLLIS	Comfortable Retired Couples. Retired couples (aged 66+), enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles.	8%	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Golf



4.12 In particular, given that the dominant segments will tend to participate in these sports, it will be important to retain good quality facilities and therefore opportunities, for Cycling, keep fit / Gym, Swimming, Football, Golf, Athletics or Running, Badminton, Tennis and Golf in Harrogate, to ensure existing participation levels are retained as a minimum, and wherever possible, increased.

SUPPLY OF FORMAL SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

4.13 The following summarises the existing built sports facilities across Harrogate:

Table 4.3: Existing Sports and Community Hall Facilities – Harrogate (covered by the scope of this Assessment) ⁷

FACILITIES	HARROGATE
SPORTS HALL (3+ COURTS)	17
SWIMMING POOLS	15 (includes diving, leisure and lidos)
HEALTH AND FITNESS SUITES	22
STUDIOS	24
SQUASH COURTS	24
INDOOR TENNIS	3
INDOOR BOWLS CENTRES	1
SPECIFIC GYMNASTICS FACILITIES	1
ATHLETICS TRACKS	4

4.14 It is important to highlight from the outset that this Strategy is not just about formal sports facility provision, but also looks at opportunities for increased use of informal places and spaces. Community halls can be used for sport and physical activity even if they are not purpose designed nor marked for such use and can often provide an introductory experience of sport and physical activity, or a more accessible option for those who are older, have no access to private transport, or who have commitments which make it hard for them to travel to formal facilities.

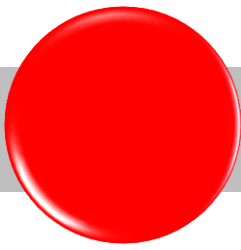
4.15 Increased use of outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, open spaces, parks, recreation grounds, and community halls also has significant potential to contribute to increasing levels of participation in physical activity at a very local level, and to addressing rising levels of obesity and other health inequalities. The priorities for the future provision of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities is set out in detail in the 2019 Harrogate Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS).

4.16 Based on the Active Places database, the Sport England Facility Planning Model (FPM), the Local Sports Profile data (Sport England), and the audit undertaken to inform this Strategy, the maps used in the following facility assessments show the extent of existing built sports facility provision in Harrogate.

4.17 Active Places allows sports facilities in an area to be identified. Nationally, it contains information regarding 50,000 facilities, across eleven facility types.

4.18 Users of sport and recreation facilities do not recognise administrative boundaries and will use facilities that are convenient and/or provide a quality/value for money experience. Ownership and management are, in this context, a minor consideration for most users.

⁷ Source: combination of SLL research, FPM and Active Places Data



4.19 The availability of facilities in neighbouring areas can and does influence sports facility usage patterns, as does access to private transport and availability of public transport. 15.3% of residents do not have access to a car. Public transport is good in urban areas but more limited in rural areas which means that accessing facilities is not as easy.

CATCHMENT AREAS

4.20 Catchment areas for different types of provision provide a means of identifying areas currently not served by existing indoor sports facilities. It is however, recognised that catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day, hour to hour, and are also very different in rural and urban areas. This problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchment', defined as the distance travelled by around 75-80% of users. The Maps in Section 4 demonstrate catchment areas for facility provision in Harrogate based on this approach, which uses a 20-minute drive time as a catchment area for sports facilities.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

4.21 Harrogate has a higher rate of car ownership when compared to the average for England. 15.3% of residents in Harrogate have no car compared with 26% nationally (2011 Census). More households in Harrogate have two or more cars than the national average (40.2% and 32% respectively). In an area of high car ownership and usage, those without access to a car are particularly vulnerable to difficulties in accessing services. Accessing services can be more difficult for those living in rural areas without a car.

STAGE B (ANOG) - ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING SPORTS FACILITY PROVISION IN HARROGATE

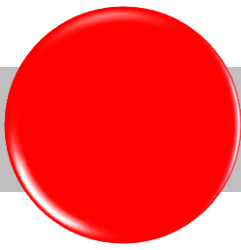
4.22 This section sets out the Stage B information required by the ANOG process. It provides a detailed picture of existing facilities in Harrogate:

- **QUANTITY:** how many there are of each type;
- **QUALITY:** their age and condition;
- **ACCESSIBILITY:** facility location and catchment areas; and
- **AVAILABILITY:** whether the facilities are available to all residents (opening times, management, programming, cost to use etc), and whether there is pay and play access.

4.23 Given the inter-related nature of these four key areas, Section 4 covers each facility type in turn, and assesses it in terms of these four key areas. Section 5 then pulls together all the data collected to provide an overall summary (quantity, quality, accessibility, availability) of each facility type, current and future provision. Section 6 applies the analysis of the provision to identified needs in Harrogate, and Section 7 sets out the recommendations to be implemented through the Action Plan, to address these identified needs and gaps.

4.24 Given the range of facilities in Harrogate, each type is summarised below and assessed separately, to provide a more detailed picture of the current supply and demand, and critically future need.

4.25 It is important to highlight that community access and use is the focus of the facility assessment. Community use applies to clubs, community associations/groups and pay and play public use.



4.26 The latter is really important because those who are inactive are highly unlikely to joining a club to use a facility; therefore, it is only by ensuring there is sufficient community access to formal and informal facilities, that participation is likely to increase, and particularly amongst those who are currently inactive. Community use provided for clubs is also very important, given that club members are also part of the overall community, but these individuals are more likely to be active already.

4.27 Where received, feedback from sports clubs is shown under each facility type.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF HARROGATE FACILITIES

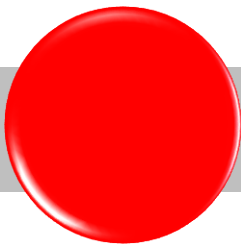
4.28 The operational management of Harrogate Council’s leisure facilities is delivered in-house by the Local Authority. These facilities are listed below:

- **Nidderdale Leisure Centre;**
- **Ripon Leisure Centre;**
- **Starbeck Baths;**
- **Knaresborough Pool;**
- **The Hydro; and**
- **Ripon Spa Baths.**

4.29 A summary of the above facilities and what they comprise is set out in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4: Summary of Harrogate Contract Facilities

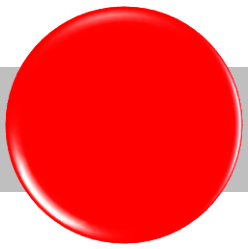
FACILITY	DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	Swimming Pool (25m x 4 lane) Swimming Pool (Leisure Water)
NIDDERDALE LEISURE CENTRE (DUAL USE)	Swimming Pool (20m x 4 lane) Fitness Suite (20) Sports Hall (6) Squash Courts (2)
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	Fitness Suite (40) 4 court sports hall
RIPON SPA BATHS	22m x 4 lane Main Pool
STARBECK BATHS	18m x 7m Main Pool
THE HYDRO (POOL AND FITNESS CENTRE)	25 x 8 lane Main Pool 12m x 7m Learner Pool 14m x 12m Activity Pool Diving Boards 36 station fitness suite Studio x 2



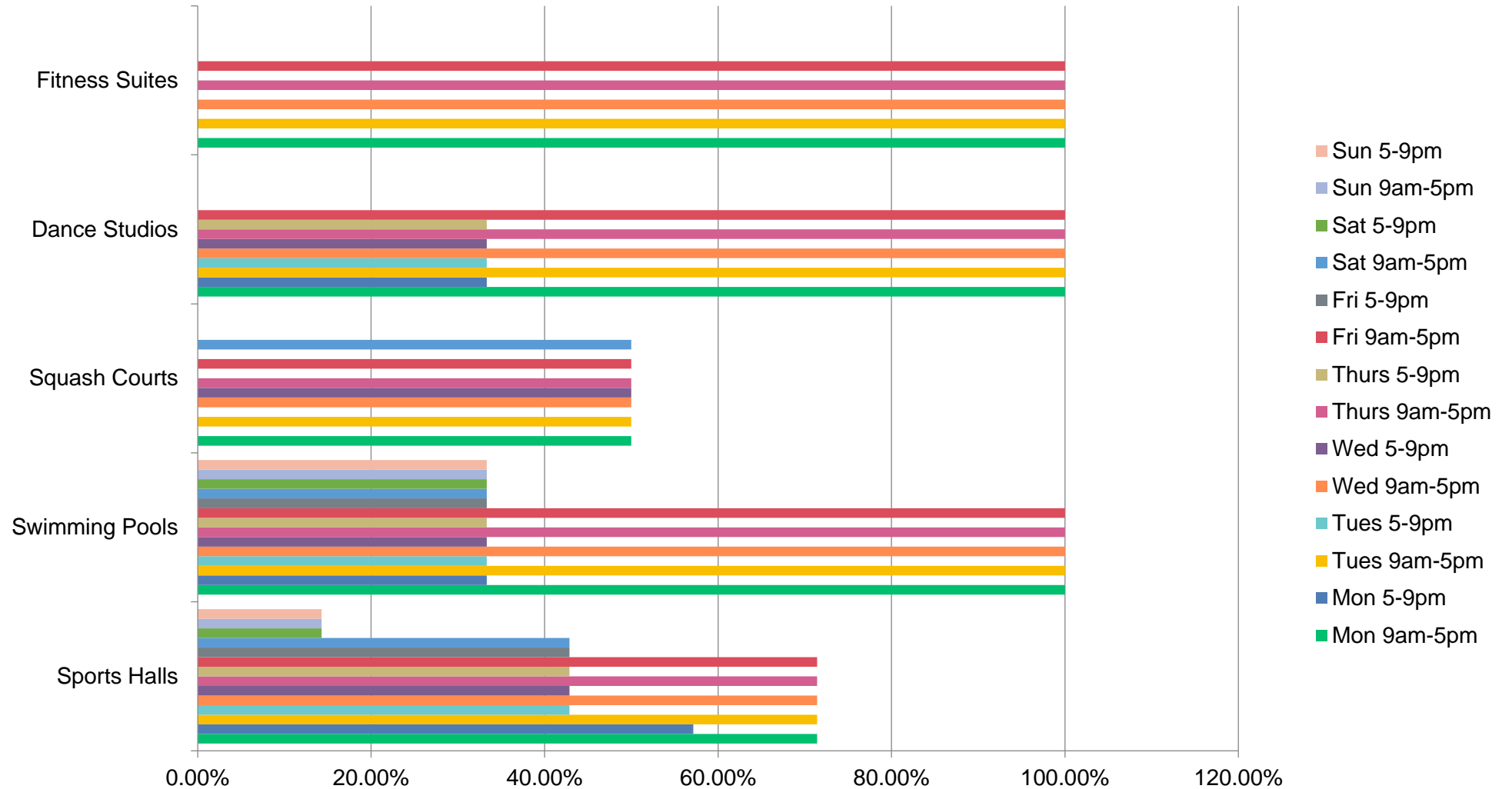
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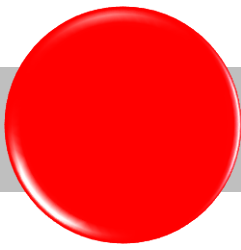
SCHOOLS

- 4.30 All schools including Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Independent schools in Harrogate were contacted and asked to complete a survey about their existing sports facilities, their plans/aspirations for future provision, and the extent and nature of community use of the facilities. 13 schools responded to the survey; a summary of the total responses is included in Appendix 3. In addition to this survey, the majority of secondary schools with on-site sports facilities available for community use, were visited and allocated a quality score, see Appendix 2 (a - m).
- 4.31 Schools were contacted to inform the analysis (extent of provision, access and use), and were offered a meeting as part of the qualitative site visit. All site visits therefore involved on-site consultation with a member of staff.
- 4.32 Of the 13 schools responding to the survey 7 have on-site sports facilities available to the community. 5 schools stated they have no sports facilities. One school (Boroughbridge High School) would like to increase community use of their on-site facilities, but they are unable to due to current capacity issues. Four of the schools provide for at least some use by community sports clubs. At Nidderdale Leisure Centre the sports hall is on the school site, but forms part of a Community Use (CU agreement) with the school and Harrogate Borough Council
- 4.33 Schools with sports facilities identified the following community groups as users of the facilities:
- **Pannal Sports, Sapphire Netball Club, Phoenix Netball Club, Spa Town Roller Derby, Think Cricket, Mini Kicks;**
 - **Netball, badminton, cricket, VX, gymnastics;**
 - **Knaresborough Guides, Knaresborough Historical Society;**
 - **Ripon Gymnastics Academy, Boroughbridge Junior Football, North Yorkshire Netball League, Little Messys York and Selby, Slimming wold, Feathers Badminton club;**
 - **Harrogate netball league;**
 - **Pannal Guides on Monday evenings;**
 - **Neptune's Swim Club, Harrogate School of Swimming, Brightwater Swim School, Swim 2 U, Overland Underwater, Beth Edgar Swim School;**
 - **Multiple swimming lessons, triathlon; and**
 - **Harrogate Triathlon Club; swimming lessons.**
- 4.34 25% of respondents said their school has plans to improve existing sports facilities. Similarly, 25% of respondents who do not currently allow community access, said they would consider community use of their facilities in the future.
- 4.35 58% of the schools responding have sports halls; 25% have swimming pools.
- 4.36 Existing usage time of schools with sports facilities are illustrated below in Figure 4.1:



DAY AND TIME OF SCHOOL USE





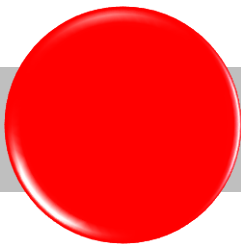
- 4.37 It is important to note that the feedback provided by the schools accords with the findings of the supply and demand analysis and the Facility Planning Model (FPM); schools provide for community use by clubs and groups.
- 4.38 Whilst the majority of any increased usage would be for sports activities, wider community use would also be welcomed. Some schools believe there is no demand for their facilities; this may be true of small, or non-purpose-built sports facilities, but in general, education facilities can provide a useful resource for the local community for both sport and community activities.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION WITH PARISH COUNCILS

- 4.39 A questionnaire was sent to all Parish Councils (75) in Harrogate; this was supplemented with follow up telephone consultations wherever possible, to ensure a representative response was received. A full summary of the Parish Council Survey is included at Appendix 3.
- 4.40 25 Parish Councils responded to the survey. Table 4.5 summarises the needs/aspirations identified by the six parish councils in relation to future provision of built sports facilities.

Table 4.5: Summary of parish council identified needs for sports facilities (N/A indicates that no specific response was made to this question)

NAME OF PARISH	PLEASE USE THIS BOX TO COMMENT ON ANY POTENTIAL FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN YOUR PARISH AREA	PLEASE USE THIS BOX TO COMMENT ON ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES/NEEDS IN YOUR PARISH AREA
BEWERLEY	Bewerley Parish Council would like to see the installation of outdoor gym equipment. There has been a recent increase in anti-social behaviour amongst youths and young people in the parish and outdoor gym apparatus may prove a welcome source of activity.	The draft Local Plan for Harrogate Borough Council indicates that 70+ new houses will be built in the parish in due course. This constitutes a 15% increase on the households already using sports and leisure facilities in the parish therefore upgrades and extensions to those will needed to accommodate anticipated new users.
HIGH AND LOW BISHOPSIDE (PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL)	Redevelop the village hall to make it useable for indoor sports and other recreational activities. There is currently no public area for outdoor activities.	A children's play area would very useful.
HAVERAH PARK WITH BECKWITHSHAW	we should like to replace the private allotment that have been lost to building with a parish council allotments, but need funding. An outdoor gym is under consideration	N/A
LITTLETHORPE	N/A	Littlethorpe has many opportunities for outdoor leisure activity, but they are on public roads, nature reserve, river Ure / Ripon Canal, or private land - Ripon Racecourse
KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL	N/A	The Parish Council is taking over responsibility for the children's play area at Highside Playing Fields shortly from the Playing Fields association - the equipment will need upgrading in medium term. There are also snooker/billiard facilities at the Village Hall - two full size tables.



NEIGHBOURING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- 4.41 In determining the nature, level and location of sports facility provision required for the future in Harrogate, it is also important to be aware of how neighbouring local authorities are planning for the future. Given that communities use sports facilities in areas other than where they live, the development of new or improved provision can impact significantly on both participation levels and capacity cross-boundary. Consultation with neighbouring local authorities is summarised in Appendix 3.
- 4.42 Neighbouring local authorities provide sport and leisure facilities, and, given the geography of the local area in and around Harrogate, it is important to recognise that facilities outside Harrogate may be easily accessible to Harrogate residents. This is particularly true for residents living close to the boundaries with cities such as Leeds, York and Bradford. The fact that there is exported demand to neighbouring local authorities for use of pools (9.3% of all satisfied demand), and sports halls (7.3% of all satisfied demand) would appear to underpin this position.

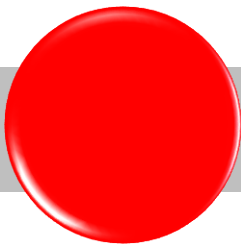
ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL FACILITY TYPES

SPORTS HALLS

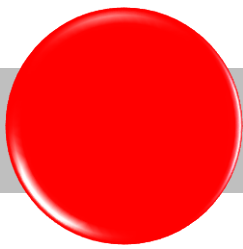
- 4.43 Indoor, multi-sports halls are defined as areas where a range of sport and recreational activities are carried out. They are at least 10m x 18m (e.g., the size of one badminton court including surrounding safety area) and include specifically designed venues such as leisure centres and school sports halls. The definition also applies to halls where activities can take place, such as school assembly halls, community buildings and community centres (the main ones are included in Table 4.6 below). Specialist centres, e.g. dance centres, are not included. 1 badminton court halls are only included as facilities where they are provided on the same site as a minimum 3 badminton court sports hall, as per the Facility Planning Model (FPM).
- 4.44 There are other community centres in Harrogate, but these either are not at least 1 badminton court size, or they are not on the site of a strategic size sports hall. These community centre facilities are referenced in Table 4.6.
- 4.45 Strategic sized main sports halls are a minimum size of 3 badminton courts (Sport England definition).

QUANTITY- SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN HARROGATE

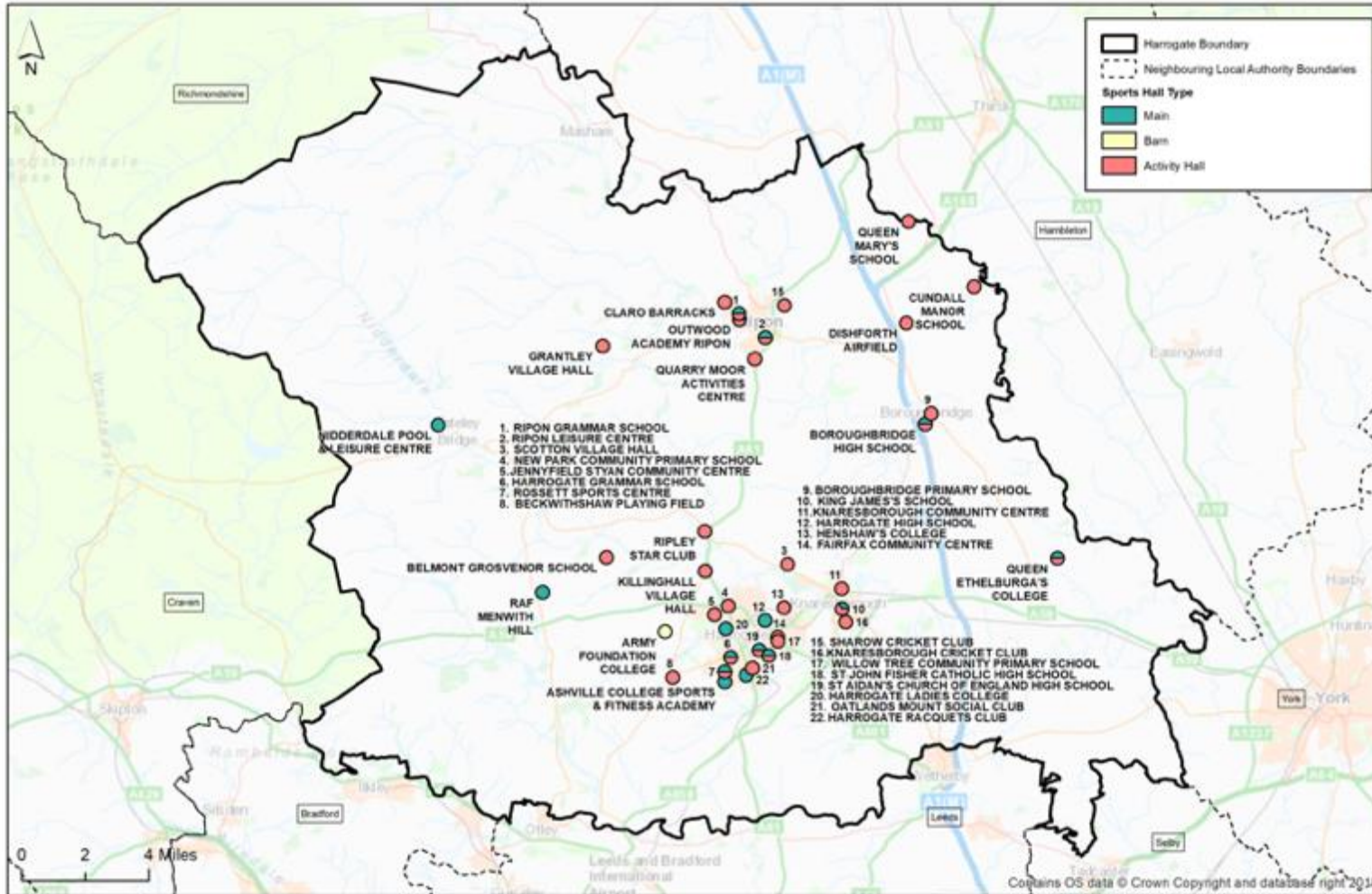
- 4.46 The supply analysis identifies that Harrogate has a total of 52 sports halls and 34 activity halls across 39 sites. The overall supply of sports halls and activity halls is shown in Appendix 7; Table 4.6 and Map 4.1. detail the overall sports hall supply in Harrogate ⁸. There are:
- **A total of 18 sports halls (including 1 barn), and 34 activity halls across 39 sites;**
 - **18 main halls in total (all strategic size i.e. 3 courts+);**
 - **14 community access strategic size sports halls i.e. available for pay and play, sports club/group use;**
 - **4 strategic size sports halls available for pay and play use;**
 - **4 strategic size sports halls (including the RAF 12 court barn) for private use; and**
 - **1 sports hall with a formal community use agreement.**



- 4.47 The sports halls are operated through a combination of Harrogate Borough Council, Community Trust or by education sites.
- 4.48 Of the main halls, there is a formal Community Use Agreement (CUA) in place at:
- **Nidderdale Leisure Centre.**
- 4.49 3 + court sports halls (i.e. strategic size) are shown in Appendix 7; those available for pay and play community usage are highlighted in grey and bold white font and shown in Tables 4.6 and 4.7. Table 4.7 shows activity halls with those available for community use highlighted in grey, white font.
- 4.50 Other facilities marked as orange dots on Map 4.2 do not have a formal CUA in place but do offer community use; these are Outwood Academy Ripon, Boroughbridge High School, King James School, Ripon Grammar, St John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate High School, Rossett Sports Centre, St Aidan's COE High School, Harrogate Grammar School. Facilities offering community use which are not on education sites include Harrogate Racquets Club.



Map 4.1: Sports Halls and Activity halls in Harrogate



Sports Halls by type in Harrogate



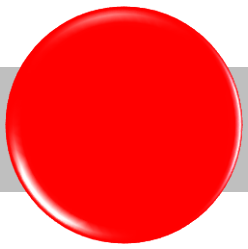
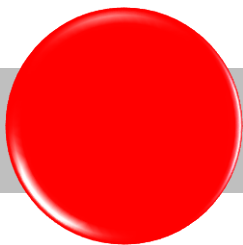
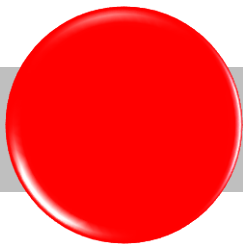


Table 4.6: Supply of Sports Halls and Activity Halls in Harrogate (Pay and Play Community Access are highlighted in grey, with a white font).

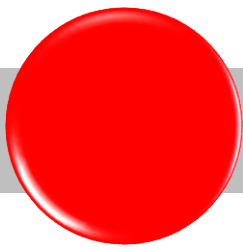
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ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE	HG3 2SE	Barn	12	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1983	n/a
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BECKWITHSHAW PLAYING FIELD	HG3 1QW	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Trust	1950	n/a
BELMONT GROSVENOR SCHOOL	HG3 2JG	Activity Hall	0	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1900	2008
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	YO51 9JX	Main	6	Pay and Play	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1982	n/a
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	YO51 9JX	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	n/a
BOROUGHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YO51 9EB	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a
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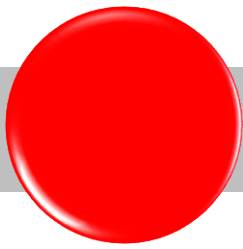
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CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL	YO61 2RW	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
DISHFORTH AIRFIELD	YO7 3EZ	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG2 7RU	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority	1990	n/a
GRANTLEY VILLAGE HALL	HG4 3PJ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Trust	2000	n/a
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1970	2006
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1970	n/a
HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL	HG1 4AP	Main	5	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	2017	n/a
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Main	6	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1984	n/a



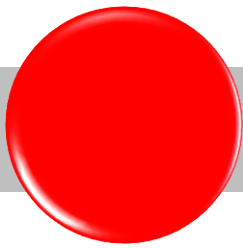
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HARROGATE RACQUETS CLUB	HG2 8HA	Main	3	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1924	n/a
HENSHAW'S COLLEGE	HG1 4ED	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Further Education	Community Organisation	1970	1990
JENNYFIELD STYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG3 2XU	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1995	n/a
KILLINGHALL VILLAGE HALL	HG3 2DW	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2016	n/a
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	n/a
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	2006
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	2007
KNARESBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG5 0LG	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2000	2015
KNARESBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB	HG5 8EP	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	2000	n/a



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NEW PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG1 3HF	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1910	n/a
NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Main	6	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	1981	2009
OATLANDS MOUNT SOCIAL CLUB	HG2 8BU	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
OUTWOOD ACADEMY RIPON	HG4 2DE	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2007
OUTWOOD ACADEMY RIPON	HG4 2DE	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2007
QUARRY MOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE	HG4 3AA	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1980	n/a
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1912	n/a
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Main	12	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2009	n/a
QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL	YO7 3BZ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1986	1996



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RAF MENWITH HILL	HG3 2RG	Main	3	Private Use	MOD	MOD	1975	n/a
RIPLEY STAR CLUB	HG3 3AX	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Community Organisation	1854	2004
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Main	5	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2009	2018
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1956	n/a
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	HG4 1TT	Main	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996	n/a
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	HG4 1TT	Activity Hall	0	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996	n/a
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	HG2 9PH	Main	5	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2018
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	HG2 9PH	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2016
SCOTTON VILLAGE HALL	HG5 9HR	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Community Organisation	1977	2014



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SHAROW CRICKET CLUB	HG4 5BQ	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Sport Club	1990	n/a
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Activity Hall	0	Private Use	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1998	2014
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2004
WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG2 7SG	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	n/a
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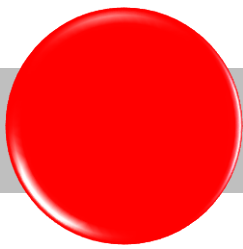
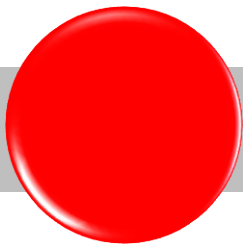
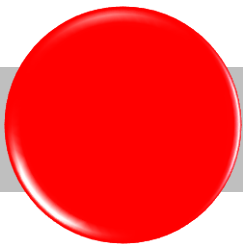


Table 4.7: Strategic Size Sports Halls i.e. 3 + courts (Pay and Play community access facilities are highlighted in grey, with a white font)

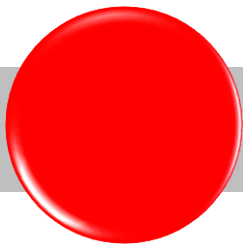
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ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE	HG3 2SE	Barn	12	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1983	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	2003	n/a
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	YO51 9JX	Main	6	Pay and Play	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1982	n/a
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1970	2006
HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL	HG1 4AP	Main	5	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	2017	n/a
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Main	6	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1984	n/a
HARROGATE RACQUETS CLUB	HG2 8HA	Main	3	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1924	n/a
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	n/a



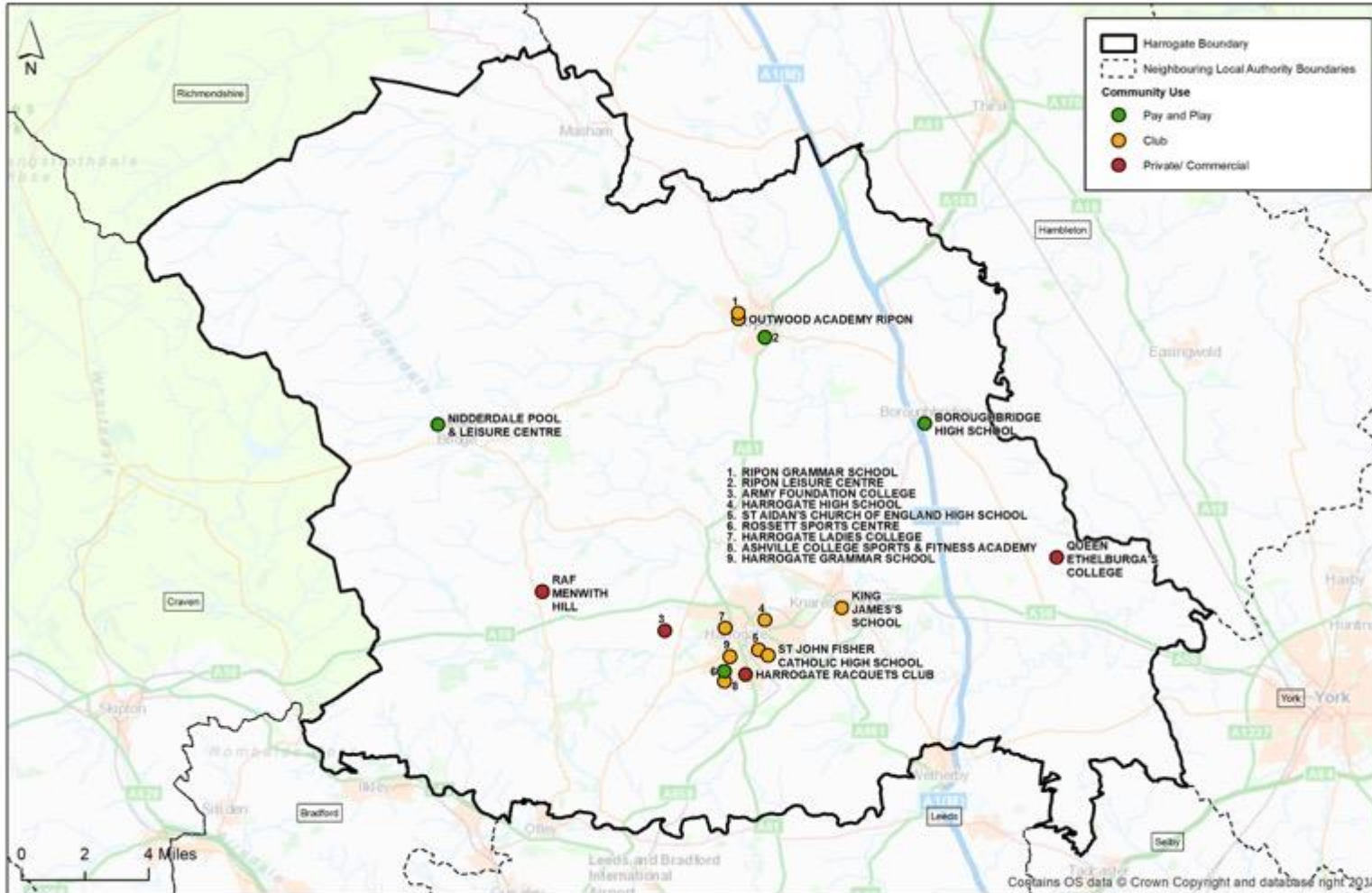
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NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Main	6	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	1981	2009
OUTWOOD ACADEMY RIPON	HG4 2DE	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2007
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Main	12	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2009	n/a
RAF MENWITH HILL	HG3 2RG	Main	3	Private Use	MOD	MOD	1975	n/a
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Main	5	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2009	2018
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	HG4 1TT	Main	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996	n/a
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	HG2 9PH	Main	5	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2018
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Main	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1998	2014



- 4.51 All 3 + court sports halls (i.e. strategic size) are shown in Table 4.7; those available for pay and play community use are highlighted in grey with bold, white font. Map 4.2 shows the 4 sports halls which are available for pay and play community use (green dots), the 10 that provide for community club/group use, (orange dots) and the 3 which only have private access (red dots). In addition to the sports halls listed, there is a 12-badminton court barn at the Army Foundation College which is only available for private use.
- 4.52 13 of the 18 strategic size sports halls are on education sites; only one of these has a formal CUA in place (Nidderdale). One sports hall is a stand-alone pay and play community access facility (Ripon Leisure Centre), and the remaining four sports halls are for private use only.

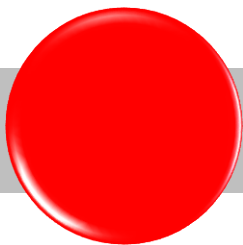


Map 4.2: Community accessible Sports Halls in Harrogate



Sports Halls by community use availability in Harrogate

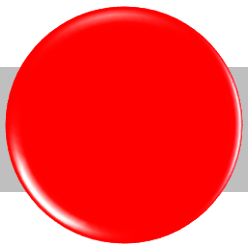




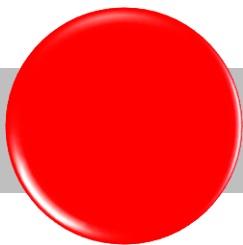
- 4.53 In addition to the formal sports halls, there are 34 activity halls, 22 of which are available for at least some form of community use. Map 4.3 shows 22 activity halls are available for community access. Of these 22, nine are on education sites (operated as school lettings i.e. for clubs and groups (these do not have a formal CUA)). 12 activity halls are for private use only. 6 activity halls are available for pay and play community use i.e. individual bookings.
- 4.54 The facilities are managed through the education sector, Local Authority, or community organisations. The identified activity halls are highlighted because they are on a site included in the Sport England Active Places audit and are those located on a site where there is also a sports hall offering community access (typically an education site), or where the site has been identified separately (identified by *) as offering community access for sport/physical activity. These activity halls are part of a much larger network of community halls in Harrogate.
- 4.55 Activity halls are shown in Table 4.8. Map 4.3 shows the community use activity halls i.e. those that offer use for individuals, sports clubs and groups (green dots); activity halls operated on a schools' lettings basis, offering use for clubs and groups (no formal community-use agreement) are shown by yellow dots.

Table 4.8: Activity Halls showing Community Access (22 have some form of community access; 6 are available for pay and play access – highlighted in grey and bold, white font)

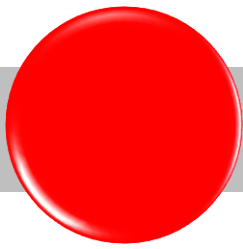
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BECKWITHSHAW PLAYING FIELD	HG3 1QW	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Trust	1950	n/a
BELMONT GROSVENOR SCHOOL	HG3 2JG	Activity Hall	0	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1900	2008
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	YO51 9JX	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	n/a
BOROUGHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YO51 9EB	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a



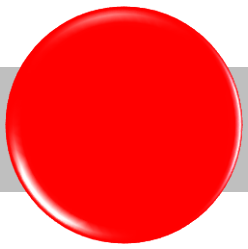
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BOROUGHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YO51 9EB	Activity Hall	0	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a
CLARO BARRACKS	HG4 2RD	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	MOD	MOD	1970	2015
CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL	YO61 2RW	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
DISHFORTH AIRFIELD	YO7 3EZ	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG2 7RU	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority	1990	n/a
GRANTLEY VILLAGE HALL	HG4 3PJ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Trust	2000	n/a
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1970	n/a
HENSHAW'S COLLEGE	HG1 4ED	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Further Education	Community Organisation	1970	1990
JENNYFIELD STYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG3 2XU	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1995	n/a



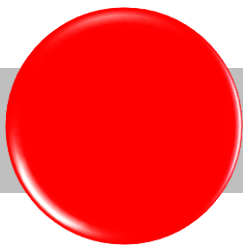
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KILLINGHALL VILLAGE HALL	HG3 2DW	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2016	n/a
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	2006
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL	HG5 8EB	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1968	2007
KNARESBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	HG5 0LG	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2000	2015
KNARESBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB	HG5 8EP	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	2000	n/a
NEW PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG1 3HF	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1910	n/a
OATLANDS MOUNT SOCIAL CLUB	HG2 8BU	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
OUTWOOD ACADEMY RIPON	HG4 2DE	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2007
QUARRY MOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE	HG4 3AA	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1980	n/a



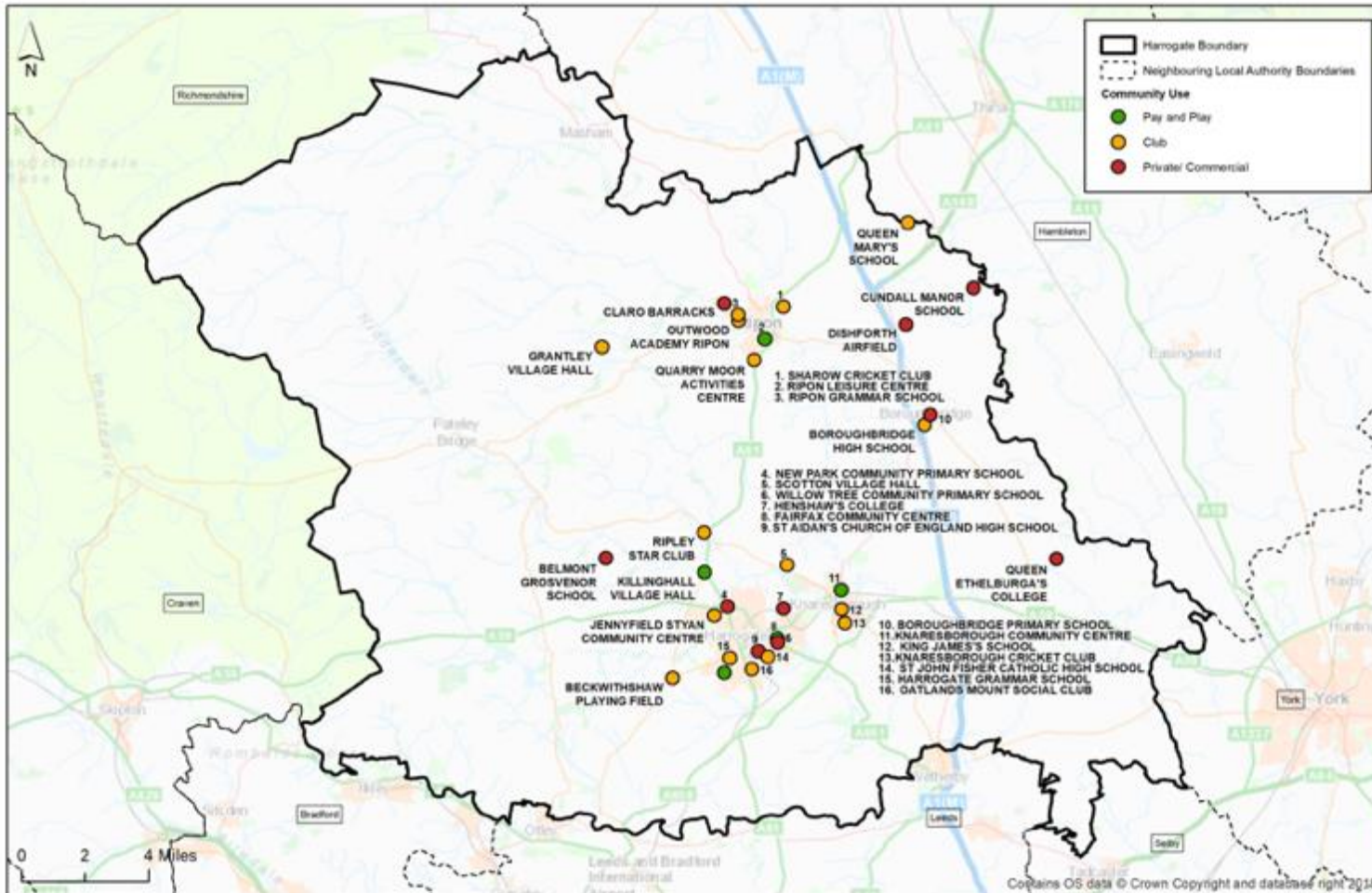
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QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1912	n/a
QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL	YO7 3BZ	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1986	1996
RIPLEY STAR CLUB	HG3 3AX	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Community Organisation	1854	2004
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1956	n/a
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	HG4 1TT	Activity Hall	0	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996	n/a
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	HG2 9PH	Activity Hall	1	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2016
SCOTTON VILLAGE HALL	HG5 9HR	Activity Hall	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	Community Organisation	1977	2014
SHAROW CRICKET CLUB	HG4 5BQ	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Sport Club	1990	n/a
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Activity Hall	0	Private Use	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a



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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Activity Hall	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2004
WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG2 7SG	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	n/a
WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG2 7SG	Activity Hall	1	Private Use	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	n/a

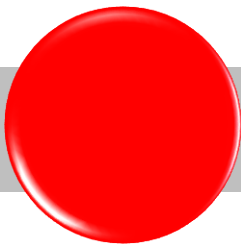


Map 4.3: Activity Halls in Harrogate (pay and play community access halls shown by green dots; yellow dots are facilities available for use by clubs/groups, red dots are those halls only available for private use)



Activity Halls by community use availability in Harrogate





4.56 A summary of sports and activity hall supply in Harrogate is set out in Table 4.9:

Table 4.9: Summary of Sports Hall and Activity Hall Supply in Harrogate

	TOTAL EXISTING PROVISION	AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE (PAY AND PLAY AND SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS)	AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE (PAY AND PLAY)
TOTAL BADMINTON COURTS (SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS)	121	82	27
TOTAL SPORTS HALLS (STRATEGIC SIZE I.E. 3 COURT +)	18	14	4
BADMINTON COURTS IN STRATEGIC SIZE SPORTS HALLS	95	44	21
TOTAL NUMBER OF 3 COURT HALLS	2	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF 4 COURT HALLS	8	7	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF 5 COURT HALLS	3	2	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF 6 COURT HALLS	3	1	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF 12 COURT HALLS	2	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVITY HALLS 2 COURTS OR LESS	34	22	6

4.57 It is clear from Table 4.9 that there are two 3 court sports halls, eight 4 court sports halls, three 6 court sports halls, three 5 courts sports halls and two 12 court sports hall in Harrogate. Ninety-five badminton courts available in strategic size sports halls i.e. 3 courts plus, are available for pay and play community use (56% of the existing supply).

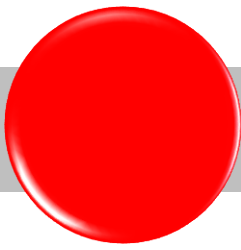
4.58 The majority of the existing sports halls and activity halls on education sites are available for community use, but there is no formal community use agreement in place i.e. for all but one sports hall usage is therefore for sports clubs/associations.

4.59 As well as the identified activity halls, there is a range of other community halls/centres, provided by churches, community associations, etc. These are available for community use (however, usually groups/association/privately run classes/sessions) but provide for far more than sport and physical activity. Typically, community halls will also be hired for dance classes, arts/crafts events and programmes, events meeting and social gatherings.

4.60 There are a significant number of sports halls/activity halls in the Harrogate however, the majority of these are on education sites and have limited/no day time access (19 education sites for sports and activity halls); 50% of the overall halls provide for club/group access, as opposed to pay and play access.

QUALITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN HARROGATE

4.61 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Harrogate indoor sports facilities in Harrogate. Quality assessments were undertaken by way of a site visit and visual assessment of the facilities. These are provided in Appendix 2 (a - m) and are summarised Table 4.10.



4.62 The quality audits comprise of an independent visual assessment of the quality and condition of the facilities; results are recorded on the ANOG assessment sheet, and scored, based on the Sport England system set out in Table 4.10. Details of the individual audits undertaken are included in Appendix 2 (a-m).

4.63 The audit scores are based on a numerical value, detailed on each assessment sheet, as follows:

Table 4.10: Audit Scoring System

KEY	RATING
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

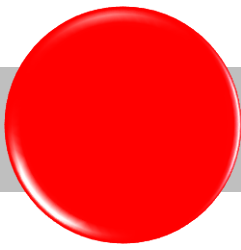
4.64 A facility scoring highly in terms of visual quality and condition (good – excellent) is likely to require less investment than one which in a poorer visual condition (average – very poor). The combination of the scores, results in the facility rating, and identification of investment need (significant, moderate etc.).

4.65 A summary of the sports hall quality assessments is shown in Table 4.11.

Table 4.11: Summary of the Sports Halls Quality Assessments

FACILITY	OVERALL QUANTITATIVE SCORE FOR FACILITY %	QUALITATIVE SCORE FOR SPORTS HALL	NEED FOR INVESTMENT- OVERALL FACILITY
KING JAMES SCHOOL	82	Good	Minimal
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	72	Good	Moderate
HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL	82	Good	Minimal
ST JOHN FISHER	77	Good	Minimal
ROSSETT SCHOOL	81	Good	Moderate
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	86	Good	Minimal
ASHVILLE SPORTS CENTRE	89	Excellent	Minimal
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	61	Average	Significant
NIDDERDALE LEISURE CENTRE	87	Good	Moderate

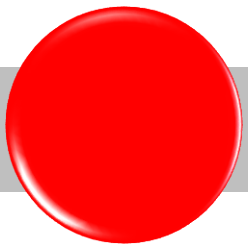
4.66 It is important to highlight that in undertaking the quality assessments, each element of the facility e.g. sports hall, pool etc is given a qualitative assessment, and the overall facility is also given an overall qualitative mark.



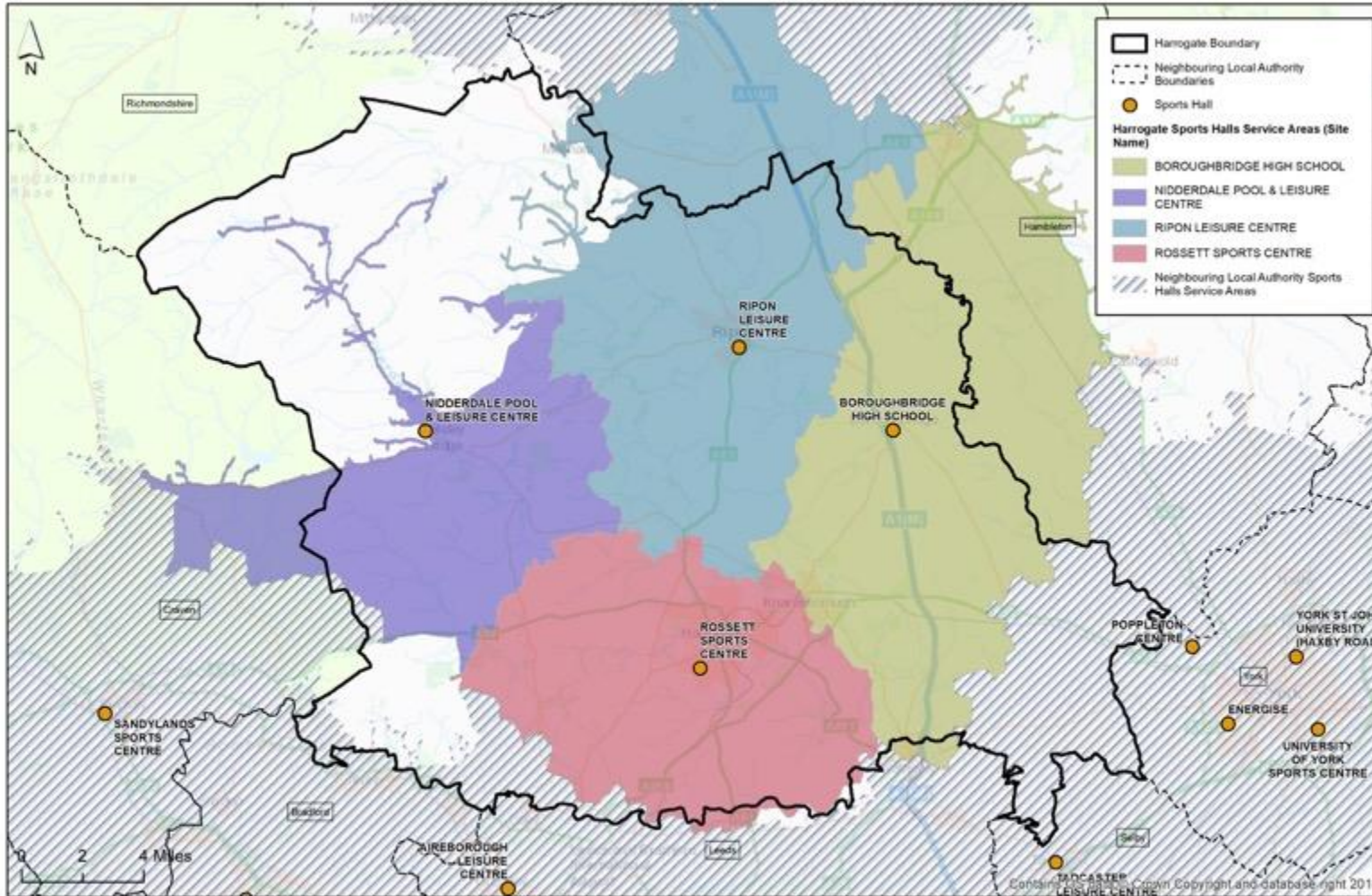
- 4.67 Therefore, a sports hall can be of poor quality, but the overall facility score could be good.
- 4.68 Harrogate Borough Council provides two sports halls; a 4-court hall at Ripon Leisure Centre and a 6-court hall at Nidderdale Leisure Centre. Ripon Leisure Centre was built in 1996 and was and has not had a significant refurbishment. Nidderdale Leisure Centre was built in 2005 and has not been refurbished.
- 4.69 The oldest sports hall in Harrogate is Harrogate Racquets Club built in 1924, and not yet been refurbished (Active Places July 2018). The newest sports hall was built in 2017 at Harrogate High School.
- 4.70 The rest of the sports hall/activity halls vary in age between 1950 to 2009. The average age of sports halls in Harrogate is almost 33 years old. The average lifespan of a public sports facility is 35-40 years.
- 4.71 The quality of provision varies across Harrogate, as highlighted in Appendix 2 (2a – 2m).
- 4.72 The oldest activity hall from Table 4.8 is the New Park Community Primary School, built in 1910, The newest activity hall was built in 2016, at Killinghall Village Hall.

ACCESSIBILITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN HARROGATE

- 4.73 Map 4.4 shows the geographic distribution of the strategic size (3 courts +) community access sports halls in Harrogate, with a catchment area for each of 20 minutes' drive time. Sports halls which offer pay and play community access are shown as green dots.

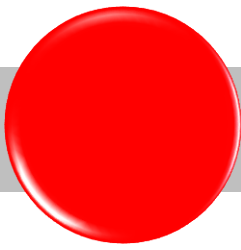


Map 4.4: Sports Halls with Pay and Play Community Use Catchment areas in Harrogate (20 mins drive time)



Sports Halls with community use availability service areas in Harrogate (up to 20 minute drive time)

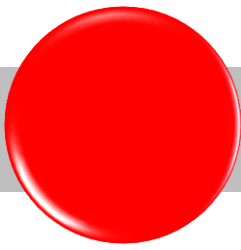




- 4.74 It is clear from Map 4.4 that the main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a sports hall (coloured areas on Map 4.4) are in the North West of Harrogate and the East of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20-minute drive of a sports hall (i.e. 3 courts +) in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority such as Hambleton, York or Richmondshire.
- 4.75 Map 4.4 shows however, that if community access sports halls outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community access sports hall is very good for all residents; it is just that for some, their nearest sports hall is not in Harrogate.
- 4.76 15.3% of the Harrogate population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that access is available to sports halls by foot and public transport. With such few sports halls providing community use in the daytime, it is important that there is good access to these facilities, to optimise opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity.
- 4.77 Accessibility to activity halls varies across Harrogate, given their locations, as shown in Map 4.4. Activity halls attract far more local use, given that many of them are used for a wide range of activities, including sport and physical activity, arts, community, meetings, lunches, playgroups, events. Many are not marked out as badminton courts so provide informal multi-purpose space which can be used for a wide range of community activities.

AVAILABILITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN HARROGATE

- 4.78 Table 4.6 and Map 4.1 highlights that in Harrogate there is a high level of sports hall and activity hall provision. However, the majority are on education sites and only provide for sports club/association use.
- 4.79 Alongside Harrogate sports facility provision there are a number of community centres providing day time community access for physical activity.
- 4.80 There are 34 Activity Halls, and 22 of these provide for community access (sports clubs / associations). Six of the activity halls provide pay and play community access; activity is provided through groups / clubs / organised classes.
- 4.81 Map 4.4 also illustrates the geographical and accessibility impact of strategic size sports halls having community access, with 22% of strategic size courts (3 court+) being available for pay and play community access, and 77% offering community access without a formal CUA being in place.
- 4.82 Of the 18 strategic size sports halls, one is accessible for daytime use. The rest of the centres do not offer access to a strategic size sports hall during the day, because the majority of sports halls are on education sites.
- 4.83 Access to informal halls is important to ensure access to physical activity opportunities, when there are fewer formal facilities available.
- 4.84 A further aspect of accessibility is programming, opening hours and whether facilities offer community usage.
- 4.85 Not everyone is, can be, or wants to be a member of a sports club, so this type of access does not actually provide for the whole community, and is unlikely to address the needs of the most inactive, or those from the areas of highest deprivation, who are also likely to be those experiencing significant health inequalities.



- 4.86 There is an important role for the existing informal hall space across Harrogate, in providing physical activity opportunities for specific ethnic/religious communities who may choose not to access formal sports facilities. There is also potential to increase capacity for community access pay play usage of existing education-based facilities, which provide for sports clubs and associations.

EDUCATION FACILITIES

- 4.87 Many of the schools in Harrogate have a good range of dry sports facilities. There is community access to Nidderdale Sports Hall (formal CUA in place), and significant use of education sports facilities by local sports clubs/associations with Ashville College, Boroughbridge High School, Harrogate Grammar School, Harrogate High School, Harrogate Ladies College, King James' School, Outwood Academy, Queen Mary' School, Ripon Grammar, Rossett Sports Centre, St Aidan's COE High School, St John Fisher Catholic High School.
- 4.88 A lot of education sites have ageing sports facilities, but generally, across Harrogate facility quality is good. This is an important issue, as early experience of participation and the environment in which this happens, can impact on future participation in sport, and physically activity levels.

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGB's)

- 4.89 Consultation was undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB's), to identify their views on the need for sports hall provision in Harrogate. The views of NGBs (representing sports hall sports) who responded are included in Table 4.12.

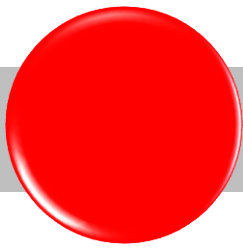
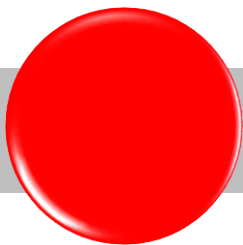
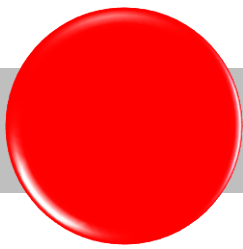


Table 4.12: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – Sports Hall Sports

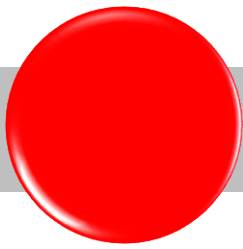
NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
BADMINTON	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have good badminton activity in Harrogate. We have an excellent relationship with Harrogate Racquets club where we have invested in badminton activities in the last 12 months starting up new junior and senior activity. We are supporting 2 new qualified coaches to develop relationships with the local community and increase the activity levels in Harrogate further. <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be great to look at working more with the council to grow the amount of participation in local facilities, inputting our programmes into the local community from Primary school with our racket pack programme through to No Strings Adult badminton. <p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have you in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the coming years we would like to see social badminton at the leisure facilities and the roll out of our racket pack programme across all schools in Harrogate. Facilities will play a huge part in this and the need for first class facilities to run our activities on will be key moving forward. 	<p>Additional courts with higher ceilings suitable for social and club players plus</p> <p>Guaranteed club usage on a year by year basis. Without it club activities are difficult to maintain, and this affects long term viability</p>
BASKETBALL	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation and grow the community game through a participation and growth strategy • There are three clubs with a total of 104 players. Accommodation is at local educational establishments and club numbers are at a maximum • There is a shortfall of two 4 court sports halls accommodating basketball despite the demand for the sport. We are keen to see this addressed in order to grow the sport in the under 18 age group which is presently at near zero in the Harrogate area <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our 2017 Supply and Demand Analysis shows that there is an under supply of 13 court hours per week – equivalent to 117 visits per week. The need for additional court space and time is clearly apparent and without new courts this will not change. i.e. we calculate that demand will not fall. (source; Active Places Power and Data Hub for sports halls) 	<p>Promote the sport to the under 16's in order to provide physical activity and mental and physical coordination skills sufficient enough to enable the players to move into adult competition</p>



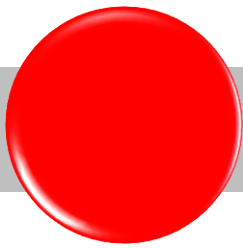
NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
	<p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate does contain one area in the top 20% most deprived in England. Basketball is a sport that can be played informally on outdoor courts (shooting hoops). We support this, and we would like to see this as a route into formal junior coaching/clubs in additional venues; presently none are available. • Basketball offers a credible alternative to teen age anti-social activities. Court space is required to achieve this, and we are keen to work with Local Authorities which recognise this • Enhance the playing experience on offer to all players through the increase in the number of quality venues and playing environments. 	
CRICKET	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor practice- Club usage for indoor practice Junior/Senior. All our clubs utilise school facilities for indoor practice when available. There are common issues year on year where clubs are finding facilities to be oversubscribed with limited access based on feedback from clubs. Reasons are cost, access time limited around other sports. • Other development usage for indoors - Coach education. We currently use King James Knaresborough for our courses and we have used St Aiden's in the past. • Schools indoor cricket usage. We utilise school facilities for indoor school competitions. Usually schools are quite accommodating with this. • Currently we have a men's Indoor cricket leagues playing at Harrogate Ladies College. We also have had leagues running from St Aiden's. Nidderdale indoor junior league has operated at Boroughbridge and Ripon <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Stars cricket has seen over 10000 new junior participants come into the game during the summer months in the last two summers in Yorkshire. Harrogate accounts for about 5% of that total. This expansion of participation is resulting in more junior practice in the winter and more competition off season for clubs. Current facilities are unable to cater for growth. Access to additional facilities would support further growth 	<p>Indoor; Women's cricket is high on the agenda. We require access to more indoor facilities to meet this demand as the existing demand in the men's game cannot be met locally</p> <p>Generally; Access to more facilities to support the growth in the County.</p> <p>All Stars cricket has seen over 10000 new junior participants come into the game during the summer months in the last two summers in Yorkshire. Harrogate accounts for about 5% of that total</p>



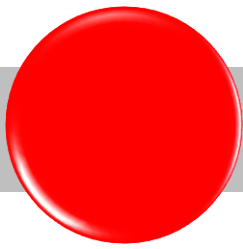
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	<p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s cricket is high on the growth spectrum for ECB. We have run Softball leagues in Harrogate this summer which have now filtered into the winter. We plan to run a women’s indoor league in 2019 as well as expanding the men and junior leagues. 	
<p>ENGLAND NETBALL</p>	<p>1. What are the priorities for the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 - The delivery of Walking Netball programmes is a priority for the Harrogate area – this is a social and recreational programme for those that want to participate in a slower paced version of the game and have a cup of tea with friends afterwards. • The programme does not rely on a formal netball court. Access to indoor (in the winter) and outdoor (during the day) spaces that can be modified to accommodate portable netball posts and line markings. Programmes often take place during the day as well as in the evenings. • Finding venues in Harrogate to accommodate these programmes isn’t an issue. There are however difficulties in recruiting and deploying Walking Netball ‘hosts’ to run the sessions on a regular basis. • Priority 2 – The protection of the following key venues is also a priority for England Netball in Harrogate; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashville School • Harrogate High School • Harrogate Grammar School • These venues accommodate a significant amount of Club and League netball activity at a junior and senior level. Organisations who are based at these venues and are considered crucial to the grass roots development of the sport are: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate Phoenix • Harrogate Halos • Harrogate and District County Association <p>These Clubs and organisations use both indoor and outdoor facilities for training and competition.</p> <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with increasing the workforce to assist staff with the delivery of growth programmes in Harrogate would be welcome. 	<p>Walking Netball appeals to ex-players and an older age group. Finding Daytime “hosts “is a priority and assistance from the LA would be welcomed</p> <p>Protection of existing key venues is a priority in order to underpin growth. Additional venues will be required in the future</p>



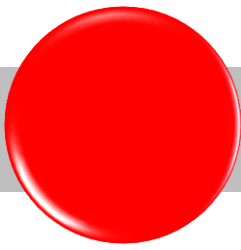
NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
	<p>3. Do you have any long-term plans or developments in mind / in progress?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No facility development projects are currently in the process of being planned in the Harrogate and District area due the quality of existing venues being very good. 	
HANDBALL	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support established community clubs and develop new ones. Cooperate with schools (primary and secondary), universities and colleges to offer opportunities to participate in handball whether playing/officiating/coaching. Work with partners to offer solutions to engage with new and existing groups and support and sustain their involvement in the sport. <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to develop a local workforce to support the growth or existing clubs and start new ones. Links to education partners to grow a network <p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An established schools' games programme, AOC competition, university involvement in competitions and coach development pathways, increased and sustained volunteer workforce programme 	Access to facilities in order to grow the sport locally
TABLE TENNIS	<p>Sally Shutt invited Harrogate Spa Tennis Club to submit the following:</p> <p>“HSTC are involved in a project in which we are trying to build a community sports centre which at its maximum design configuration would host tennis, table tennis, a gymnasium and a multifunction room for exercise classes etc complemented by a range of social facilities. We are currently in the middle of fund-raising activity and have achieved over 80% of our target. (50% of which is from the LTA). The maximum design configuration for the centre would include a table tennis facility in line with Table Tennis England’s Model Design Brief Four-Table Centre (22m x 12m) and in addition the availability of an indoor tennis hall would provide a huge space for table tennis tournaments”.</p>	Table Tennis is a sport played by many older persons. There is a need to include a Table Tennis venue within the Borough or support the HSTC to incorporate table tennis as a guaranteed element of the proposed club site



NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
	<p>1. What are your current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate B C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are not necessarily party to the priorities of HBC in respect of table tennis. Our interest lies in the fact that we see table tennis as a sport which many people can take part in on a lifelong basis and there may be a crossover between the sports of tennis and table tennis (remember Fred Perry!) and our business rationale is that the more people we have attending our centre the more income will be raised to sustain the centre. There is a documented policy "Harrogate Borough Council's Sport and Leisure Strategy 2018 - 2023". <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The only thing we need to support our priorities is capital funding to get the centre built; everything else, design, costings, planning permission is in place. We have a 50-year lease and a viable business plan and the support of the LTA under the TBTT funding programme which will enable us to build something. In terms however of the level of funding at the moment it is such that the dedicated table tennis facility would be omitted albeit that tennis hall would potentially remain available for tournaments. <p>3. What long term developments do you have in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our plans are as per the description in my first paragraph and will remain in place until we get the funding. Should insufficient funds be available when we start to build there will always be the potential should our project have the success, we anticipate to add on to the configuration of the centre subject to the business case.	



NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each local association sets its own local priorities. Harrogate does not have a particular focus at present other than to grow numbers.• The focus of the NGB is to grow the number of clubs, volunteers and coaches <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to modern facilities at a peak time of day rather than the traditional off-peak periods• Opportunities in the future for regions with the right facilities to host competitions and big events etc. <p>3. Do you have any long-term plans either in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are starting with more work on understanding who plays – collecting data on memberships.• The NGB intends to be a facilitator to the local associations rather than a setter of priorities. It will assist local associations in their discussions with local facility managers and the development of additional players/teams	Development of facility access through dialogue with the local authority

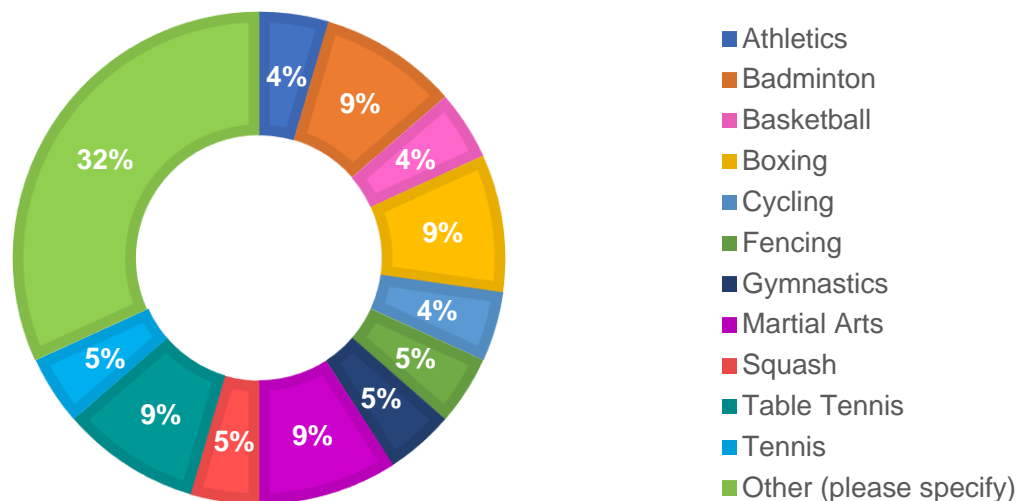


4.90 Based on the above feedback, it is clear there is further potential to develop participation in badminton and gymnastics, given the NGB priorities and views on current provision, and the fact that junior clubs are growing. There is also potential to grow participation in netball, basketball, indoor cricket and volleyball; increased access to affordable sports halls is key for this. Basketball in particular has identified the need for access to an additional 13 court hours per week to further develop participation, and cricket clubs need access to more time for winter training indoors. The priority for netball is access to more space and time to develop walking netball.

SUMMARY OF SPORTS HALL SPORTS CLUB VIEWS

4.91 A questionnaire was sent to all indoor sports clubs in Harrogate; this was supplemented with follow up telephone consultations wherever possible, to ensure a representative response was received. A full summary of the Sports Club Survey is included at Appendix 3.

4.92 Table 4.13 reflects comments made by responding clubs; some sports hall clubs who responded did not make additional comments. 14 clubs responded in total, covering the following sports:



4.93 Sports mentioned under 'other' include:

- **Kayaking (canoeing);**
- **Scuba Diving; and**
- **Diving.**

4.94 50% of clubs responding state that their membership numbers have increased over the last 5 years. However, the vast majority of respondent clubs highlight that they still have capacity for new members.

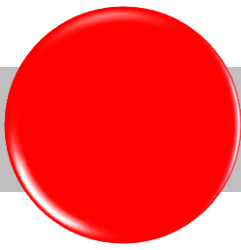
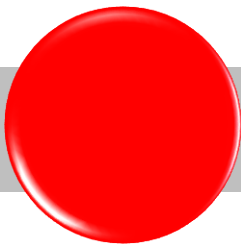


Table 4.13: Summary of Sports Club Consultation – Sports Hall Sports

CLUB	KEY ISSUE FOR CLUB
RIPON CITY BASKETBALL	<p>Establishing itself and growing membership.</p> <p>Support and finance.</p>
RIPON NOMADS BADMINTON CLUB	<p>Increasing club membership would be good. Some of our younger players go off to university each year. We have four teams in the local leagues of Harrogate and Ripon.</p> <p>We need to continue to increase our membership and keep our running costs low. It is important for us to have the help of the school with this and the club coach runs an after school club on Mondays.</p>
BOROUGHBRIDGE FEATHERS BADMINTON CLUB	<p>The Badminton Club has been running solely on volunteers since it began in 2014 led by myself. We are affiliated to NYPC in Harrogate and have a high standard of coaching available.</p> <p>We continue to train Level 1 coaching students and have trained two since the club began in 2014. Our aim is to provide a Community Club for all, with a pathway for talented students to progress to a higher level if they wish.</p> <p>We eventually hope to have a team for the town. Some of our players have played for Yorkshire.</p> <p>We have struggled with breaking even with our finances. The paying up front for courts which began this year has made it stressful for us, as we are a club which is run totally by volunteers.</p> <p>We do not wish to increase our session payments. We need extra finance to cover training, such as safeguarding and first aid, rackets and shuttlecocks.</p>
TREVITHICK	<p>Increasing performance at elite level.</p> <p>Quality coaching and strong junior section</p>
THE MIRAI DOJO	<p>Increasing numbers.</p> <p>Advertising more effectively and a more attractive venue</p>
ST JOHN FISHER R C CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS	<p>Teaching pupils to play, then allowing better ones to play for the school in local leagues and other competitions.</p> <p>More funding for equipment etc. To replace me when I decide to retire</p>
H HOUR BOXING GYM	<p>Current is to have more members competing, future is to find a larger venue.</p> <p>Stability, long term plan, larger facility</p>



SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM)

Strategic Leisure was provided with Sport England's Facilities Planning Model National Run Report (October 2018, based on January 2018 National Run data) for sports hall provision in Harrogate. The FPM analysis is based on 24 sports hall facilities, because the FPM includes strategic size and 1 court sports halls that are on the same site. Overall, the FPM and the supply and demand analysis include the same facilities, although they are categorised differently..

The overall 2018 FPM assessment is that there is enough supply to meet the current Harrogate demand for sports halls.

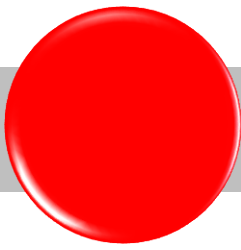
However, the fact that the majority of existing sports halls are on education sites, only one of which has a formal CUA means that the supply of sports halls is volatile, and could change at any time. This could impact on whether supply is then sufficient to meet demand, given the Harrogate population will grow by 15, 715.

The assessment is catchment area based because the catchment area of the sports halls extends across local authority boundaries. The full and detailed FPM report is included at Appendix 6.

SPORTS HALLS

The Sport England FPM report sets out an assessment of the current situation regarding sports hall supply, based on a 2018 population of 157,754.

- There are 24 individual sports halls located on 14 sites across Harrogate in 2018 (Table 2.1);
- The total supply of sports halls in badminton courts, is 92 courts, of which 65 are available in the weekly peak period for community use (known as the effective supply);
- The difference of 27 badminton courts, is because the education sports hall sites have variable hours of access for community use. There is an aggregate total of 27 badminton courts which are unavailable for community use. This represents just under 30% of the total supply of badminton courts across Harrogate;
- The average age for the sports hall sites, excluding the Harrogate Racquets Club sports hall, which opened in 1924, is 34 years;
- Of the 11 pre 2000 sports hall sites, 4 sites have been modernised, so there is an increasing need for modernisation of these older sports halls
- 11 of the total 14 sports hall sites are owned and operated by educational institutions - state and independent schools and colleges. As already set out, the education sports halls have variable hours of access for community use, outside of education use. Some schools and colleges, proactively manage the venues for wider community use and which is predominantly for sports club and community groups' use. Other schools and colleges let their sports halls on a responsive basis, on a term or even shorter irregular lettings. Independent schools tend to let their sports halls to their school sports clubs for extracurricular use, before wider community use;
- These quantitative findings illustrate the scale and importance of the education sports hall provision. Any reduction by education providers towards community use and access, will transfer more demand, most likely club use, to the public leisure centres;
- Harrogate has 5.9 badminton courts in 2018 per 10,000 population. the provision of sports hall space across Harrogate, is higher than for nearly all of the neighbouring authorities, Yorkshire Region and England wide
- The resident population of Harrogate generates a demand for 42.6 badminton courts in the weekly peak period. This compares to a supply of 65.3 badminton courts, which are available for community use in the weekly peak period, in 2018. So, the Harrogate supply exceeds the Harrogate demand by 22.7 badminton courts.



93% of the total demand for sports halls from Harrogate residents is being satisfied/met (8,731 visits per week in the peak period)

The nearest sports hall for a Harrogate resident and which is a venue is located in the authority, is a very high 92% (8,093) of the total 93% of the Harrogate total satisfied demand for sports halls.

Harrogate is exporting just over 7% of its satisfied demand for sports halls; this is met in neighbouring authorities.

Total unmet demand is 6.1% of total demand for sports halls, and this equates to just fewer than 3 badminton courts (located evenly across the District). The unmet demand is all a result of people living outside the catchment area of a sports hall.

The average used capacity of the existing sports halls is 46.80%; the highest used capacity is at Harrogate High School (92%) and Harrogate Ladies' Collage (86%). Both of these facilities operate well above the Sport England comfort level of 80%.

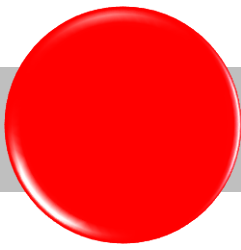
22% of the capacity at Nidderdale is used, and 56% of the available capacity is used at Ripon Leisure Centre.

- **Majority of halls are ageing and will need modernisation moving forwards; this is important as quality of provision impacts on participation levels and whether people want to use facilities; and**
- **Given many halls are on education sites there is a need to retain and increase access.**

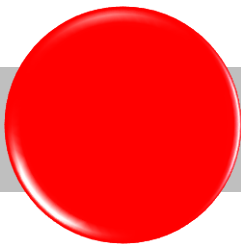
4.95 Table 4.14 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for sports halls and activity halls in Harrogate.

Table 4.14: Summary Analysis – Sports Hall Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SPORTS HALLS	
QUANTITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 52 halls in Harrogate (sports halls, activity halls); of these 18 are sports halls, 34 are activity halls • There are 18 strategic sized sports halls i.e. 3 courts +; 1 offers formal community access, and 13 offer community access without a formal CUA; • NGBs and local sports clubs identify the potential for badminton, netball, indoor cricket, volleyball and basketball to grow. There is a need to ensure capacity is available in sports halls to increase participation in these sports. The relatively low average used capacity of existing sports halls means that additional capacity is available; the time this is available is the real challenge. • Two schools stated they would like to increase access for community use, but they are unable to do so due to lack of capacity (schools have limited hours available for bookings and already has a lot of bookings); • There is already some sport and physical activity being delivered in community halls across Harrogate; there is opportunity to increase awareness of this and to extend it, particularly where there are halls available, but no community access. • Harrogate Council's sports halls have the potential to be used more;; Ripon Leisure Centre is operating at 56% of it available capacity, the Nidderdale Leisure Centre is estimated to have just 22% of its capacity used. <p>FUTURE DEMAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the SFC provides a quantitative estimate of future need, but unlike the FPM the SFC model analysis does not identify specific locations for future provision.



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That needs to be informed by the nature and location of future housing development (where locations are known), local geography and accessibility, and, critically, the location of existing facilities. This is because future demand may have the potential to be addressed through facility extension, or refurbishment, as well as new locations. However, in the absence of any other future demand calculator, the SFC provides an indicator of the level of future provision needed. • Housing development and population growth in Harrogate will increase demand for sports hall provision. As an indication (using the Sports Facility Calculator (SFC)), it is possible to estimate overall future demand for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls rinks, based on this population increase. As an indicator, based on an additional 15,715 people demand for sports halls would increase by 927 vpwpp; this would equate to a further 4.24 badminton courts. • In summary, future demand reduces the current over-supply of 22.7 badminton courts as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="459 898 1442 1093"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="459 898 703 1048">CURRENT OVER-SUPPLY OF BADMINTON COURTS 2018</th> <th data-bbox="703 898 948 1048">UNMET DEMAND FOR BADMINTON COURTS 2018</th> <th data-bbox="948 898 1192 1048">FUTURE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL BADMINTON COURTS BY 2035</th> <th data-bbox="1192 898 1442 1048">TOTAL OVER-SUPPLY OF BADMINTON COURTS BY 2035</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="459 1048 703 1093">22.7</td> <td data-bbox="703 1048 948 1093">3</td> <td data-bbox="948 1048 1192 1093">4.24</td> <td data-bbox="1192 1048 1442 1093">15.46</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> • The 2018 over-supply reduces to 15.46 badminton courts, (just under four 4 badminton court sports halls). This highlights that by 2035 the supply demand balance will still meet need, but only if all existing provision is retained and there is no reduction in the current level of community access to education-based sports facilities. • Existing community access at education sites needs to be maintained as a minimum, and secured wherever possible with a formal CUA, given that the majority of sport halls facilities are on education sites; and • Any new sports halls developed on education sites should provide community access as a result of a planning condition; this should wherever possible include access to both individuals and clubs/groups. 	CURRENT OVER-SUPPLY OF BADMINTON COURTS 2018	UNMET DEMAND FOR BADMINTON COURTS 2018	FUTURE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL BADMINTON COURTS BY 2035	TOTAL OVER-SUPPLY OF BADMINTON COURTS BY 2035	22.7	3	4.24	15.46
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22.7	3	4.24	15.46						
QUALITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average age of sports halls in Harrogate is 35 years old; • Quality varies across the facilities, predominantly due to age and lack of modernisation; and • Harrogate Borough Council provides a 6-court hall at Nidderdale Leisure Centre and a four-court hall at Ripon Leisure Centre, Nidderdale Leisure Centre was built in 1981 and refurbished in 2009, Ripon Leisure Centre was built in 1996 and has not yet been refurbished. 								
ACCESSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographically, strategic size sports halls are well distributed across Harrogate; • The main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a sports hall (coloured areas on Map 4.4) are in the north west and east of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a sports hall (i.e. 3 courts +) in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority such as York, Hambleton and Richmondshire, (see Map 4.4). 								



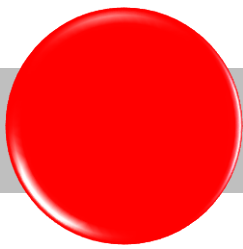
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map 4.4 shows however, that if community access sports halls outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community access sports hall is very good for all residents; it is just that for some, their nearest sports hall is not in Harrogate. Overall, there is low unmet demand across Harrogate for sports halls (around 6% currently, with a small increase by 2035. In 2018, unmet demand is a result of people living outside the catchment area of a community access sports hall.
AVAILABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Harrogate there is a high level of sports hall and community hall provision. However, the majority of sports halls are on education sites, providing for sports club/association use, not pay and play access; Of the 198 strategic size sports halls, one is available for daytime use. (Ripon Leisure Centre). Harrogate Borough Council only operate two of the strategic sized sports halls in the district. The majority of the strategic size halls are on education sites with limited daytime access; there is one formal CUA in plan. The limited daytime access to sports hall provision highlights the importance of the community and activity halls which are available during the day, particularly for the older population, or those without private transport; There are 34 activity halls, 22 of which are available for at least some form of community use. Of these 22, nine are on education sites (operated as school lettings i.e. for clubs and groups (these do not have a formal CUA)). 12 activity halls are for private use only. 6 activity halls are available for pay and play community use i.e. individual bookings.

SWIMMING POOLS

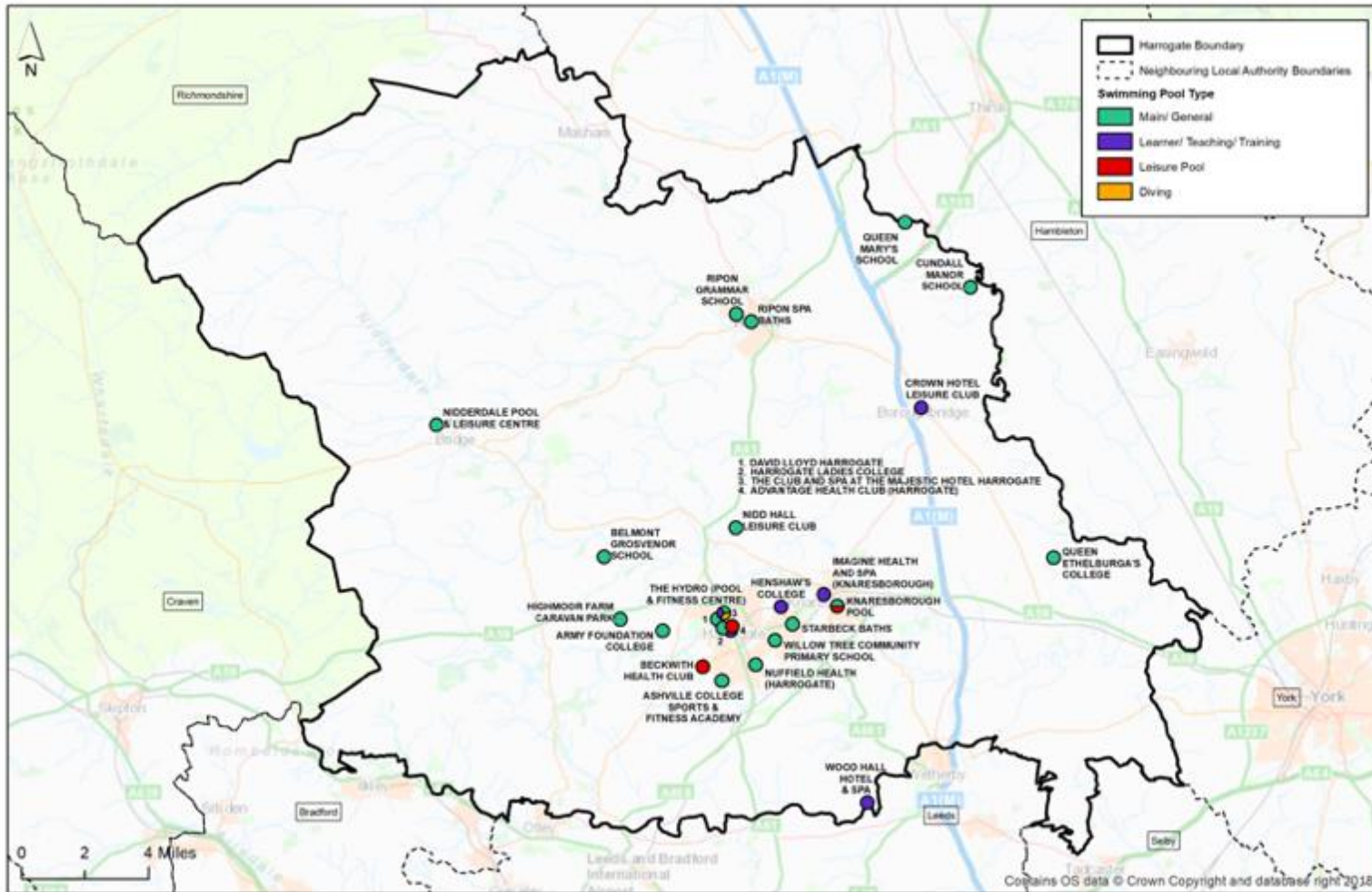
QUANTITY - SWIMMING POOLS IN HARROGATE

- 4.96 The supply analysis identifies that Harrogate has an overall total of 28 swimming pools across 25 sites. Appendix 7 details the overall pool supply in Harrogate ⁹. These pools are shown in Table 4.15 and Map 4.5. Strategic sized pools are those of 160 sqm+; there are 12 of these.
- 4.97 Pools with community access are highlighted in grey, and white bold font in Table 4.16.
- 4.98 There are five private swimming pools for commercial/private use only. These are David Lloyd Club (Harrogate), Ripon Grammar School, Highmoor Farm Caravan Park, Cundall Manor School and the Army Foundation College.
- 4.99 There are a number of swimming pools that are too small to be included within the FPM however, they are in use by community groups and are therefore included in the overall analysis of pools in Harrogate.

⁹ Source: Sport England Active Places December 2017



Map 4.5: Swimming pools in Harrogate



Swimming Pools by type in Harrogate



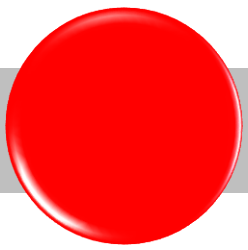
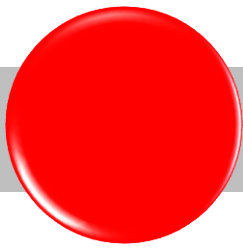
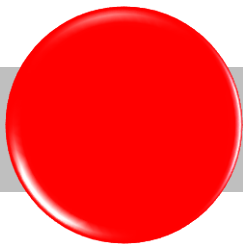


Table 4.15: Swimming Pools in Harrogate (Pools with community access are highlighted in grey white font)

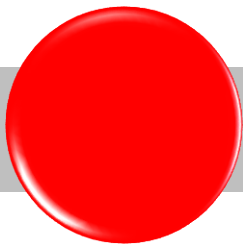
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	LANES	LENGTH	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ADVANTAGE HEALTH CLUB (HARROGATE)	HG1 2SY	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1985	2001
ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE	HG3 2SE	Main/General	6	25	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Main/General	6	30	Pay and Play	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1935	2017
BECKWITH HEALTH CLUB	HG3 1UF	Leisure Pool	0	16.5	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2000	2008
BELMONT GROSVENOR SCHOOL	HG3 2JG	Main/General	4	25	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College /University (in house)	1990	n/a
CROWN HOTEL LEISURE CLUB	YO51 9LB	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1999	n/a
CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL	YO61 2RW	Main/General	4	20	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a



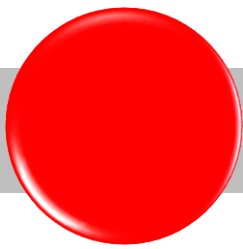
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	LANES	LENGTH	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Main/General	4	17.5	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	2017
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Main/General	4	25	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/ University (in house)	1930	2011
HENSHAW'S COLLEGE	HG1 4ED	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12.5	Private Use	Further Education	Community Organisation	1994	n/a
HIGHMOOR FARM CARAVAN PARK	HG3 2LT	Main/General	0	20	Private Use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1987	2004
IMAGINE HEALTH AND SPA (KNARESBOROUGH)	HG5 9AL	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	10	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1989	2010
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	HG5 8EB	Main/General	4	25	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1990	2003
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	HG5 8EB	Leisure Pool	0	12	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1990	2003



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	LANES	LENGTH	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
NIDD HALL LEISURE CLUB	HG3 3BN	Main/General	4	20	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	n/a
NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Main/General	4	20	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	2005	n/a
NUFFIELD HEALTH (HARROGATE)	HG2 8RA	Main/General	1	20	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2002	2012
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Main/General	4	25	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2010	n/a
QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL	YO7 3BZ	Main/General	3	15	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/ University (in house)	1987	2009
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Main/General	4	19.8	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/ University (in house)	1956	2001
RIPON SPA BATHS	HG4 2BD	Main/General	4	22	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1935	2014

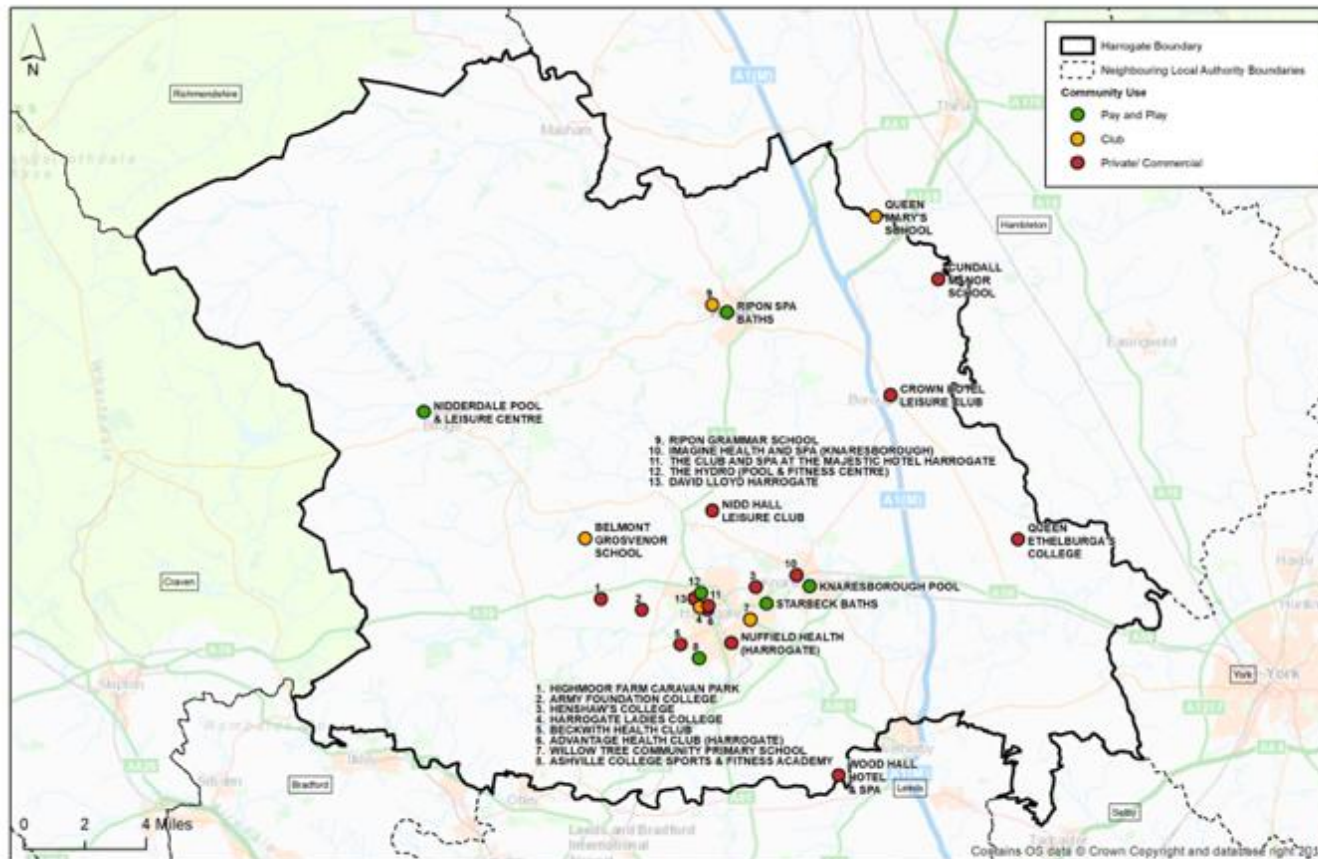


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STARBECK BATHS	HG2 7JF	Main/General	4	18	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1870	n/a
THE CLUB AND SPA AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL HARROGATE	HG1 2HU	Leisure Pool	2	12.5	Pay and Play	Commercial	Commercial Management	1987	2010
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Main/General	8	25	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	n/a
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12.5	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	n/a
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Diving	0	14	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	2015
WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG2 7SG	Main/General	3	17	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/ University (in house)	2011	2017
WOOD HALL HOTEL & SPA	LS22 4JA	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1992	2010



4.100 Map 4.6 shows all the community use swimming pools in Harrogate. The green dots are those facilities providing for pay and play community access. The orange dots are those facilities providing community access for clubs/community groups. Red dots show the private/commercial facilities (requiring membership for use).

Map 4.6: Community access Swimming Pools in Harrogate



Swimming Pools by community use availability in Harrogate



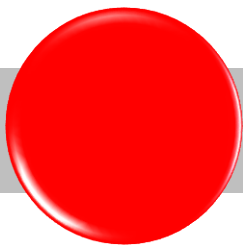
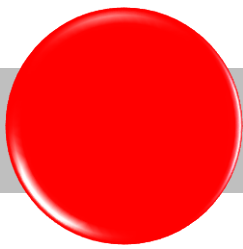
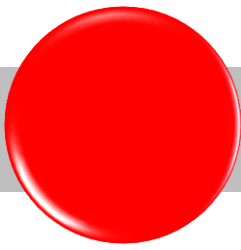


Table 4.16: Community access Swimming Pools in Harrogate (Pay and Play shown in bold white font, highlighted in grey)

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	LANES	LENGTH	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Main/General	6	30	Pay and Play	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1935	2017
BELMONT GROSVENOR SCHOOL	HG3 2JG	Main/General	4	25	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1990	n/a
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Main/General	4	25	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1930	2011
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	HG5 8EB	Main/General	4	25	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1990	2003
KNARESBOROUGH POOL	HG5 8EB	Leisure Pool	0	12	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1990	2003
NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Main/General	4	20	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	2005	n/a
QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL	YO7 3BZ	Main/General	3	15	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1987	2009



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	LANES	LENGTH	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG4 2DG	Main/General	4	19.8	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	1956	2001
RIPON SPA BATHS	HG4 2BD	Main/General	4	22	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1935	2014
STARBECK BATHS	HG2 7JF	Main/General	4	18	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1870	n/a
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THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Learner/Teaching/Training	0	12.5	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	n/a
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Diving	0	14	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	2015
WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	HG2 7SG	Main/General	3	17	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2011	2017



4.101 The analysis of the overall swimming pool supply in Harrogate is as follows:

Table 4.17: Analysis of Swimming Pool Supply in Harrogate

	NO OF POOLS	NO OF SITES
TOTAL NUMBER OF POOLS	28	25
COMMUNITY USE SWIMMING POOLS (PAY AND PLAY AND SPORTS CLUBS/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS)	15	12
MAIN POOLS	18	18
LEARNER POOLS	6	6
DIVING POOLS	1	1
LEISURE POOLS	3	3
EDUCATION SECTOR (SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS)	10	10
PRIVATE SECTOR/OTHER	11	11

4.102 It is clear from Tables 4.14 and 4.15 that there is one pool of 7m x 13m length (The Hydro), one swimming pool of 8 lanes x 25m length (The Hydro), three pools of 6 lanes x 25m (Army Foundation College, Ashville College), three pools of 4 lanes x 20m in length (Cundall Manor School, Nidd Hall Leisure Club and Nidderdale Pool), a diving pool (Hydro) and three leisure pools in the District.

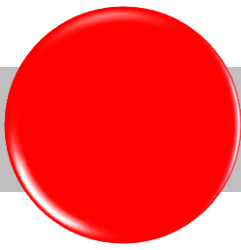
4.103 53.6% of the pools provide community access i.e. 15 of the 28; of these, 11 are main pools, 1 is a learner facility, and 2 are leisure pools. There are also 5 pools on sites which only provide for private use. 8 pools can only be used by registered members; therefore 67% (48/72 lanes) of the main pool water space in the Harrogate is available for community access.

QUALITY - SWIMMING POOLS IN HARROGATE

4.104 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Harrogate Council pools, plus a number of other key facilities. These are summarised in Appendix 2 (2a - 2m) and Table 4.18.

Table 4.18: Summary Qualitative Assessments- Swimming Pools

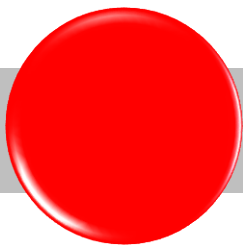
FACILITY	OVERALL QUANTITATIVE SCORE FOR FACILITY %	QUALITATIVE SCORE FOR SWIMMING POOL	NEED FOR INVESTMENT- OVERALL FACILITY
ASHVILLE COLLEGE	89	Main pool (30m x 6 lane) - Good	Minimal
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	73	Main Pool - Average	Moderate
KNARESBOROUGH	62	Main Pool - Good Leisure Pool – Average Water spa - Average	Significant
NIDDERDALE	87	Main Pool - Average	Moderate
RIPON SPA BATHS	43	Main Pool - Poor	Significant
STARBECK BATHS	54	Main Pool - Poor	Significant
THE HYDRO	85	Main Pool – Good Learner Pool – Excellent Diving Pool - Good	Moderate



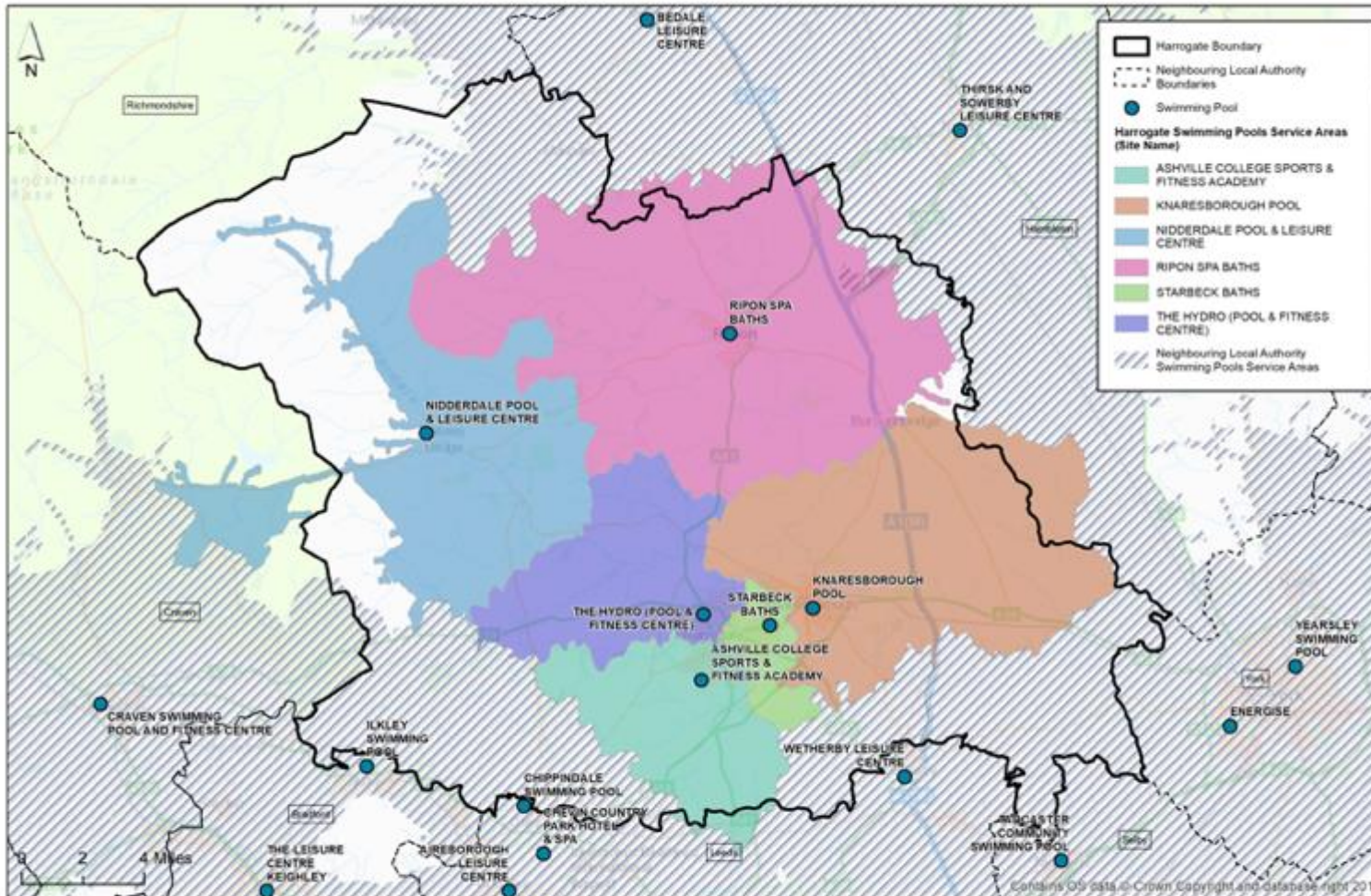
- 4.105 Harrogate's swimming pools are of poor – good quality (except the learner pool at the Hydro which is excellent). This is due predominantly to the age, size and condition of the facilities.
- 4.106 The majority of pools are local authority, commercial or education facilities; the majority of pools were built after 1985 and 10 have been refurbished since.
- 4.107 The oldest swimming pool in Harrogate is Starbeck Baths, built in 1870, it has subsequently had minor refurbishments. The newest pool is Willow Tree Community Primary School built in 2011.

ACCESSIBILITY - SWIMMING POOLS IN HARROGATE

- 4.108 It is clear from Map 4.7 that the main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a swimming pool (coloured areas on Map 4.7) are in the North, North West, South West and South East of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20-minute drive of a swimming pool in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority such as York, Hambleton, Richmondshire.
- 4.109 Map 4.8 shows however, that if community access swimming pools outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community access swimming pool is very good for all residents; it is just that for some, their nearest swimming pool is not in Harrogate.
- 4.110 15.3% of the Harrogate population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that pools are as accessible as possible to those walking or using public transport.
- 4.111 Existing community access swimming pools are well-located in Harrogate; In addition to the community access pools, there are other facilities which are also used by residents e.g. the commercial facilities, and some small education pools, so over all there is a good stock of provision in Harrogate.

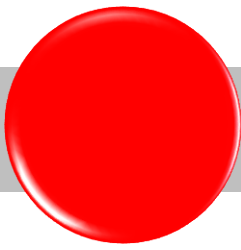


Map 4.7: Community access Swimming Pools in Harrogate with a 20-minute drive-time catchment area



Swimming Pools with community use availability service areas in Harrogate (up to 20 minute drive time)





AVAILABILITY - SWIMMING POOLS IN HARROGATE

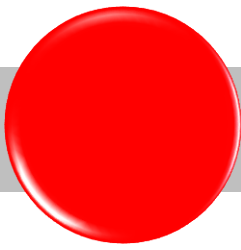
- 4.112 Map 4.7 highlights the locations of the 15 community access swimming pools. These 15 pools are on 12 separate sites.
- 4.113 Eight of the community access pools are 25m in length, so are of strategic size, and are of 4 lanes or more.
- 4.114 In terms of increasing community access to pools in Harrogate, there are limited options, with all pools, except those identified as providing for community access, being either commercial facilities requiring membership, or on education sites, with either private use only, or community access only being for groups/sports clubs. Proposals for new pool provision are explored in sections 5 and 6 of this report.

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGB'S)

- 4.115 Consultation was undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB's), to identify their views on the need for swimming pool provision in Harrogate. The views of Swim England are summarised in Table 4.19.

Table 4.19: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – Aquatic Activities

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
SWIM ENGLAND	<p>Current development priorities in the Harrogate area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation drive; • NGB Mission – happier, healthier nation through swimming; • Leadership recognised; • Learn to swim; • Growing the number of people; • Developing talent pathway; • Successful clubs; • Workforce; and • Sustainability <p>What are your current priorities for the area covered by Harrogate BC ?</p> <p>Swim England's priorities are developing the community use facilities that enable competition, fitness, learn to swim and recreational swimming.</p> <p>Within the short term this means the development of the new Ripon Swimming Pool so that it can be used as a swimming club training and development site with only local competition facilities, learn to swim and recreational swimming.</p>	<p>www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-strategy</p> <p>Growth and stability</p> <p>Maintain the status Quo</p> <p>Development of a new all-purpose swimming centre in Ripon</p>



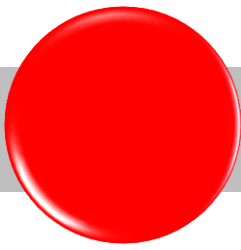
NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p>Do you have any long-term plans or developments in mind / in progress? There is currently a slight surplus of water space in Harrogate District, which means there is unlikely to be any increase in water space for at least the next 15 years.</p>	

SUMMARY OF AQUATIC SPORTS CLUB VIEWS

4.116 Three Aquatic Clubs responded to the consultation with additional comments. Their key issues are summarised in Table 4.20.

Table 4.20: Summary of Sports Club Consultation – Aquatic Sports

CLUB	KEY ISSUE FOR CLUB
SCUBA DIVING FOR ALL	<p>To increase the number of special needs students we are able to take at each session.</p> <p>Funding - we have to raise £18k per annum to operate and this is all done by our volunteers. Every penny we raise is put into the club, no volunteers are paid or get expenses.</p>
HARROGATE DISTRICT DIVING CLUB	<p>Both increasing members and improving performance. Currently a Diving Development Centre so have a strategy in place to deliver these aims.</p> <p>Ensure access to Jennyfields for dryland training, and access to the pool to do diving and also strength and conditioning</p> <p>We have just lost our head coach who will not be replaced with reduced hours from coach returning from maternity.</p> <p>We have received funding from becoming diving development centre to help develop our junior casual coaches and our divers. We have bought a new 1m board with joint funding from sport England/Club and council to develop a disability diving scheme.</p> <p>We are also trying to increase club numbers through wider promotion in local community.</p> <p>Commitment from Harrogate Borough Council to continue to provide paid coaches for Diving Club alongside council run Learn to Dive scheme. Not only for a secure future of club for divers but also to enable this coaches currently employed to have some job security.</p>
HARROGATE SUB AQUA CLUB	<p>Increasing members and number of Volunteer instructors.</p> <p>More Volunteer instructors and more equipment</p>



SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM)

Strategic Leisure was provided with Sport England's Facilities Planning Model National Run Report (October 2018, based on January 2018 National Run data) for swimming pool provision in Harrogate. The FPM analysis is based on 12 pool facilities, because the FPM excludes smaller. The supply and demand analysis includes all pools, to highlight what is actually in Harrogate and how much of the existing supply is available for community use.

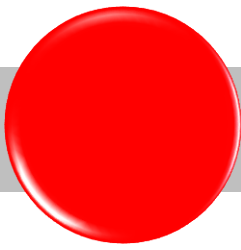
The overall 2018 FPM assessment is that there is enough supply to meet the current Harrogate demand for swimming pools. The 2018 assessment is that whilst the public pools are very busy, there is not an issue of unmet demand because of lack of swimming pool capacity or where it is located. Total unmet demand is only 99 sq. metres of water in 2018 i.e. an insufficient scale and cluster of unmet demand to consider further swimming pool provision. However, this could change, depending on the projected population growth, and the scale and location of committed residential development.

Demand will increase (the Harrogate population will grow by 15,715), and this may lead to a capacity issue at the public swimming pool sites. This could require changes in pool programming, to provide more capacity for the most popular swimming activities, or, consider increasing swimming pool provision to provide more capacity and accommodate more demand. The assessment is catchment area based because the catchment area of the swimming pools extends across local authority boundaries. The full and detailed FPM report is included at Appendix 6.

SWIMMING POOLS

The Sport England FPM report sets out an assessment of the current situation regarding swimming pool supply, based on a 2018 population of 157,754.

- There are 12 individual pools located at 9 swimming pool sites in 2018.
- In terms of ownership, 4 of the 9 swimming pool sites in the Borough, are public leisure centre swimming pools sites. There are also 3 school/college swimming pools sites and 2 commercial swimming pool sites.
- The only dedicated teaching/learner pool is located at the Hydro Pool and Fitness Centre, and it has an area of 88 sq. metres.
- Harrogate District supply is 14 sq. metres of water space per 1,000 population in 2018. provision in Harrogate, is slightly lower than most of the neighbouring local authorities but higher than the Yorkshire Region and the England wide average.
- The resident population of Harrogate Borough in 2018, generates a demand for 1,607 sq. metres of water. This compares to the total supply of 1,771 sq. metres of water, which is available for community use in the weekly peak period. So, there is a positive balance of supply exceeding demand by 164 sq. metres of water in 2018. N.B. For context a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 and 250 sq. metres of water, depending on lane width.
- 94% (9,087 vpwpp) of the total demand for swimming from Harrogate residents is satisfied/met. 91% (8,243 vpwpp) of the total 94% of the Harrogate Borough demand which is met/satisfied is retained demand within the district.
- Swimming pool locations and catchment areas are very well correlated with the location of the Harrogate demand for swimming pools. So much so that the nearest pool for over nine out of ten visits to a swimming pool by a Harrogate Borough resident, is a pool located in the district.
- 8% (844 vpwpp) of the Harrogate Borough satisfied demand for swimming, is met outside the district.



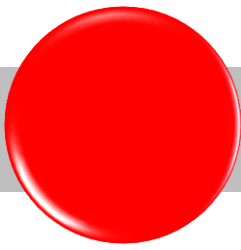
- Total unmet demand is 6.2% of total demand; this equates to 99 sq. metres of water. All unmet demand is due to people living outside the catchment area of a swimming pool.
- An average of 54.6% of available pool capacity used in the weekly peak period across the district.
- Two of the public leisure centres have an estimated used capacity which is higher than the Harrogate Borough average: Knaresborough Pool 76%; and Ripon Spa Baths 99%. This is also well above the Sport England comfort level of 70%.

Demand for swimming is much lower in the north west of the authority, and this most likely accounts for the Nidderdale Pool and Sports Centre facility in Pateley Bridge having an estimated used capacity of 20% in the weekly peak period.

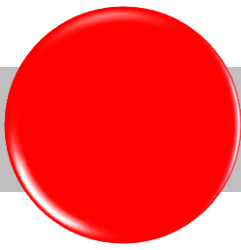
4.117 Table 4.21 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for swimming pools in Harrogate.

Table 4.21: Summary Analysis – Swimming Pool Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SWIMMING POOLS	
QUANTITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 28 swimming pools in Harrogate, over 25 sites (main pools, learner pools, leisure pools, and a diving pool); • 15 pools are strategic sized swimming pools i.e. 160 sq. m +; • 9 of the strategic sized pools (main), provide pay and play community access; 6 strategic size pools are on education sites providing for club /community group access; • Two of HBC pools are very well used: Knaresborough Pool 76% of available capacity and Ripon Spa Baths 99% of available capacity. 49% of available capacity is used at the Hydro. <p>FUTURE DEMAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FPM analysis highlights that there is an oversupply of water space in 2018 of 164 sq. m. However, demand for swimming does increase to 2035. • Using the SFC provides a quantitative estimate of future need, but unlike the FPM the SFC model analysis does not identify specific locations for future provision. That needs to be informed by the nature and location of future housing development (where locations are known), local geography and accessibility, and, critically, the location of existing facilities. This is because future demand may have the potential to be addressed through facility extension, or refurbishment, as well as new locations. However, in the absence of any other future demand calculator, the SFC provides an indicator of the level of future provision needed. • Housing development and population growth in Harrogate will increase demand for swimming pool provision. As an indication (using the Sports Facility Calculator (SFC), it is possible to estimate overall future demand for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls rinks, based on this population increase. As an indicator, based on an additional 15,715 people demand for swimming pools would increase by 965 vpwpp; this would equate to a further 160.14 sq. m of water space.



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS								
SWIMMING POOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In summary, future demand reduces the current over-supply of water space as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="552 533 1481 730"> <thead> <tr> <th>CURRENT OVER-SUPPLY OF WATER SPACE 2018</th> <th>UNMET DEMAND FOR WATER SPACE 2018</th> <th>FUTURE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SPACE BY 2035</th> <th>TOTAL OVER-SUPPLY OF WATER SPACE BY 2035</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>164 sq. m</td> <td>99 sq. m</td> <td>160.14</td> <td>-95.14 sq. m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> The 2018 over-supply reduces to -95.14 sq. m of water space, (just under half a 4 lane x 25m pool). This highlights that by 2035 there will be insufficient water space to meet demand. Under-supply could be higher by 2035 if any other pools were to close/exclude community access. This is potentially relevant to smaller, older pools in the district. The future level of unmet demand in Harrogate, suggests there is an opportunity to consider additional provision of swimming pools. Given there is also a need to modernise facilities, there is potential to look at addressing both these issues together; This is because future demand may have the potential to be addressed through facility extension, or refurbishment, as well as new locations. 	CURRENT OVER-SUPPLY OF WATER SPACE 2018	UNMET DEMAND FOR WATER SPACE 2018	FUTURE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SPACE BY 2035	TOTAL OVER-SUPPLY OF WATER SPACE BY 2035	164 sq. m	99 sq. m	160.14	-95.14 sq. m
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164 sq. m	99 sq. m	160.14	-95.14 sq. m						
QUALITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Council's swimming pools are ageing with the newest facility being built in 2011 and the oldest in 1870; The majority of the commercial facilities were mainly built after 2000 and offer a good quality of provision, however David Lloyd is too small to be considered strategic sized. There is a need to modernise the older pools, particularly those providing community access. 								
ACCESSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a swimming pool (coloured areas on Map 4.9) are in the North, North West, South West and South East of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a swimming pool (i.e. 3 courts +) in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority such as York, Hambleton and Richmondshire (see Map 4.9). Map 4.7 shows however, that if community access swimming pools outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community access swimming pool is good for residents; it is just that for some, their nearest swimming pool is not in Harrogate; There is a very low level of exported use to neighbouring pools (8% of satisfied demand is at pools outside Harrogate in 2018). Equally, some residents from neighbouring local authority areas also use Harrogate pools. 								



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SWIMMING POOLS	
AVAILABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 pay and play community access pools are accessible for daytime use (Knaresborough Pools, the Hydro, Nidderdale Pool and Leisure Centre, Ripon Spa Baths, Starbeck Baths). • Knaresborough Pool and Ripon Spa Baths pools are operating at very high levels of use in peak periods; • Whilst supply of pools outstrips current demand for swimming, the increase in demand for swimming means there will be an under-supply of water space by 2035.

HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES

QUANTITY - HEALTH AND FITNESS SUITES IN HARROGATE

- 4.118 The supply analysis identifies that overall there are 59 health and fitness facilities (33 fitness suites and 26 studios) in Harrogate. In total, the fitness suites provide 1, 285 fitness stations. All fitness suite facilities require some form of payment/membership payment before use, and an induction is required.
- 4.119 All fitness suite facilities are shown in Table 4.21. The community access fitness suites are highlighted in grey and bold white font in Table 4.21. Studios are shown in Table 4.22, with community access facilities shown in bold white font, and shaded grey. Map 4.8 shows all fitness facilities in Harrogate (fitness suites and studios). The blue dots are fitness suites; the yellow dots are studios; where a dot is both colours, this highlights that there is both a fitness suite and studio on site. Further details are included in Appendix 7.
- 4.120 Community access fitness suites provide for local community, clubs/groups etc. These tend to be operated by local authorities/schools and have a membership scheme/community access; prices are affordable.
- 4.121 In Harrogate there are also education fitness facilities which offer community access, once membership is purchased. These are at Ashville College, Harrogate High School, Nidderdale Leisure Centre and St John Fisher Catholic High School. Only Nidderdale has a formal CUA.
- 4.122 Facilities which are commercially operated and require membership, or private facilities are not considered to have community access.

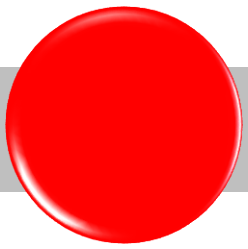
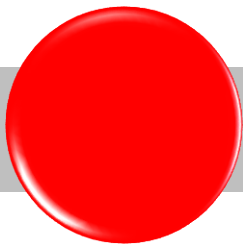
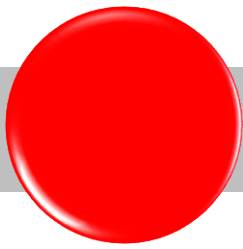


Table 4.22: Fitness Facilities (Fitness Suites) in Harrogate (pay and play facilities highlighted in bold, white font and grey)

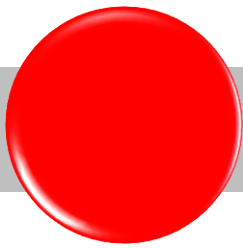
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ABSOLUTE FITNESS	YO51 9NS	Health and Fitness Suite	43	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2008	n/a
ADVANTAGE HEALTH CLUB (HARROGATE)	HG1 2SY	Health and Fitness Suite	12	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1985	2002
ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE	HG3 2SE	Health and Fitness Suite	37	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Health and Fitness Suite	12	Registered Membership use	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1983	2013
BECKWITH HEALTH CLUB	HG3 1UF	Health and Fitness Suite	34	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2000	2008
CLARO BARRACKS	HG4 2RD	Health and Fitness Suite	75	Private Use	MOD	MOD	1970	2015
CROWN HOTEL LEISURE CLUB	YO51 9LB	Health and Fitness Suite	13	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1999	2008
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Health and Fitness Suite	53	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	2017
DISHFORTH AIRFIELD	YO7 3EZ	Health and Fitness Suite	30	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
GAMBARU FITNESS	HG1 1UF	Health and Fitness Suite	90	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1996	2007



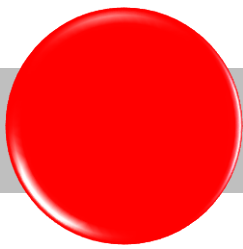
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HARROGATE COLLEGE	HG2 8QT	Health and Fitness Suite	15	Private Use	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Health and Fitness Suite	6	Private Use	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1988	2008
HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL	HG1 4AP	Health and Fitness Suite	25	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	2017	n/a
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Health and Fitness Suite	19	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a
HARROGATE SQUASH & FITNESS CENTRE LTD	HG2 8PN	Health and Fitness Suite	30	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1977	2008
HENSHAW'S COLLEGE	HG1 4ED	Health and Fitness Suite	8	Private Use	Further Education	Community Organisation	1990	n/a
IMAGINE HEALTH AND SPA (KNARESBOROUGH)	HG5 9AL	Health and Fitness Suite	26	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1989	2006
INTRIM	HG4 1EG	Health and Fitness Suite	50	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1984	2016
MARSHALL FITNESS	HG4 2BT	Health and Fitness Suite	27	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2009	n/a



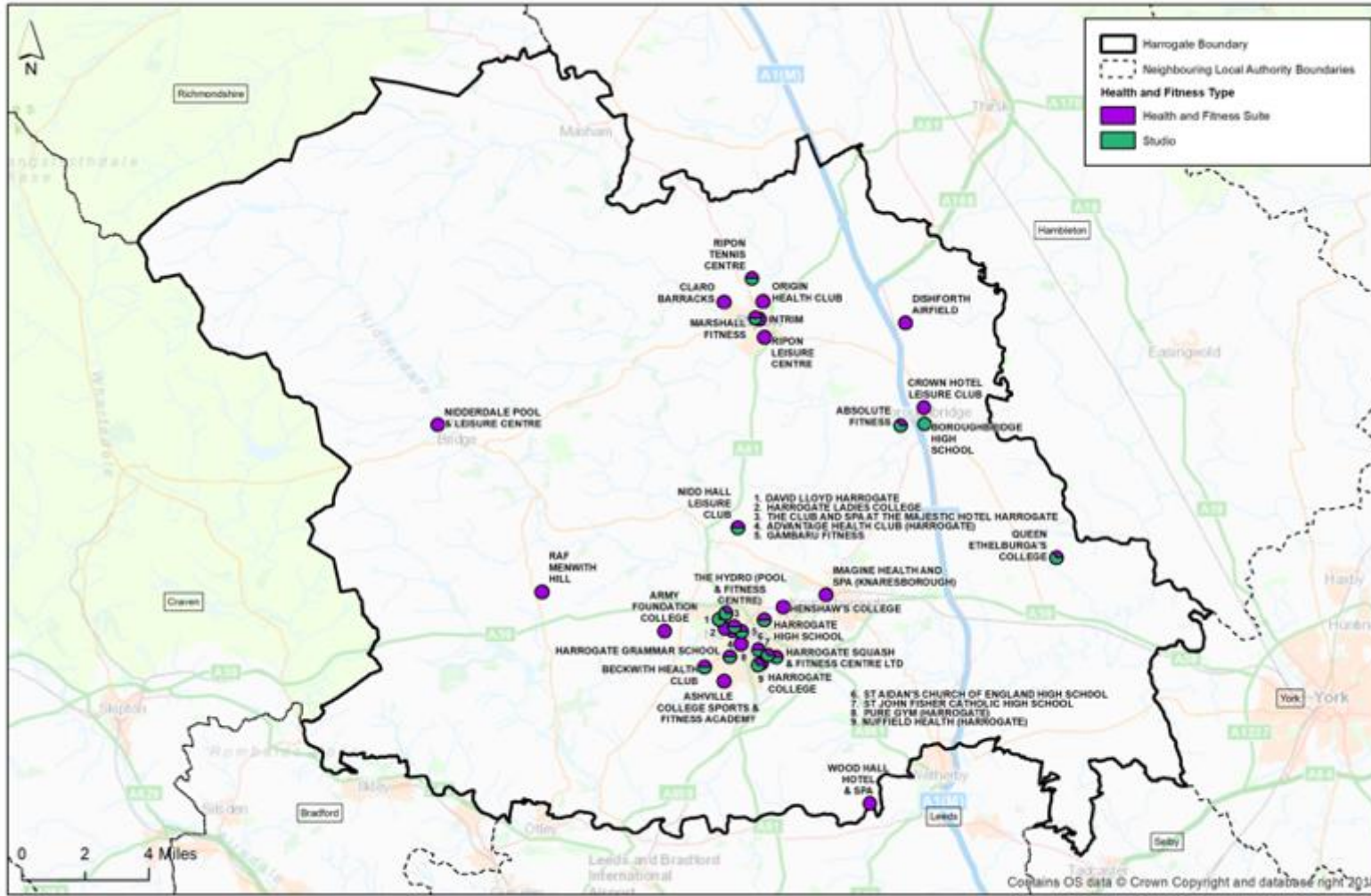
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NIDD HALL LEISURE CLUB	HG3 3BN	Health and Fitness Suite	17	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	2004
NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Health and Fitness Suite	32	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	2005	2012
NUFFIELD HEALTH (HARROGATE)	HG2 8RA	Health and Fitness Suite	74	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2002	2018
ORIGIN HEALTH CLUB	HG4 1JJ	Health and Fitness Suite	40	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2001	2007
PURE GYM (HARROGATE)	HG1 1HS	Health and Fitness Suite	220	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Health and Fitness Suite	100	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
RAF MENWITH HILL	HG3 2RG	Health and Fitness Suite	50	Private Use	MOD	MOD	1975	n/a
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	HG4 1TT	Health and Fitness Suite	33	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996	2010
RIPON TENNIS CENTRE	HG4 3HJ	Health and Fitness Suite	15	Pay and Play	Sports Club	Sport Club	1996	2008
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Health and Fitness Suite	17	Private Use	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	2001	n/a



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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Health and Fitness Suite	18	Pay and Play	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	2012	n/a
THE CLUB AND SPA AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL HARROGATE	HG1 2HU	Health and Fitness Suite	18	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1987	2015
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Health and Fitness Suite	36	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1999	2006
WOOD HALL HOTEL & SPA	LS22 4JA	Health and Fitness Suite	10	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1992	2003

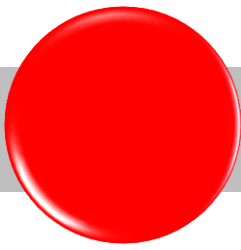


Map 4.8: Fitness Facilities in Harrogate



Health and Fitness facilities by type in Harrogate





- 4.123 Harrogate Council provides 9% (116/1,285) of the overall supply of fitness stations in the Harrogate area.
- 4.124 There are 2 fitness suites with 100 stations or more. The largest fitness suites are at Pure Gym (220 stations), Queen Ethelburga’s College (Private use) (100) and Gambaru Fitness (90).
- 4.125 The commercial fitness sector in Harrogate (16 operators) comprises both small, independent fitness suites and larger commercial brands. Commercially operated fitness suites require registered membership. Some indicate they provide an element of community access but in reality, all operate pre-registered, pre-paid/DD membership schemes.
- 4.126 Analysis of the overall supply of fitness suites is summarised in Table 4.23, and highlights the following:

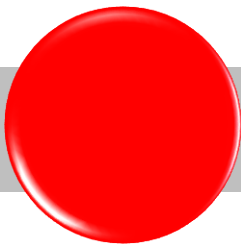
Table 4.23: Analysis of overall Fitness Suite Provision in Harrogate

TOTAL FITNESS SUITES	33
TOTAL FITNESS STATIONS	1,285
PAY AND PLAY /CLUB COMMUNITY ACCESS FITNESS SUITES	7
PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY ACCESS FITNESS STATIONS	177
COMMERCIAL SECTOR FITNESS SUITES	16
COMMERCIAL SECTOR FITNESS STATIONS	751
PRIVATE USE FITNESS SUITES	10
PRIVATE USE FITNESS STATIONS	357

Table 4.24: Summary of Fitness Suite Size

NUMBER OF FITNESS STATIONS	NO. FITNESS SUITES
150+	1
100 - 149	1
50 - 99	6
30 - 49	9
29 OR LESS	16

- 4.127 The supply of community access fitness suites is shown on Map 4.9 The green dots are those facilities providing community access; the yellow dots are facilities which provide community access, but do not have a formal CUA, and the red dots are facilities open to registered members, or which have private use.



QUALITY - HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

4.128 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken at all Harrogate Council sports facilities. These are summarised in Appendix 2 (2a - 2m) and Table 4.25. Although commercial facilities have been visited, it was not possible to undertake detailed quality audits as commercial operators do not want these to be undertaken. Therefore, a visual check of these has been undertaken online. Overall, the quality of the commercial facilities is very good; in general, they are also newer than other facilities e.g. on education sites and have predominantly been provided since the late 1990's/early 2000's.

Table 4.25: Summary Qualitative Assessments - Health and Fitness Facilities (fitness suites and studios)

	OVERALL QUANTITATIVE SCORE FOR FACILITY %	QUALITATIVE SCORE FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS SUITE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT- OVERALL FACILITY
THE HYDRO	85	Good	Moderate
NIDDERDALE	87	Good	Moderate
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	61	Good	Moderate
ROSSETT SCHOOL	87	Good	Minimal
ST JOHN FISHER	73	Poor	Moderate
ASHVILLE SPORTS CENTRE	89	Good	Minimal
PURE GYM	92	Excellent	Minimal
NUFFIELD HEALTH	90	Excellent	Minimal
GAMBARU FITNESS	89	Good	Minimal

4.129 The quality of the community access health and fitness facilities is generally good- excellent.

ACCESSIBILITY - HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

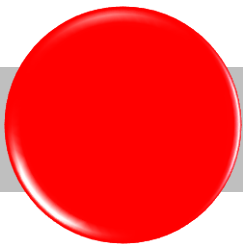
4.130 It is clear from Map 4.10 that the main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community access fitness suite (coloured areas on Map 4.10) are in the North, West and East of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 minute drive of a community access fitness suite in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority such as York, Hambleton and Richmondshire (see Map 4.10).

4.131 Map 4.10 shows however, that if community access fitness suites outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community accessible fitness suites is very good for all residents; it is just that for some, their nearest fitness suite is not in Harrogate.

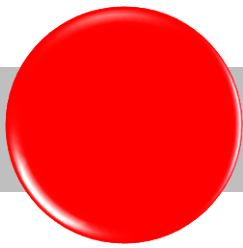
4.132 15.3% of the Harrogate population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that fitness suites are as accessible as possible to those walking or using public transport.

4.133 Existing community access fitness facilities are well-located in Harrogate; however, due to the rural nature of the district it is difficult to provide public transport to all facilities.

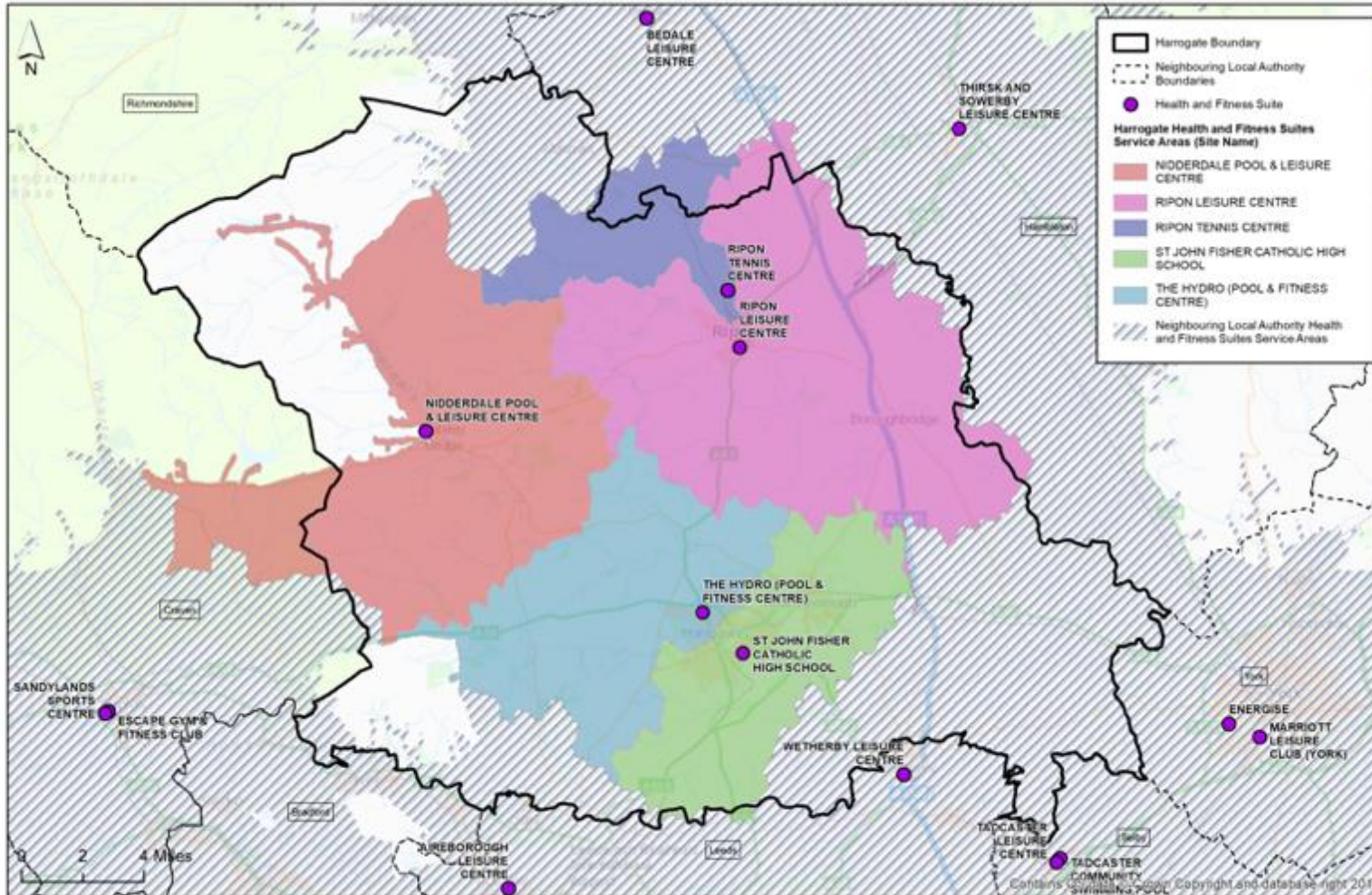
4.134 There are other fitness facilities (commercial/on education sites) which are also used by residents; overall there is a good stock of provision in Harrogate. However, the facilities have restricted access times and the commercial sector are generally expensive to access.



- 4.135 Community accessible fitness facilities are sporadically placed across the Borough, this means that some residents will not be able to use fitness facilities.
- 4.136 It should also be recognised that some residents use the commercial fitness facilities in Harrogate, shown on Map 4.10.

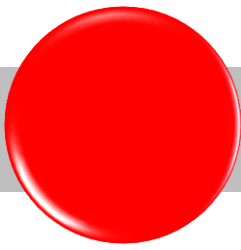


Map 4.10: Community access Fitness Suites within a 20-minute drive time catchment area



Health and Fitness Suites with community use availability service areas in Harrogate (up to 20 minute drive time)





AVAILABILITY – HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

- 4.137 Of the existing fitness provision in Harrogate the commercial sector provides a minimum of 751 of the 1,285 stations (58%).
- 4.138 It is important to highlight that the existing commercial sector fitness suite provision in Harrogate will be used by some residents. A few of the commercial fitness suites are high end fitness companies, but mainly the membership cost is comparable with the Harrogate facilities. The commercial provision, and particularly the lower cost end of the market, presents a level of competition to the Harrogate facilities. There are several commercial gyms in Harrogate, as set out in Table 4.26, which are affordable and accessible.

Table 4.26: Budget/Medium Price Fitness Suites in Harrogate

Pure Gym (220 stations)
Nuffield Health (74 fitness stations)
Absolute Fitness (43 fitness stations)
Gambaru (90 stations)

- 4.139 On this basis, the assessment of the current and future need for fitness facilities reflects the fact that Harrogate residents are likely to use those facilities which offer provision and a membership rate comparable to public sector facilities, because they are affordable. The assessment of fitness need (See Appendix 8) therefore includes the above commercial facilities, as ‘community access ‘on the basis of ‘affordability’.
- 4.140 The fitness suites on education sites are available for community access including clubs and groups, although the majority of them do not have a formal community agreement in place. Nidderdale Sports Centre is owned by Harrogate Council, but located on a school site; this facility has a formal CUA and offers community access to its fitness suite.

STUDIOS

QUANTITY - STUDIOS IN HARROGATE

- 4.141 There are 26 studios in Harrogate; the majority are provided as part of a health and fitness offer within facilities. Studios provide a space in which a range of aerobic, fitness and dance classes plus activities such as yoga and Pilates, can take place as well as martial arts, and boxing. Although requiring some specialist equipment for martial arts and boxing, it is also possible to do a form of these activities in an informal space such as a community hall. Informal halls can also accommodate a range of fitness and dance classes.
- 4.142 The studios assessed in this report are multi-purpose studios, not those with fixed equipment, or one use e.g.: spinning.
- 4.143 Many community hall facilities are used by dance schools, and the smaller halls often available on education sites have significant potential to be used for fitness classes.
- 4.144 Map 4.11 shows studios as part of the overall health and fitness offer in Harrogate. Map 4.12 shows the locations of individual community access studios.
- 4.145 The overall provision of studios in Harrogate is summarised in Table 4.27, with community access facilities highlighted in grey.

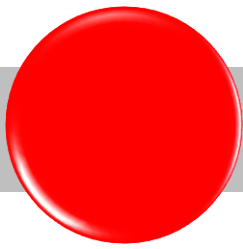
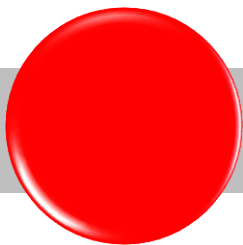
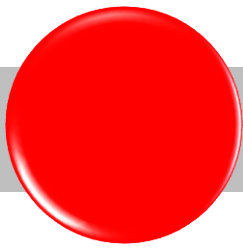


Table 4.27: Fitness Facilities (Studios) in Harrogate (Pay and Play facilities are highlighted in bold, white font and grey)

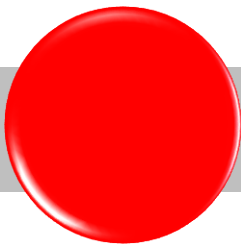
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	NUMBER OF STUDIOS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ABSOLUTE FITNESS	YO51 9NS	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	n/a
ABSOLUTE FITNESS	YO51 9NS	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2014	n/a
BECKWITH HEALTH CLUB	HG3 1UF	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2000	2008
BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	YO51 9JX	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	2017
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	2017
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2017	n/a
GAMBARU FITNESS	HG1 1UF	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	n/a	n/a
HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HG2 0DZ	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	1933	n/a



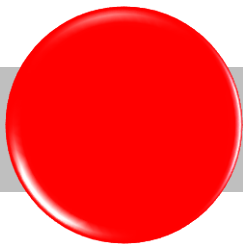
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HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL	HG1 4AP	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy Convertors	School/College/University (in house)	2017	n/a
HARROGATE SQUASH & FITNESS CENTRE LTD	HG2 8PN	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1977	2013
MARSHALL FITNESS	HG4 2BT	Studio	3	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
NIDD HALL LEISURE CLUB	HG3 3BN	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2011	n/a
NUFFIELD HEALTH (HARROGATE)	HG2 8RA	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2002	2012
NUFFIELD HEALTH (HARROGATE)	HG2 8RA	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2002	2012
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Studio	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1912	n/a
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Studio	1	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2015	n/a
RIPON TENNIS CENTRE	HG4 3HJ	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Sports Club	Sport Club	1996	n/a
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8JR	Studio	1	Private Use	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	2003	n/a



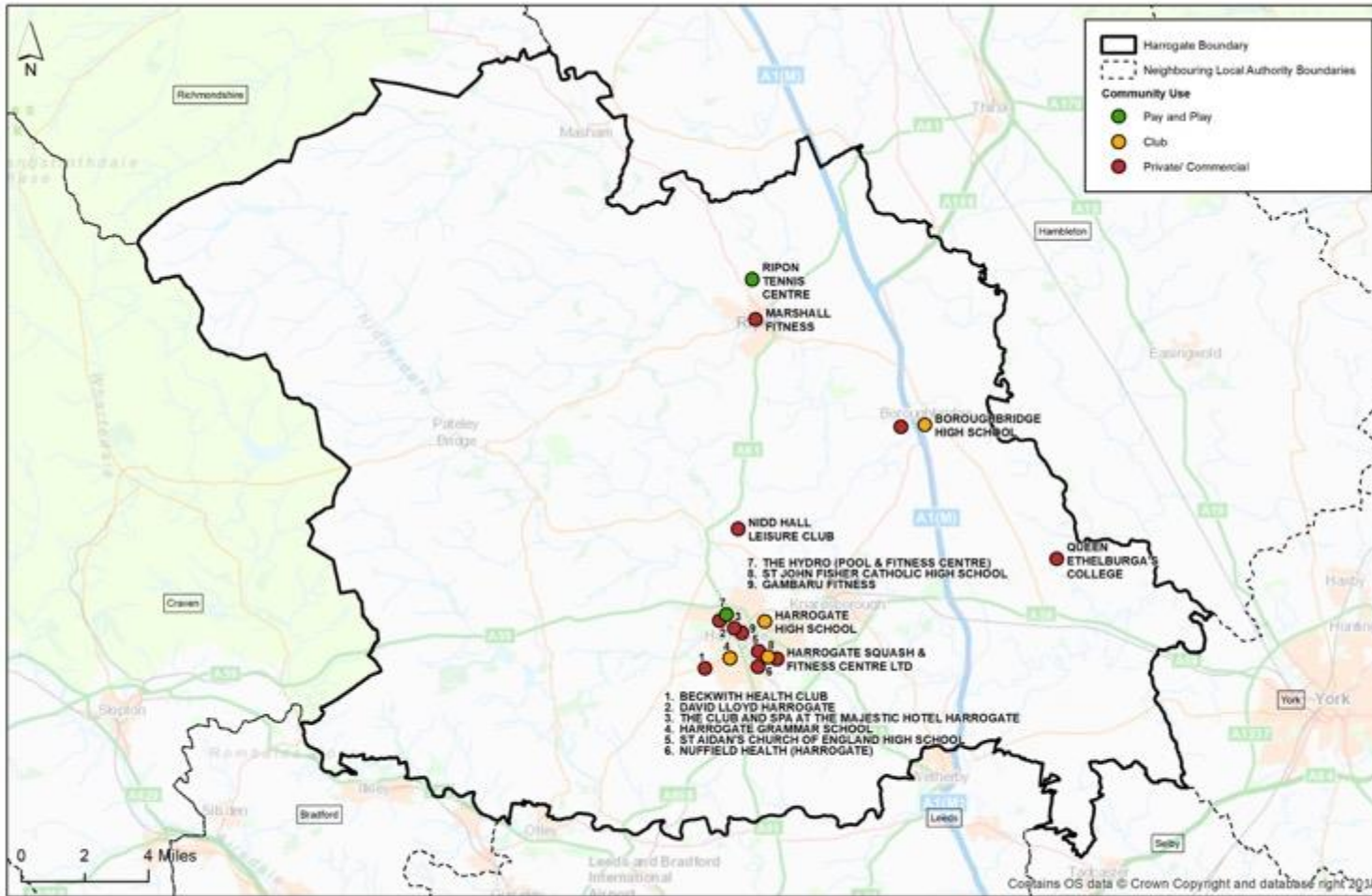
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	NUMBER OF STUDIOS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	2003	n/a
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	HG2 8PT	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	School/College/University (in house)	2008	n/a
THE CLUB AND SPA AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL HARROGATE	HG1 2HU	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1987	2010
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Studio	2	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority	1999	n/a
THE HYDRO (POOL & FITNESS CENTRE)	HG1 2RP	Studio	2	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Local Authority	1999	n/a



- 4.146 12 studios are provided through commercial facilities, 8 are on education sites, providing access to community sports clubs through the schools' letting policy, and 2 are operated by sports clubs. Some commercial facilities offer community access, and some require membership prior to use. There are three studios which are only available for private use, these are on education sites.
- 4.147 There are 3 pay and play community access studios in Harrogate.

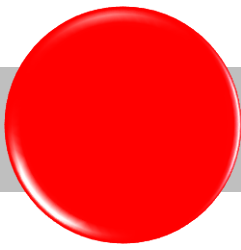


Map 4.11: Community access studio facilities in Harrogate



Studios by community use availability in Harrogate





4.148 The analysis of the overall studio supply in Harrogate is as follows:

Table 4.28: Analysis of overall Studio Supply – Harrogate

TOTAL STUDIOS	33
PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY ACCESS STUDIOS	3
COMMERCIAL SECTOR STUDIOS	12
EDUCATION SECTOR STUDIOS	8
STUDIOS WITH PRIVATE USE	10

QUALITY - STUDIOS IN HARROGATE

4.149 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Harrogate Council sports facilities, plus a number of other facilities. These are summarised in Appendix 2 (2a - 2m) and Table 4.29.

Table 4.29: Summary of Quality Assessments Studios in Harrogate

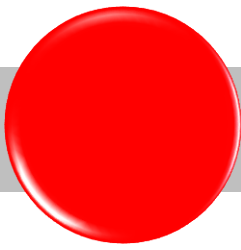
	OVERALL QUANTITATIVE SCORE FOR FACILITY %	QUALITATIVE SCORE FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS STUDIOS	NEED FOR INVESTMENT-OVERALL FACILITY
THE HYDRO	85	Good	Moderate
RIPON LEISURE CENTRE	61	Good	Moderate
ROSSETT SCHOOL	87	Good	Minimal
ST JOHN FISHER	73	Average	Moderate
ASHVILLE SPORTS CENTRE	89	Good	Minimal
PURE GYM	92	Excellent	Minimal
NUFFIELD HEALTH	90	Excellent	Minimal
ABSOLUTE FITNESS	85	Good	Minimal

4.150 The quality of studios is generally good with a number of facilities having been built recently. The oldest studio in Harrogate is at Queen Ethelburga's College, built in 1912. The newest studio is at David Lloyd built in 2017.

ACCESSIBILITY - STUDIOS IN HARROGATE

4.151 Health and fitness facilities are located across Harrogate, in areas of highest population, given that the majority of potential users will be resident in these areas. Most studios are part of an overall fitness offer, sometimes with more than one studio on site in the more commercial facilities.

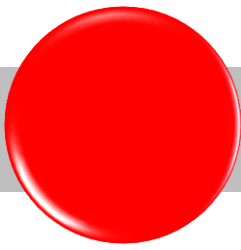
4.152 The community access studios are in the same facilities as the community access fitness suites; accessibility for studios is the same as shown on Map 4.12.



- 4.153 It is clear from Map 4.12 that the main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community access studio (coloured areas on Map 4.12) are in the North and North West, South, South East and South West of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a community access studio in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority.
- 4.154 Map 4.12 shows however, that if community access studios outside Harrogate are considered, the majority of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. Residents in the North of the Borough do not have access to community studios however, they may have access to community halls providing a similar offer. Overall access to a community accessible studio is inconsistent for local residents.
- 4.155 15.3% of the Harrogate population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that studios are as accessible as possible to those walking or using public transport.
- 4.156 Existing community access fitness facilities are well-located in Harrogate; all are on public transport routes, and their catchment areas provide access to virtually all residents. In addition to the community access studios, there are other studios (commercial/on education sites) which are also used by residents; overall there is a good stock of provision in Harrogate however they are not all accessible to local residents located in pockets of Harrogate.
- 4.157 It should also be recognised that some residents use the commercial fitness studios in Harrogate, shown on Map 4.8.

AVAILABILITY - STUDIOS IN HARROGATE

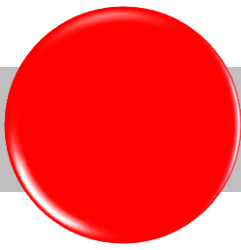
- 4.158 A comprehensive programme of fitness classes, and other sporting activities is offered at the community access facilities. Of the 26 studios in Harrogate, 3 are accessible for pay and play community use.
- 4.159 46% of all studios are provided by commercial operators as part of an overall fitness offer; these providers are the same as those operating commercial fitness suites.
- 4.160 Some commercial operators have membership rates comparable to those at Harrogate leisure facilities. The studios in these budget gyms are used by local residents, as are the fitness suites.
- 4.161 In addition to the purpose-built studio facilities in Harrogate, there are a number of multi-purpose halls located around Harrogate, in community centres/halls; these are also used for activities which could also take place in a studio e.g. aerobics, dance, etc.



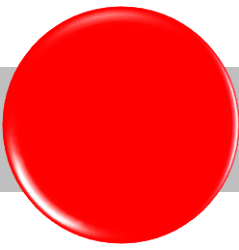
SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

Table 4.30: Summary Analysis – Health and Fitness Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
HEALTH AND FITNESS (FITNESS SUITES AND STUDIOS)	
QUANTITY	<p>There are 33 fitness suites in Harrogate, with a total of 1,285 fitness stations. Harrogate Borough Council facilities provide 8% of all fitness stations in Harrogate. There are 26 studios in Harrogate, 3 of which have pay and play community access.</p> <p>SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS</p> <p>The existing commercial sector fitness suite provision in Harrogate is used by some residents. The commercial fitness suites vary in type with some being high end fitness companies, but a lot of membership costs are comparable with community facilities.</p> <p>On this basis, the assessment of the current and future need for fitness facilities reflects the fact that Harrogate residents are likely to use those facilities which offer provision and a membership rate often comparable to public sector facilities. The assessment of need (See Appendix 8) therefore includes the following commercial facilities, as ‘community access ‘on the basis of ‘affordability’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Gym (220 fitness stations) • Gambaru (90 fitness stations) • Nuffield Health (74) • Absolute Fitness (43 stations) <p>Total 384 fitness stations</p> <p>CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND</p> <p>Based on there being 561 community access and affordable fitness stations in Harrogate (all Harrogate Council facilities, other community access facilities and the identified commercial and higher education affordable fitness facilities), there is a current under-supply of -136 stations, given demand is for 747 fitness stations (See Appendix 8).</p> <p>There is a need to retain and increase community access and affordable fitness stations in Harrogate, to facilitate existing levels of participation.</p>
<p>Map 4.13: Latent Demand for Fitness Stations in Harrogate</p>	
<p>Map 4.13 illustrates the latent demand analysis for fitness stations in Harrogate. Latent demand is the demand that exists in an area for a specific facility, that is not currently met.</p>	



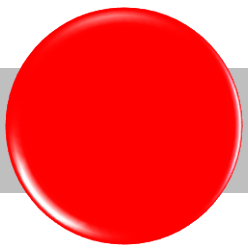
FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
	<p>Although this map is predicated on slightly different assumptions to those used in Appendix 8 (these use the 15+ population of Harrogate, whereas this map uses the overall Harrogate population), essentially the same picture emerges i.e. there is some latent demand for fitness provision across Harrogate where there is orange (dark mid and lighter coloured areas), on Map 4.14 e.g. the South West, South East, North, and East of the District.</p> <p>FUTURE DEMAND</p> <p>Future demand for community access fitness stations is calculated at 591 fitness stations (See Appendix 8).</p> <p>Based on current provision of 561 pay and play community access and affordable fitness stations this means there would be a theoretical under-supply of -30 stations by 2035, assuming no new facilities are opened, and no facilities close.</p> <p>Given the identified latent demand, and under-supply by 2035, there is potential to look at addressing the need for additional fitness stations in a number of ways.</p> <p>These could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of existing fitness facilities (potentially as part of a refurbishment / modernisation of an existing facility); and • Development of new facilities.
QUALITY	<p>The quality of studios is generally good with a number of facilities having been built recently. Generally, fitness suites are more modern than other elements in the existing facilities.</p>
ACCESSIBILITY	<p>The main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community access fitness suite (coloured areas on Map 4.12) are in the North and East of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a community access fitness suite in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority area (see Map 4.12).</p> <p>Map 4.12 shows however, that if community access fitness suites outside Harrogate are considered, virtually the whole of Harrogate is within a 20-minute drive-time of a such a facility. This means that overall access to a community access fitness is good for all residents; it is just that for some, their nearest studio is not in Harrogate.</p> <p>The main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community access studio (coloured areas on Map 4.12) are in the outer regions of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a community access studio in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority. (see Map 4.12).</p> <p>The main areas outside a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community access studio (coloured areas on Map 4.12) are in the North and North West, South, South East and South West of Harrogate. Residents in these areas are outside a 20 -minute drive of a community access studio in Harrogate but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority.</p>
AVAILABILITY	<p>46% of the existing fitness provision in Harrogate is provided through the commercial sector 751 of the 1,285 stations.</p> <p>The fitness suites on education sites are available in the main for sports club/association use. There is community access to pay and play fitness suites during the day, as well as evenings and weekends.</p>



SQUASH

QUANTITY - SQUASH COURTS IN HARROGATE

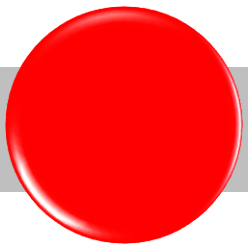
- 4.162 There are 15 publicly accessible squash courts (7 facilities) in Harrogate. Of these 15 courts, 3 are glass backed courts. These squash courts are shown on Map 4.14. The audit also identified a squash courts at Army Foundation College (6), Claro Barracks (2) and Dishforth Airfield (1); these are for private use.



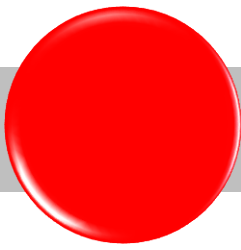
4.163 The overall supply of squash courts is summarised in Table 4.31. Community access courts are highlighted in grey.

Table 4.31: Squash Courts in Harrogate

SITE NAME	POST CODE	COURT TYPE	COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ARMY FOUNDATION COLLEGE	HG3 2SE	Glass-backed	6	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
ASHVILLE COLLEGE SPORTS & FITNESS ACADEMY	HG2 9JS	Normal	2	Pay and Play	Other Independent School	Commercial Management	1983	n/a
CLARO BARRACKS	HG4 2RD	Glass-backed	2	Private Use	MOD	MOD	n/a	2015
DISHFORTH AIRFIELD	YO7 3EZ	Normal	1	Private Use	MOD	MOD	2000	n/a
HARLOW HILL SQUASH AND SPORTS CLUB	HG2 0DD	Glass-backed	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	1970	2014
HARLOW HILL SQUASH AND SPORTS CLUB	HG2 0DD	Normal	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	1970	2014
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	HG1 2QG	Normal	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/ University (in house)	1980	n/a
HARROGATE SQUASH & FITNESS CENTRE LTD	HG2 8PN	Normal	2	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1977	2015



SITE NAME	POST CODE	COURT TYPE	COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
HARROGATE SQUASH & FITNESS CENTRE LTD	HG2 8PN	Glass-backed	2	Registered Membership use	Sports Club	Sport Club	1977	2015
NIDDERDALE POOL & LEISURE CENTRE	HG3 5HL	Normal	2	Pay and Play	Community school	Local Authority (in house)	1981	n/a
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	HG2 9PH	Normal	2	Pay and Play	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2016



QUALITY - SQUASH COURTS IN HARROGATE

- 4.164 It was not possible to access all existing squash facilities; a quality assessment has therefore been undertaken on following facilities.

Table 4.32: Summary of Quality Assessments Squash Courts in Harrogate

	OVERALL QUANTITATIVE SCORE FOR FACILITY %	QUALITATIVE SCORE FOR SQUASH COURTS	NEED FOR INVESTMENT-OVERALL FACILITY
HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE	73	Good	Moderate
NIDDERDALE POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE	87	Good	Minimal
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	81	Good	Moderate

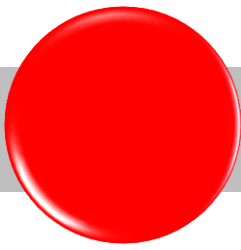
- 4.165 The quality of existing squash courts is generally of a good standard; however, some courts are now ageing. All courts were built before 1988, and most in the 1970's and 1980's. Only Rossett Sports Centre has been recently refurbished.

ACCESSIBILITY - SQUASH COURTS IN HARROGATE

- 4.166 Squash courts are more specialist facilities, so there are generally fewer of them in any one area. The majority of squash courts are now provided through clubs, as opposed to leisure centres.
- 4.167 Squash courts in Harrogate are provided through the club and education centre.
- 4.168 Geographical distribution of squash courts in Harrogate is summarised in Map 4.14; this illustrates that most of the existing squash courts are in the North of the Harrogate area, with the rest in the central areas. There are no courts in the south of Harrogate.

AVAILABILITY - SQUASH COURTS IN HARROGATE

- 4.169 There are 16 (out of 24) community access squash courts in Harrogate (66% of all courts). Seven courts are provided at a club, requiring membership for use.
- 4.170 Existing courts are generally accessible to Harrogate residents, as shown in Map 4.14. There are also some courts in neighbouring local authorities which may be more accessible to Harrogate residents.

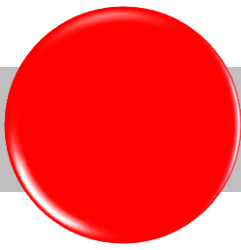


NGB CONSULTATION

ENGLAND SQUASH

Table 4.33: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – England Squash

NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
ENGLAND SQUASH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been investment made into the local County Association and Regional Forum, who have in turn worked closely with local clubs and leisure centres in the county. In comparison to other counties, the investment and impact of the County Association makes Harrogate a key area for future delivery and squash participation. Yorkshire are a highly proactive and well-respected county in squash and as such should be considered as priority in order to develop Squash in the area. 2. What might be required to support your priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an average spread of facilities across the area, however it should be noted that Harrogate has a high amount of MOD sites which can be difficult to access and only one leisure provider site and therefore the local authority itself requires more squash investment into the infrastructure. The population of the area means that there needs to be a large spread of courts to meet the needs of the local population. As such, losing any sites would have a hugely detrimental impact on the sport. 3. Do you have any long-term plans either in mind or in progress? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate has a population of approx. 160k which is anticipated to grow. There are 24 courts, which meets the England Squash national requirement figure of 1 court per 10,000 people. However, it should be noted that 9 of these courts are in MOD sites not available to public. Therefore, the actual figure is much less and could well be under the required ratio. • Opportunities for capital funding now sit primarily with Sport England, such as the new Community Asset Fund. We will support local authorities, leisure providers, facility managers and partners who wish to make applications to this fund and others. 	<p>To ensure that no courts are lost as there is over demand at publicly available sites. The population is due to grow and therefore we would anticipate further local authority investment</p>



SUMMARY OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 4.34: Summary Analysis – Squash Courts Supply and Demand

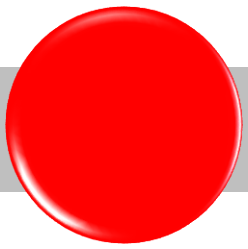
FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SQUASH COURTS	
QUANTITY	<p>There are 15 squash courts in Harrogate, at 7 facilities. There are 3 glass-back courts.</p> <p>FUTURE DEMAND</p> <p>There is no specific methodology for assessing the current and future need for squash courts. Overall participation in squash is increasing at national level, and this is now being seen at local level.</p> <p>Competitive squash is predominantly now played in clubs, from a club facility; demand for community access squash courts has reduced in recent years. Participation is still growing however, but through the club base where juniors can be supported and coached from an early age.</p> <p>No demand has been identified for additional squash courts in Harrogate, by clubs or the NGB. The current level of provision is above the English average per head of population.</p>
QUALITY	<p>The quality of existing squash courts is generally of a reasonable to good standard; however, all courts were built pre - 1982, and are now ageing. A number of courts have been refurbished since 1998.</p>
ACCESSIBILITY	<p>Most of the existing squash courts are in the North and centre of Harrogate. There are no courts in the south of Harrogate. There are community access courts in both the North and centre of Harrogate.</p>
AVAILABILITY	<p>There are 15 squash courts in Harrogate, 3 of which are glass-back courts.</p> <p>66% of these are available for community access; only 6 club courts require membership for use.</p>

- 4.171 England Squash does not deliver performance programmes in Harrogate.
- 4.172 Increasingly, squash courts are provided through squash clubs/multi-sport clubs, as opposed to local authority facilities. This reflects the fact that participation in the sport has stabilised from its massive growth in the 1970's, and there is less demand for community access squash courts. This is reflected through the market segmentation for Harrogate; not one of the top segment types had a preponderance to play squash.

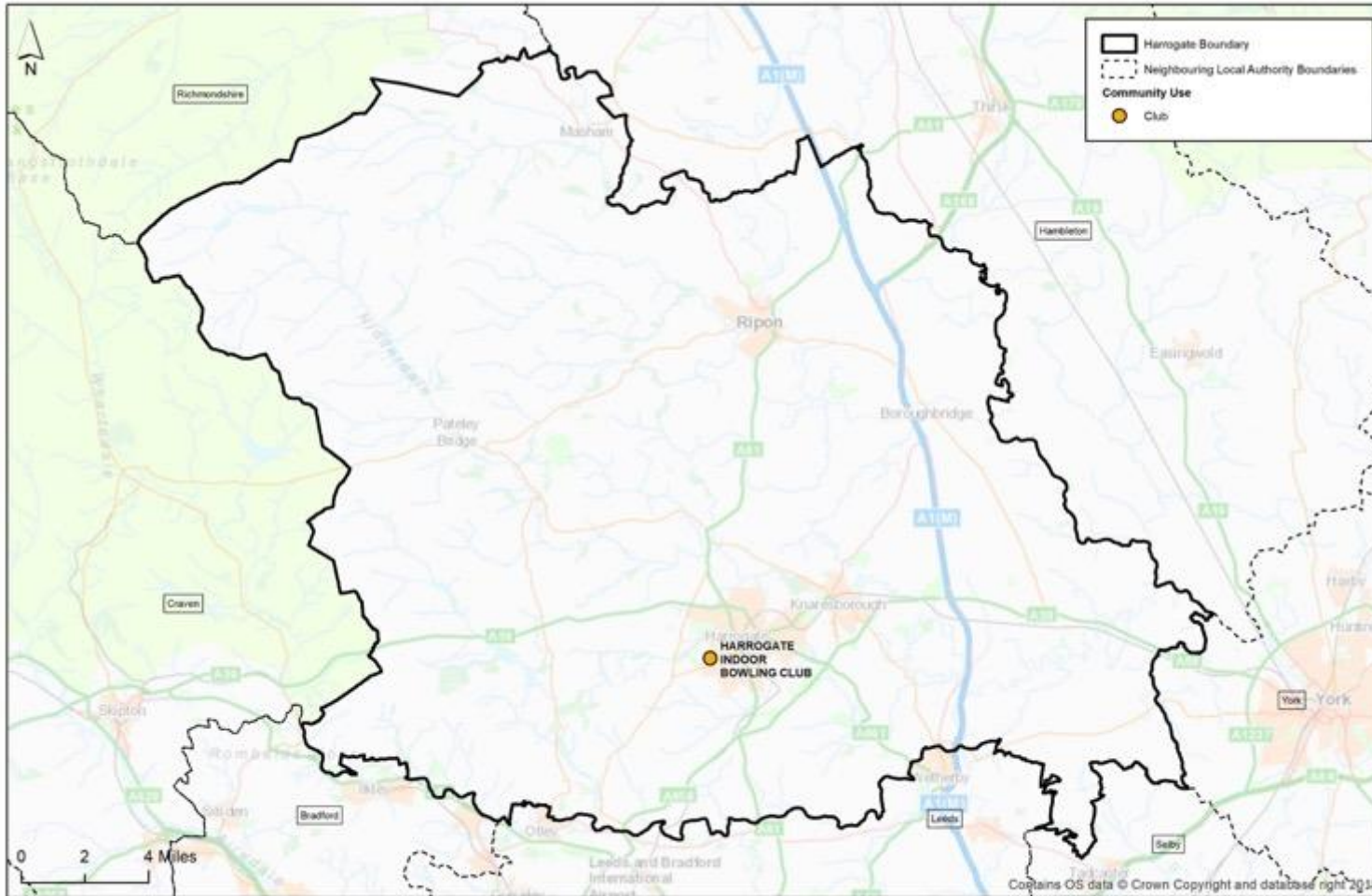
INDOOR BOWLS

QUANTITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN HARROGATE

- 4.173 There is one indoor bowls facility in Harrogate. This provides a total of 4 rinks.
- 4.174 The indoor bowls facility shown on Map 4.15.



Map 4.15: Indoor Bowls Facilities in Harrogate



Indoor Bowls by community use availability in Harrogate



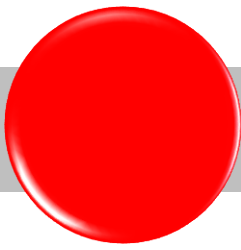


Table 4.35: Indoor Bowls Centres in Harrogate

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
HARROGATE INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	HG2 0FH	Indoor Bowls	Rinks	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	Sport Club	1996	2015

QUALITY- INDOOR BOWLS IN HARROGATE

4.175 Harrogate Indoor Bowls Club is of good quality; although built in 1996, it was refurbished in 2015.

ACCESSIBILITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN HARROGATE

4.176 Harrogate Indoor Bowls Club is located close to the centre of Harrogate. The facility is therefore most accessible to those living in and around the Harrogate town area; the closest facility to residents living in the more rural areas of the district could be in a neighbouring authority.

AVAILABILITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN HARROGATE

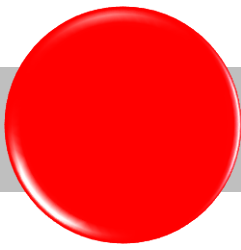
4.177 Membership is required to use the indoor bowls facility, but this can be social as well as participative. There is no casual community usage, but the facility is trying to encourage use from its local area. Although membership is required to use Harrogate Indoor Bowls Club, it is reasonably priced making the facility affordable to a large percentage of the population.

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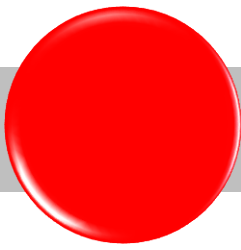
ENGLAND INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION (EIBA)

Table 4.36: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – England Indoor Bowls Association

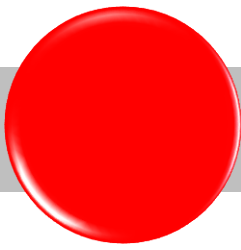
NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
ENGLAND INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION (EIBA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate? We have one Affiliated Club in the Harrogate LA area. * The Clubs in adjoining LA areas are located more than 30 mins Drive-time from the Harrogate Club. As such, they would not be attractive to existing or new Indoor Bowls Participants. 2. What might be required to support your priorities? Promotion of the Harrogate Indoor Bowls facility as part of Council/Local Health Initiatives to encourage Older people to join the Club and enjoy not only the Playing of the Sport but also the “Social able” side of the game. 	<p>As a guide, demand is calculated as one rink per 14,000-17,000 of total population</p> <p>A six-rink green, therefore, is required for a population of 85,000-100,000. This will be dependent upon the population profile of your area. The number of rinks required can be related to the estimated number of members: assume 80-100 members per rink We are currently reviewing the “Market Analysis” guidance as we feel that additional criteria/parameters are now appropriate:</p> <p>Travel time – consider an extension to 30 minutes. We anticipate that there will be regional variations, depending upon the current provision of Indoor Bowls sites</p>



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
	<p>3. Do you have any long-term plans or developments in mind / in progress? Based on the Population analysis and as the sport of Indoor Bowls is popular with the “older population”, we feel that there is potential for the membership of Harrogate to grow over the next 12 years. * The Sport is also popular with participants with disabilities (Wheelchair and Visually Impaired). * Short-mat Bowls can also be played on the Green to assist with financial sustainability. With protection of the Green, it is also possible to play BOCCIA. * All of our Affiliated Clubs are encouraged to develop and implement a Robust Sports Development Plan and become a “Clubmark” Club. Where Clubs have an effective “recruitment & retention programme” in place, we are seeing that they are able to recruit sufficient members to “cover natural wastage” and in many cases, increase their membership numbers.</p>	<p>Means of travel – we consider that the provision of “public transport” will be relevant in some parts of the country – especially the rural areas Members per rink ratio – this figure is still relevant, but we also need to factor in “spare rink capacity” for each session played, bearing in mind that then older population is not keen on travelling in the dark.</p> <p>This review is being undertaken alongside a full review of the Design Guidance with Sport England.</p> <p>All of our Clubs are encouraged to undertake work which complements our Visions.</p> <p>The 2017-2021 EIBA Vision can be downloaded from website – www.eiba.co.uk/about/vision2017-2021.pdf</p> <p>The EIBA plan covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit and Retain 45+; Recruit and Retain 70+ - two different markets which requires us to find a way to grow both specific groups. The 45+ requiring new versions/formats – the 70+ wishing to keep the current formats; • Facilities – Build, Improve, Retain; • Youth and the Family; • Women – increased participation and retention; • Disability; • Competitions; • Internationals; • Promotion of our Sport; and • Commercial partnerships. <p>EIBA Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A growth in participation across the adult population in local Communities. Targeted work to increase Female participation; • A growth in participation in the 12-18 age range as part of the “EIBA Development Pathway”; • The provision of an excellent sporting experience for new and existing participants; and



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A growth in Indoor Bowls participation by people who have disabilities.
	<p>Running alongside our work is the Sport England Funded Development work provided jointly by the Indoor NGB (EIBA); Outdoor NGB (Bowls England) and the “Bowls Development Alliance” (BDA). Each NGB has two Directors on the Board of BDA.</p> <p>Like all Sports NGB’s, the two Bowls NGB’s and BDA have been in discussion with Sport England with regards to Funding for 2017 till 2021.</p> <p>Sport England has just advised that “Bowls” will receive £1,628,512 for the next four years to help us to keep more people playing the sport well into later life.</p> <p>General Statement from EIBA. Not Harrogate specific.</p> <p>As a guide, demand is calculated as one rink per 14,000-17,000 of total population</p> <p>A six-rink green, therefore, is required for a population of 85,000-100,000 although this will be dependent upon the population profile of your area. The number of rinks required can be related to the estimated number of members: assume 80-100 members per rink We are currently reviewing the “Market Analysis” guidance as we feel that additional criteria/parameters are now appropriate:</p> <p>Travel time – consider an extension to 30 minutes. We anticipate that there will be regional variations, depending upon the current provision of Indoor Bowls sites</p> <p>Means of travel – we consider that the lack of “public transport” will be relevant in some parts of the country – especially the rural areas</p> <p>Members per rink ratio – this figure is still relevant, but we also need to factor in “spare rink capacity” for each session played, bearing in mind that then older population is not keen on travelling in the dark.</p>	<p>Running alongside our work is the Sport England Funded Development work provided jointly by the Indoor NGB (EIBA); Outdoor NGB (Bowls England) and the “Bowls Development Alliance” (BDA). Each NGB has two Directors on the Board of BDA.</p> <p>Like all Sports NGB’s, the two Bowls NGB’s and BDA have been in discussion with Sport England with regards to Funding for 2017 till 2021.</p> <p>Sport England has just advised that “Bowls” will receive £1,628,512 for the next four years to help us to keep more people playing the sport well into later life.</p> <p>Although the NGB does not have any Harrogate specific priorities it recognises the demographic profile of the area and would like to see the sport encouraged locally.</p>



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
	<p>This review is being undertaken alongside a full review of the Design Guidance with Sport England.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have one Affiliated Club in the Harrogate LA area. • The Clubs in adjoining LA areas are located more than 30 mins Drive-time from the Harrogate Club. As such, they would not be attractive to existing or new Indoor Bowls Participants. 2. What might be required to support your priorities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the Harrogate Indoor Bowls facility as part of Council/Local Health Initiatives to encourage Older people to join the Club and enjoy not only the Playing of the Sport but also the “Social able” side of the game. 3. Do you have any long-term plans or developments in mind / in progress? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the Population analysis and as the sport of Indoor Bowls is popular with the “older population”, we feel that there is potential for the membership of Harrogate to grow over the next 12 years. • The Sport is also popular with participants with disabilities (Wheelchair and Visually Impaired). • Short-mat Bowls can also be played on the Green to assist with financial sustainability. With protection of the Green, it is also possible to play BOCCIA. • All of our Affiliated Clubs are encouraged to develop and implement a Robust Sports Development Plan and become a “Club mark” Club. Where Clubs have an effective “recruitment & retention programme” in place, we are seeing that they are able to recruit sufficient members to “cover natural wastage” and in many cases, increase their membership numbers. 	

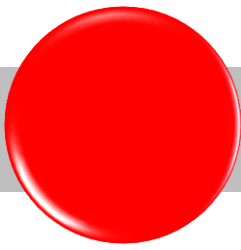


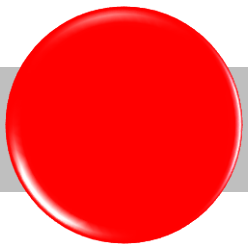
Table 4.37: Summary Analysis – Indoor Bowling Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
QUANTITY	<p>There is one indoor bowls facility in Harrogate. This provides a total of 4 rinks.</p> <p>The EIBA advise there is a need for a six-rink green for a population of 85,000-100,000.</p> <p>The 2018 population of Harrogate is 158,000. The EIBA has not advised that there is a need for additional indoor bowls provision to meet current demand, but given the population is ageing current provision may not be sufficient in the longer term.</p> <p>FUTURE NEED</p> <p>Demand for indoor bowls will increase as the population grows and ages. By 2035 there will be a need for an additional 1.28 indoor rinks to meet the needs of 199 more participant visits per week (SFC).</p>
QUALITY	The Indoor Bowls Centre is of good quality and is well maintained.
ACCESSIBILITY	<p>The Indoor Bowls Centre is based in the centre of Harrogate.</p> <p>It is at least a 30-minute drive from the district to other indoor bowls facilities in neighbouring areas.</p>
AVAILABILITY	Membership is required to use the facility.

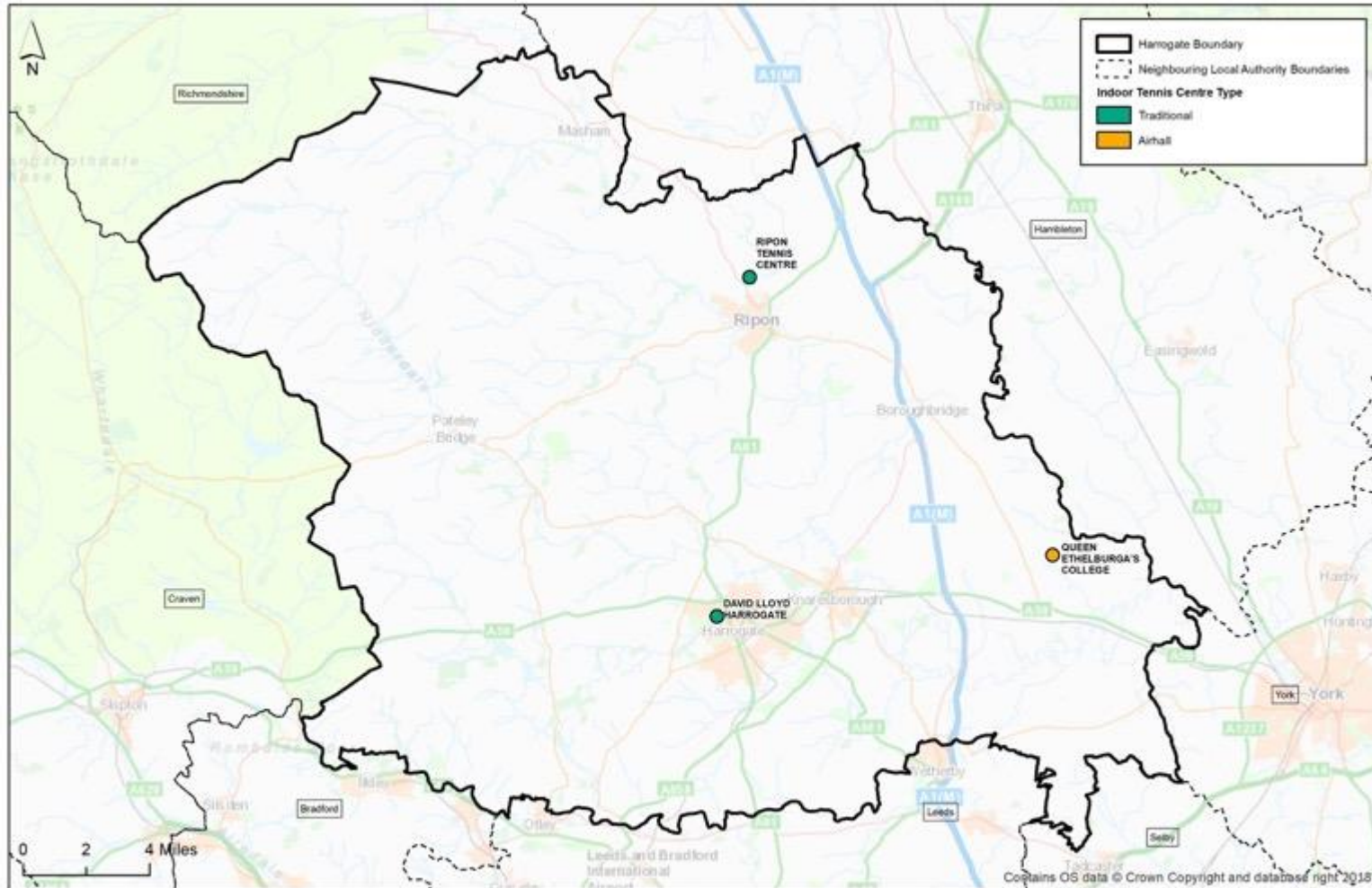
INDOOR TENNIS

QUANTITY - INDOOR TENNIS IN HARROGATE

- 4.178 There are two indoor tennis facilities in Harrogate. These provide a total of 6 courts. There is also an airhall at Queen EthelBurga's College with one court. This is for private use only.
- 4.179 The indoor tennis facilities are shown on Map 4.16.

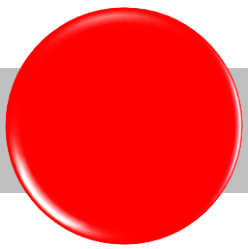


Map 4.16: Indoor Tennis Facilities in Harrogate

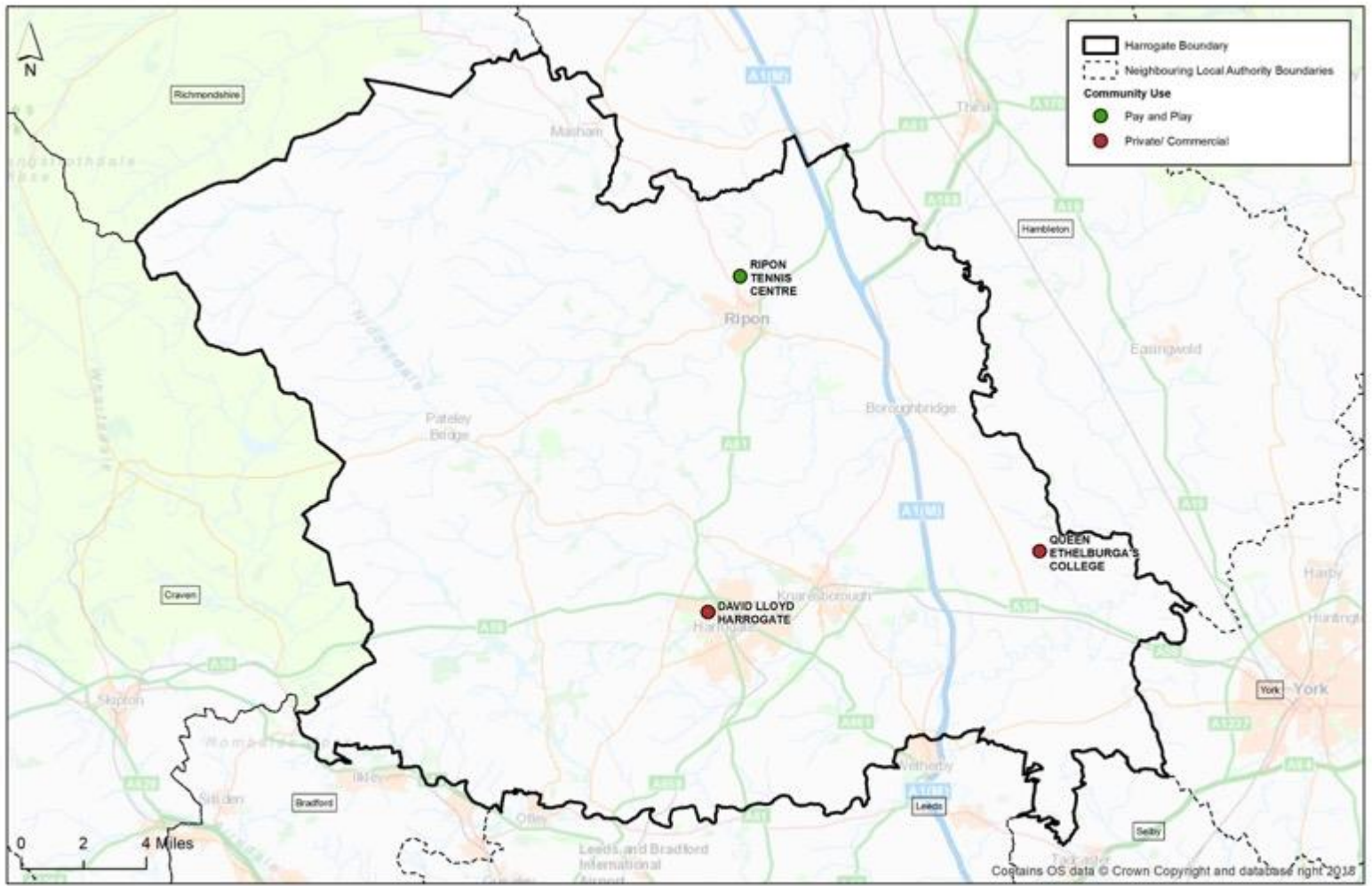


Indoor Tennis Centres by type in Harrogate





Map 4.17: Indoor Tennis Facilities with community use in Harrogate



Indoor Tennis Centres by community use availability in Harrogate



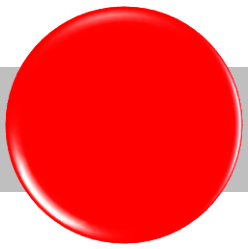
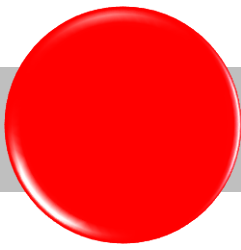


Table 4.38: Indoor Tennis Centres in Harrogate

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
DAVID LLOYD HARROGATE	HG3 2XL	Traditional	4	Textile	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	2017
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE	YO26 9SS	Airhall	1	Acrylic	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/ College/ University (in house)	2015	n/a
RIPON TENNIS CENTRE	HG4 3HJ	Traditional	2	Textile	Pay and Play	Sports Club	Sport Club	1996	n/a



QUALITY- INDOOR TENNIS IN HARROGATE

- 4.180 All tennis clubs are of good quality; although all were built after 1994, David Lloyd was refurbished 2017.

ACCESSIBILITY - INDOOR TENNIS IN HARROGATE

- 4.181 There are indoor tennis courts in the north, east and centre of Harrogate.

AVAILABILITY - INDOOR TENNIS IN HARROGATE

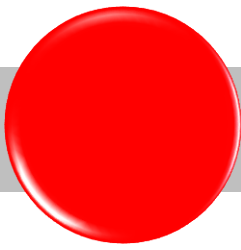
- 4.182 Membership is required to use the David Lloyd indoor tennis facilities. Queen Ethelburga's College facility is for private use only. Ripon Tennis Centre is managed by a club, but provides pay and play access.

NGB CONSULTATION

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (LTA)

Table 4.39: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – Lawn Tennis Association

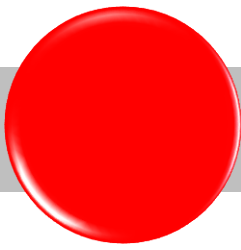
NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (LTA)	<p>1. What are the current priorities covered by the area of Harrogate B C? There is a collaborative approach amongst clubs who have a desire to open access to Pay and Play in addition to membership to open doors to new users.</p> <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years? There has already been a request to HBC for project approval, exploration of commuted sums that could contribute to a shortfall, partnership working for the flagship facility should there be need for it to provide for the HBC sporting strategy (when that has been finalised). *</p> <p>3 Harrogate Venues + a Leeds venue (just over the HBC border) are in the process of submitting grant funding applications into the LTA. This fits our priorities of increased access to indoor and floodlit courts.</p> <p>Harrogate BC has been involved and briefed face to face on these projects.</p> <p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind / or in progress? Extract from the local LTA Document; Harrogate Tennis Network Objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a Community accessible indoor tennis centre at the heart of a tennis network creating the capacity required to serve 1000 new weekly players, and support 2000 existing seasonal players to play more frequently. • Increase the number of floodlit courts so over 60% of outdoor club courts are floodlit ensuring the long-term viability of facilities and all people have access to all year-round facilities in localities close to them. The plan for phase 1 is to add 8 floodlit courts, filling in key gaps in provision (based on a 3-mile radius) for Rippon and Harrogate South. • Behind this part of the strategy is the development of a sustainable model for all 3 parks attracting 1500 regular players each year, using technology to maximise usage and revenue, delivering efficiencies, reducing costs, widening access and achieving long term sustainability. Installing access gates will generate an extra 7560 court hours in total across 3 parks / 9 courts when the games huts are closed which could be sold at £8.40 per hour. This would significantly improve the sustainability model for park courts and potentially secure future investment.



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an excellent customer journey with appropriate pricing points for current tennis users and potential participants across all venues, using online platforms, access systems and quality facilities to break down barriers to targeted audiences and enhance player experience. • Provide an extraordinary 'Tennis in Harrogate' Network attracting external and partnership funding. The Network is developing with progress being made to join up resources and a step change in the way of operating. • Finally, create a world class environment to nurture Harrogate talent, linking to regional and national academies – something that is currently unobtainable for people in Harrogate.

Table 4.40: Summary Analysis – Indoor Tennis Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
QUANTITY	<p>There are 3 indoor tennis centres in Harrogate these are David Lloyd, Ripon Leisure Centre and Queen Ethelburga's College. Queen Ethelburga's College is a temporary air hall with one court; this has private use only.</p> <p>The LTA has identified the need for additional outdoor floodlit tennis courts, and an indoor community tennis facility to create an accessible network of tennis provision. The LTA is working with HBC and local clubs in developing this sub-regional facility project.</p> <p>In terms of future provision, it is important that there is access for pay and play tennis both now and in the future.</p>
QUALITY	The Indoor Tennis Centres are of a good quality and are well maintained.
ACCESSIBILITY	There is at least one facility based in each of the main conurbations in Harrogate except in the west of the district.
AVAILABILITY	Some form of membership is required to use the David Lloyd facility. Ripon tennis Centre is club-operated and offers pay and play access..



GYMNASTICS CENTRES

QUANTITY - GYMNASTICS CENTRE IN HARROGATE

4.183 There is one dedicated gymnastics facility in Harrogate; Harrogate Gymnastics Club. Gymnastics and trampolining are also offered in other venues such as sports halls, but these are not purpose-built gymnastics facilities.

4.184 There is one gymnastics club in Harrogate:

- **Harrogate Gymnastics Club.**

4.185 Club details are as shown in Table 4.41.

Table 4.41: Summary of Gymnastics Clubs

CLUB NAME	ADDRESS	TRAINS AT	ABOUT THE CLUB
HARROGATE GYMNASTICS CLUB	Hornbeam Park Hookstone Road Harrogate HG2 8QT	Dedicated facility (own)	The only dedicated gymnastics facility in and around Harrogate. Opened in 2009 and expanded in 2012. The club offers sessions for all abilities and age groups.

QUALITY- GYMNASTICS CENTRE IN HARROGATE

4.186 The Gymnastics Centre is of good quality, offering dedicated gymnastics facilities and specialist equipment. The club is affiliated to British Gymnastics and follow their accreditation and teaching criteria.

ACCESSIBILITY - GYMNASTICS CENTRE IN HARROGATE

4.187 The Gymnastics centre is located at Hornbeam Park, near the centre of Harrogate.

4.188 The Gymnastics facility has limited accessibility to all residents of Harrogate; this is due to both location and because the clubs generally require membership to participate (some do allow toddlers to turn up and take part without membership).

AVAILABILITY - GYMNASTICS CENTRE IN HARROGATE

4.189 Membership is required to use the existing facilities and take part in classes/coaching. The Centres have reasonable membership costs.

4.190 Consultation with British Gymnastics and Trampoline is summarised in Table 4.42.

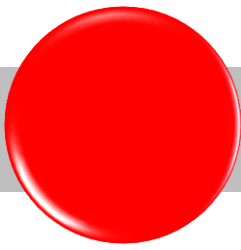


Table 4.42: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation - British Gymnastics and Trampoline

NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
BRITISH GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	<p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no geographic focus to the British Gymnastics Facility Strategy. Focus is based on need, suitability and partners' ability to support a project to successful completion. <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG do not currently have any clubs on their facility project list. Harrogate Gymnastics Club is a large club of over 1000 members although they are not registering all members with BG. They have been developing their dedicated site for some time. • There is limited access to facilities within Harrogate. All clubs having waiting lists which are exacerbated by the time constraints on dedicated and non-dedicated facilities. <p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind/in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Gymnastics has no financial capital investment available; however, the facility development team is available to support, develop and guide clubs, leisure providers and other partners to help achieve their facility requirements. • A key part of BG's strategy to increase participation is to support Clubs, Leisure Providers and other partners moving into their own dedicated facilities, offering more time and space for classes. With a vast range of products and programmes and expert assistance to support local delivery British Gymnastics are proving successful in the growth of membership and retention of members across the country. 	<p>All clubs have waiting lists. Revenue grant aid or capital finance support for the management of purpose-built Gymnastics establishments would be our priority.</p>

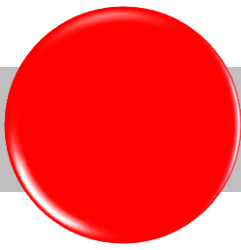


Table 4.43: Summary Analysis – Gymnastics and Trampolining Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
GYMNASTICS FACILITIES	
QUANTITY	<p>There is one dedicated gymnastics facility in Harrogate; this is Harrogate Gymnastics Club.</p> <p>There is one gymnastics club in Harrogate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrogate Gymnastics Club. <p>This club is currently at capacity with a waiting list, therefore there could be demand for additional gymnastics facilities in Harrogate.</p>
QUALITY	The Gymnastics Centre offers a good quality environment and specialist equipment; all comply with British Gymnastics and trampolining health and safety requirements, as accredited clubs. The club is continuing to develop its facilities.
ACCESSIBILITY	Facilities are close to public transport routes (located next to the main bus station) and provide for the majority of Harrogate with a 20-minute drivetime.
AVAILABILITY	Some form of membership is required to use all facilities.

4.191 There is already a large participation base for gymnastics and trampolining in Harrogate,

4.192 Demand for gymnastics continues to grow and the local club has a waiting list.

ATHLETICS TRACKS

QUANTITY - ATHLETICS TRACKS IN HARROGATE

4.193 There are four formal full athletics tracks in Harrogate.

4.194 These facilities are on Ministry of Defence facilities (2) and on education sites (2) through a partnership between Clevedon School Sports Centre and Harrogate Athletics Club.

QUALITY - ATHLETICS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

4.195 All MOD and education site tracks are of excellent/good quality. It is a high-quality synthetic facility, designed for use by all levels of athletes and also those with a disability. Nidderdale Athletics track is of average/poor quality.

ACCESSIBILITY - ATHLETICS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

4.196 Nidderdale athletics track is located in the west of the Borough. All other facilities do not have public use, these are located relatively centrally in Harrogate. As athletics tracks are a bespoke facility, it is expected that residents will travel if they intend to exercise on these types of facilities.

AVAILABILITY - ATHLETICS FACILITIES IN HARROGATE

4.197 Nidderdale Pool and Sports Centre synthetic athletics straight track is available for community access, and other local sports clubs. Field athletics facilities are also located on site (discuss and shot putt) and can also be used by the local community and other clubs.

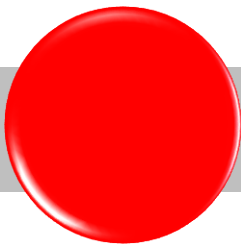
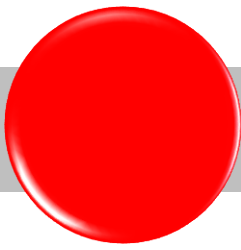


Table 4.44: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – England Athletics

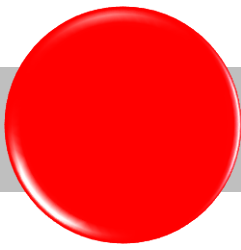
<p>ENGLAND ATHLETICS</p>	<p>Statement from England Athletics: A New Strategy for Sport and Sport England’s strategy Towards an Active Nation.</p> <p>Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family. Having the right facilities in the right places is vitally important in providing opportunities that will encourage further growth and better personal performance and deliver the increases in participation that will primarily benefit the sport of athletics and running but also help to improve the general health and wellbeing of the population as a whole.</p> <p>1. What are the current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to lobby for access to open spaces and meeting / showering facilities for running clubs and casual joggers • There are no capital build priorities due to a lack of available funding from the NGB <p>2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an indoor track was to be constructed the operating costs could not be met from income generation and an operator subsidy would be required • Facilities for the disabled would be an integral element of any new build supported by England Athletics. e.g. Training Rollers for wheelchair racers, floor anchors for seated throwing • Sports hall athletics help young people to experience the sport. We would hope that any new sports halls would be large enough to accommodate indoor sprint (rebound board) races plus short throwing and jumping events. Spectator seating for parents is essential • The local club provides for 300+ juniors and would like to expand into dedicated facilities but cannot find the funding. <p>3. What long term plans or developments do you have in mind / in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We wish to encourage innovative approaches to the location and design of facilities for individual components of the sport in order to increase reach and create sustainability and viability. • We intend to encourage new partnerships between athletics clubs and schools/operators that have available indoor facilities. • We will support the development of compact athletics facilities where there is a viable business case based on proven demand, good coaching and strong partnership working 	
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TRIATHLON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are your current priorities in the area covered by Harrogate BC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is similar to York. Our priority is our GO TRI initiative. I am currently working with Harrogate Tri Club to host a GO TRI Event alongside their annual Sprint Triathlon which is based from Ashville School and uses the highway around that area for the cycle element. 2. What might be required to support your priorities in the coming years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More water time for training on a regular basis. 3. What long term developments do you have in mind / in progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school might not always be available so a home base with facilities would be helpful 	Swim England does not usually refer to Triathlons in its recommendations but without access to training facilities there can be no growth in Triathlon. A new swimming pool with guaranteed access would benefit the sport greatly
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Table 4.45: Summary Analysis – Athletics Supply and Demand

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
ATHLETICS FACILITIES	
QUANTITY	<p>There are four formal full athletics tracks in Harrogate.</p> <p>These facilities are on Ministry of Defence facilities (2) and on education sites (2) through a partnership between Clevedon School Sports Centre and Harrogate Athletics Club.</p> <p>There is no identified demand for additional athletics facilities in Harrogate. However, Ashville Sports Centre has identified an area to build an athletics track.</p>
QUALITY	The athletics straight and field facilities are very good quality and purpose-built. Nidderdale athletics track is an ageing facility and is of average/poor quality.
ACCESSIBILITY	The facilities are on public transport routes and provides for the majority of Harrogate with a 20-30 minute drivetime.
AVAILABILITY	One of the athletics facilities have community access, Nidderdale Leisure Centre.



COMMUNITY CENTRES

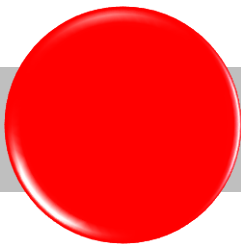
- 4.198 There is no formal method of assessing supply and demand for community centres. There are 16 such facilities in Harrogate; 13 were assessed as part of this strategy and six were considered as having potential for use for informal sport and physical activity, as are used by HBC Sport and Active lifestyles team.
- 4.199 As part of developing the Built Facilities Strategy, agreed strategic community centre facilities were visited and audited. The details of the centres are also set out in Appendix 2n. The community centres were identified based on size, and therefore the potential capability to provide sport and physical activity opportunities of an informal nature.
- 4.200 The audit undertaken was visual, and assessed the centres based on the following criteria:
- **Age of facility;**
 - **Size of facility (based on badminton courts where applicable);**
 - **Condition of flooring;**
 - **Suitability of the hall for sporting use;**
 - **Suitability of the hall for low impact activity;**
 - **Additional facilities e.g. Changing rooms, kitchen, bar area; and**
 - **Capacity of community availability per week.**

COMMUNITY CENTRES – QUANTITY

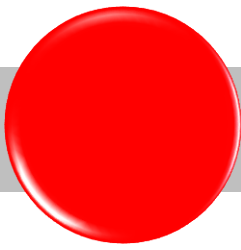
- 4.201 A list of all community centres can be found in appendix 2n.

COMMUNITY CENTRES – QUALITY

- 4.202 An overview of the audits undertaken highlights:
- **Community centres are an important resource for providing physical activity opportunities to local residents. These facilities are typically conveniently located close to residential areas and are therefore easier for elderly groups and parents with young children to access. The informal nature of community centres provides an access point for people who are inactive to take their first steps back into physical activity;**
 - **Six community centres (assessed above) were deemed ‘strategically sized’ for physical activity. However, all the community centres in Harrogate are not sport specific, providing social engagement opportunities for example a meeting point for groups, social functions, fund raisers, and medical checks such as prostate cancer checks and blood donating service;**
 - **All of the strategically referenced community centres were assessed as good to average quality, but their condition needs to be maintained and improved where possible to continue to be used for physical activity; and**
 - **Any halls built in the future should consider the height of the ceiling, floor type and length/width to maximise physical activity options.**



- 4.203 There are a significant number of community centres in Harrogate and they perform an important function at local level, facilitating provision of a wide range of activities, community events and services, including sport and physical activity. The activities provided in the community centres complement those provided in the formal sport and leisure facilities in Harrogate.
- 4.204 The quality of the community centres is varied, as is to be expected given the wide range of ownership types, scale and nature of each hall. Those with the capacity/potential to provide informal sport and physical activity should at least provide the following facilities alongside the community accessible spaces:
- **Toilets;**
 - **Drinking water;**
 - **Car parking;**
 - **Storage; and**
 - **Kitchen facilities.**
- 4.205 Community centres are local facilities by their very nature so are accessible for their specific communities.
- 4.206 They provide an important resource in communities for a range of activities, including sport and physical activities, and facilitate social interaction at a very local level. They are accessible by individuals and groups.
- 4.207 There are lots of community halls/centres, all used for a wide range of activities, so important for activities that support physical and mental health, but none are purpose-built sports facilities. They complement the formal facilities.

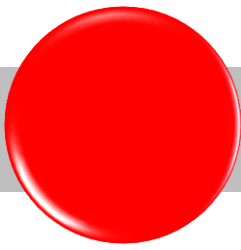


5. PENULTIMATE STAGE - APPLYING THE ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS

FACILITY SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

5.1 The demographic profile of Harrogate, and the population growth for the Borough, summarised in Section 3, provides an important context for future provision of indoor sports facilities in the Borough, as does the research, consultation, and supply and demand analysis, undertaken to inform this Indoor Sports Facility Strategy. Highlighted below are the key factors and issues taken into account in planning for future facility provision.

- **Population Growth** - Clearly, increased population will result in increased demand for sports facilities; in Harrogate, there will be a need for increased provision of health and fitness provision, increased demand for indoor bowls, gymnastics, and trampolining will also need to be carefully considered. Accessibility to sports halls will be a key issue given that there is an over-supply of sports halls in 2018, but this reduces in response to future demand to 15.46 sports halls. Beyond the Local Plan period, to 2035 there will be additional population growth, much of which will be due to the proposed timescales for the development of housing across the Borough over this period and therefore demand for all types of provision will increase further;
- **Housing Development**- one of the principal justifications for additional community sports facilities is because additional residents increase demand for sports facilities. The population of Harrogate is set to grow significantly by 2035 (by approx. 15,715), and there will be a need to ensure good quality community sport and leisure facilities are available to meet existing and future demand. The potential for investment in additional provision of formal sports facilities and community halls, secured through developer contributions should be explored, given the housing growth planned to 2035. However, it must also be remembered that some of this has already been, or is in the process of being, delivered. Linked to housing development is the potential for other infrastructure development e.g. schools, health facilities, which could also link into future provision of sports facilities;
- **Reduction in Health Inequalities** – more active lifestyles will continue to benefit both individual and community health; although the health of Harrogate’s communities is generally better than that of the region and England as a whole, there are some very specific factors to which the provision of quality, affordable and accessible sports facilities can contribute:
 - **Maintenance of active lifestyles;**
 - **Improved mental health;**
 - **Reduced levels of cardiovascular disease; and**
 - **Further reductions in levels of obesity (already below national and regional levels).**
- **Maintaining and growing participation levels** in sport and physical activity to contribute to more active lifestyles; facilitating more regular activity for the most inactive 20.9% of the Harrogate community (Active Lives 3 December 2018) is a priority;
- **Addressing the existing under-supply of health and fitness provision** – there is an under-supply of pay and play health and fitness provision to meet the needs of the existing Harrogate population. Demand for health and fitness provision increases by 2035 as a result of population growth and could be impacted if any existing facilities close. Harrogate Borough Council has already invested in health and fitness provision; and further leisure developments should consider further investment into the number of fitness stations for public use, as well as studio space and multi-purpose space for a range of physical activity;



- **Planning to replace ageing facilities** – Older facilities are not as operationally efficient, and also tend to be poorer quality. Evidence shows people are more likely to participate in modern, fit for purpose provision. Older sports halls on education sites, will need to be replaced, or as a minimum be extensively refurbished, in the future. Harrogate Borough Council will also need to consider the replacement/refurbishment of the ageing facilities in their portfolio; Knaresborough and Starbeck are the two priorities, given that investment in a replacement facility in Ripon is already a commitment;
- **The need to retain and grow participation in physical activity for community health benefits;**
- **The need to invest in active environments, where physical activity is the norm;**
- **The need to improve accessibility to provision at local level, particularly for the 15.3% of the population without access to private transport and the residents in rural areas;**
- **There is already some sport and physical activity being delivered in community centres/halls across the Borough; there is opportunity to increase awareness of this and to extend it, particularly where there are halls available with pay and play access (see Appendix 2N). This could complement the provision of indoor hall space; and**
- **The opportunity for investment in ‘active’ infrastructure to facilitate increased provision of cycling, jogging and walking routes in the Borough, connecting new and existing settlements, education and leisure sites. Active transport should be a consideration at all housing developments across the Borough where appropriate.**

5.2 Analysis of the specific factors relating to current provision of each facility type is summarised in Table 5.1. The key issues and impacts identified are the priorities to address, and inform the detailed actions to be taken, partnerships and stakeholders to be developed/worked with; these are detailed in the investment priorities and the subsequent Action Plan.

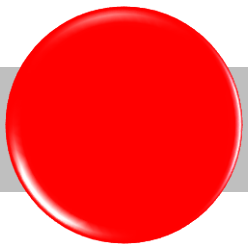
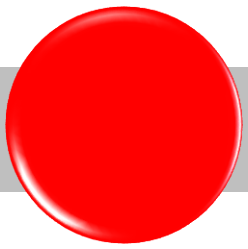
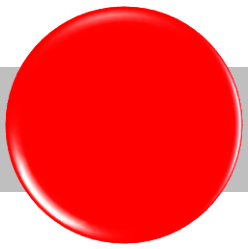


Table 5.1: Key Issues, Impacts and Implications by Facility Type

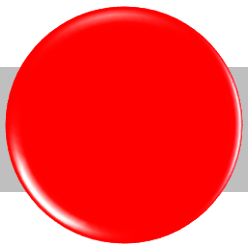
FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
SPORTS HALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 1 sports hall in the Borough provides pay and play and daytime community access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure other informal halls provide daytime opportunities for sport and physical activity, to meet needs of e.g. older people not in work, women looking after young children not in work, shift workers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of sports halls are on education sites; no daytime access; no secured community use agreements (CUAs), so access for sports clubs/associations could be withdrawn at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for sports halls to be taken out of use at any time; need to secure community access arrangements wherever possible, and definitely on new sports halls on education sites, to ensure protection of community access. Where possible, ability to offer pay and play access should be designed into new sports halls CUAs should be considered for all new sports halls, with a specific emphasis on pay and play accessibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several ageing facilities- average age of a sports hall in Harrogate is 36 years old; having said this, generally the condition of all halls is good to excellent at the moment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer term need for investment and/or replacement; this is particularly relevant to Ripon Leisure Centre which is the only HBC sports hall where daytime pay and play access is available. Many ageing facilities are on education sites
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low unmet demand for sports hall provision across the Borough now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a current over-supply of sports halls (22.7 badminton courts), as the population grows, demand increases.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply and demand analysis identifies that there is no need to build new sports halls now, as existing supply can meet demand. In fact, there is a small over-supply of 6 badminton courts. However, by 2035, there would be less of an under-supply of sports halls, based on retaining current levels of provision, because demand has increased. By 2035 over-supply has reduced to 15.46 badminton courts, assuming all other facilities are retained. This will meet the further demand from the projected 15,715 new residents of Harrogate (by 2035 i.e. the timescale of the Harrogate Local Plan 2035). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to maintain existing levels of community access Need to prioritise pay and play use at the Harrogate Borough Council sports halls and multi-purpose halls Need to optimise use of existing informal community hall/centres for physical activity



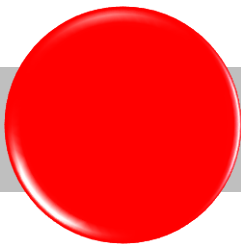
FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
SWIMMING POOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 pools in total provide pay and play community access; 8 of these are Harrogate Borough Council swimming pools (this includes main, learner, leisure and diving pools across facilities). • 15 community accessible swimming pools across 12 sites, all of which are of strategic size (160 sq. m or more) • Harrogate Borough Council pools provide the only day time access to swimming pools in the Borough, given all other pools are on education sites. Both Knaresborough Pool (76%) and Ripon Spa Baths (99%) pools are operating at very high levels of use. It is difficult to re-distribute existing high levels of demand due to the location and nature of the other publicly assessible pools in the Borough. • Based on the FPM and other analysis there is current unmet demand for water space (99 sq. m), although there is a small over-supply of 164 sq. m of water space. This is because some people live outside the catchment area of a pay and play accessible swimming pool. • Based on the future population growth, and consequent increased demand, there is a need to consider additional swimming pool provision in the Borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total unmet demand is 6.2% of total demand this equates to 99 sq. m • Demand for pay and play access increases as population grows • Meeting unmet/latent demand for swimming will increase revenue generation . • The overall identified future demand for additional swimming pool provision reflects the growth in the population from housing development across the Local Plan period. Therefore, provision of additional swimming provision does need to be considered.
HEALTH AND FITNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 33 fitness suites in Harrogate, with a total of 1,285 fitness stations. Harrogate Borough Council facilities provide 9% of all fitness stations in Harrogate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities provided by Harrogate Borough Council are the only ones providing pay and play accessible facilities; however, there is also other affordable and accessible health and fitness provision in the Borough, and particularly in and around Harrogate. • There is an under-supply of fitness stations in 2019 (-136 stations); this level of undersupply will significantly increase based on population growth between now and 2035.



FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial fitness suites range from low to high end of the market so there is some direct competition with Harrogate Borough Council facilities Harrogate Borough Council provides the only pay and play accessible studio provision Small over supply of pay and play fitness stations in 2019 = +21 (if existing affordable fitness stations are taken into account). If affordable fitness stations are not taken into account there is an under-supply of 384 fitness stations. Under supply of pay and play accessible fitness stations by 2035 = -30 Latent demand for fitness stations is apparent across the Borough (see Map 5.1, Supply and Demand analysis, dark orange areas), including centrally around Borough in the South West, South East, North, and East of the District. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Borough Council fitness offer needs to compete with this and offer a USP Opportunity for really innovative programming to attract participants This level of over supply is likely to be less as only some Harrogate residents will be using the budget and other commercial fitness offers. There is a need to retain and increase community access and affordable fitness stations in Harrogate, to retain existing levels of participation, and cater for increased future demand. Potential to increase Harrogate Borough Council fitness provision Opportunities could include extending the existing fitness suite and studio provision at The Hydro as part of any redeveloped facility.
SQUASH COURTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Borough Council and two education sites provide the only pay and play community accessible squash courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No need for additional provision Need to retain existing level of courts, and replace ageing facilities in the long term (Harrogate Borough Council, education and club-based provision)
INDOOR BOWLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One indoor bowls facility in the Borough, club-operated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to consider increased future demand for this type of provision, based on population growth, and the fact that people are living longer. Future demand to 2035 equates to demand for 1.28 additional rinks.
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is one purpose-built facility in the Borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Gymnastics Club has over 1000 members and a waiting list. There is a need to consider increased future demand for this type of provision.



FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
COMMUNITY HALLS/FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Important role for informal halls in providing for day time access to sport and physical activity opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to optimise use of existing informal community hall/centres for physical activity



5.3 Based on the supply and demand analysis summarised in Table 6.1, there is clearly a need for:

- **Additional swimming pool provision;**
- **Additional health and fitness provision in the long-term;**
- **Retaining existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports halls, and swimming pools, as a minimum;**
- **Consideration of an enhanced dedicated gymnastics facilities; and**
- **Increased provision of indoor bowls facilities.**

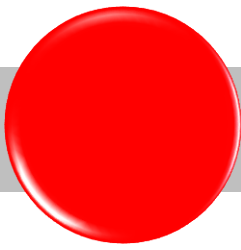
5.4 Retaining and improving the quality of provision is important in Harrogate to ensure that participation levels are retained and wherever possible increased. Active Lives highlights that 20.9% of the Harrogate community is inactive enough to have any health benefit.

5.5 The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the Borough. This reflects Public Health and Harrogate Borough Council's health and well-being priorities, to facilitate sustained behaviour change to reduce obesity, improve health, contribute to addressing address mental health issues and increase participation.

5.6 Based on the quality audits and assessments, and the supply and demand analysis, the priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

Table 5.2: Summary of Facility Priorities

FACILITY TYPE	PRIORITY FOR FUTURE PROVISION	LOCATION
SPORTS HALLS	Long term replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Boroughwide – education facilities
SWIMMING POOLS	Retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable swimming facilities as a minimum	Boroughwide The longer-term need to replace/refurbish Knaresborough Pool could provide the opportunity to address the identified long-term need for an increased level of water space e.g. a larger main pool (8 lane x 25m) and a learner pool with a moveable floor
	Replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Ripon Leisure Centre (in progress) Knaresborough Pool
HEALTH AND FITNESS	Increased pay and play accessible health and fitness provision space, equivalent to a minimum of 30 fitness stations to meet the demand by 2035.	Ripon Leisure Centre (replacement) The Hydro
	Increased number of fitness stations at Harrogate Borough Council facilities e.g. The Hydro	Potentially Knaresborough
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	Potential to explore further club-led provision/partnership provision given high numbers on waiting lists	No specific location



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INDOOR BOWLS	Potential opportunity to consider long term additional club-led provision of indoor bowls facilities (increased demand for additional 1.28 rinks imminently)	No specific location
GENERAL PROVISION	Overall, and specifically through the housing growth agenda, provision of more active environments, reflecting active travel, safe cycle routes to school, the need to link existing and new communities with walking/cycling/jogging routes	Boroughwide

5.7 Other future facility provision, linked particularly to long term population growth and housing development, is the development of new and improved walking, jogging and cycling routes/connectivity, to encourage active travel, and provide an environment in which physical activity can be easily integrated into daily life.

SPORTS HALLS

5.8 Although there is sufficient provision of sports halls both now and into the future, the supply/demand balance is very finely balanced by 2035 i.e. 15.46 badminton courts or 4 sports halls (3.5 badminton court size). If any of the current supply changes, or accessibility conditions change, this balance could become an under supply.

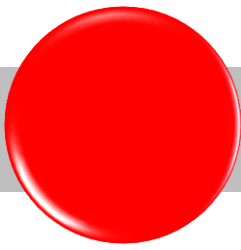
5.9 There are a significant number of sports halls on education sites providing for clubs and groups. Whilst this is very positive, it does mean that pay and play access is limited to one local authority strategically sized site. Development of any new education sites is a real opportunity to develop additional pay and play access in the District, but this would need to be thought about up front, to ensure the facility design is appropriate for community use out of school hours e.g. some form of reception, appropriate changing rooms, disability provision etc.

ADDRESSING FUTURE DEMAND FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS

5.10 In 2018 there is a small over-supply of +21 fitness stations if 384 affordable fitness stations are included in the supply, based on the fact that some Harrogate residents will be using this provision. If these affordable fitness stations are excluded from the supply, there is a significant under-supply of -406 fitness stations.

5.11 With significant housing developments across Harrogate Town, Knaresborough and Ripon there will be approximately 15,715 new residents in the Borough by 2035. These additional residents will further increase demand for health and fitness over that period.

5.12 On this basis there is both a need and opportunity to increase the provision of HBC fitness facilities. This will be addressed at the new Ripon Leisure Centre, and could be delivered through extended facilities at the Hydro and a replacement facility in Knaresborough.



6. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

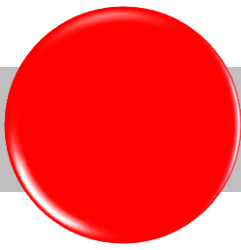
OVERVIEW

- 6.1 Harrogate's population will grow significantly over the coming years to 2035, so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities – formal and informal, and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need.
- 6.2 Equally, given that 65% of the population achieves the Chief Medical Officer's target of 150 minutes of physical activity per week¹⁰, it is clear there is work to do to increase levels of regular participation amongst the remaining 35%; many of whom will be living in the more rural or deprived areas of the Borough. Of this 35%, 20.9% are inactive and 14.1% are not active enough to achieve any health benefits
- 6.3 In Harrogate, this means ensuring geographical distribution of facilities and physical activity opportunities across the District to enable more people to access facilities in the urban area by walking, and/or cycling. It also means better use of existing community places and spaces for sport and physical activity i.e. more use of community centres/halls for badminton, fitness classes etc.
- 6.4 More, and better, access to physical activity at local level is important for residents, particularly those who are currently inactive, and those without access to private transport, to participate, and become physically active. Linking facility provision, informal and formal, to opportunities for active travel, and informal places will help to facilitate more active lifestyles for more people.
- 6.5 This is very important given the need to retain and continue to grow existing levels of physical activity in the District, and address the existing health inequalities across the District.
- 6.6 Overall, Harrogate has a good range of existing sport and leisure facilities across the area; however, some existing facilities on education sites are now ageing, some are of a poorer quality than others, and some will require replacement /refurbishment. This is particularly true of education sports halls Harrogate Borough Council facilities such as Ripon Leisure Centre (in progress), the Hydro, Starbeck Baths and Knaresborough Pool.
- 6.7 In Harrogate, there is insufficient pay and play accessible health and fitness provision to meet future demand. There is also a need to increase existing levels of community accessible swimming provision and studio facilities into the future.
- 6.8 Although increased demand for sports halls to 2035 can be met within the existing supply, this is volatile, given all but one strategic sized sports halls are on education sites and there is only one CUA in place securing community access.
- 6.9 It is therefore very important that the potential to utilise community centres/halls, and other informal places and spaces better for sports hall activities, which could provide at a more local level, and therefore facilitate participation by those who are elderly, do not have access to a car, have young children, or have a disability, is fully explored, developed and implemented.

VISION

- 6.10 As a minimum, Harrogate Borough Council wishes to have good quality, fit for purpose facilities that are considered to be attractive to users, well maintained and sustainable. This includes community sport and leisure facilities, places and spaces for swimming, fitness and sports hall sports/activities available for all residents. This includes both formal and informal multi-purpose spaces e.g. community halls in which to play sport and be physically active.

¹⁰ Source: Harrogate Public Health Report – 2015



- 6.11 Facilitating opportunities to be more physically active, more often is also important, to contribute to a reduction in the health inequalities in and across Harrogate, to help people to live and age better.
- 6.12 The provision of high quality and accessible facilities, and where appropriate the opening up of other informal places, and spaces, as well as the development of new provision, will contribute to the future overall priority for the development of healthier lifestyles in Harrogate, across all age groups.
- 6.13 The Vision for future provision of sport and leisure in Harrogate is:

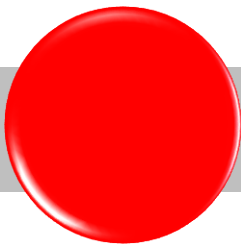
“A healthier more active population living longer, more independent and happier lives”

- 6.14 Sustainable, high quality, and critically, accessible facility provision has a critical role to play in delivering these opportunities; Harrogate Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

AIMS

- 6.15 The aim of providing sufficient high quality, fit for purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces is to:

- **Increase the proportion of the population that is physically active; the level of activity undertaken will support efforts to further reduce health inequalities;**
- **Develop additional facility provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth;**
- **Design in flexibility; future facility provision may need to be more multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities;**
- **Encourage new participants to start taking part in physical activity;**
- **Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level, using e.g. community centres/halls;**
- **Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Harrogate’s communities;**
- **Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically obesity, reduced inactivity, across Harrogate; and**
- **Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life.**



PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE PROVISION

6.16 The principles that should guide all future sport and leisure facility development in Harrogate are:

- **Ensure residents in all areas of Harrogate have pay and play access to good quality, local, accessible and affordable provision, whether it is a formal sports hall or a community hall, or other informal provision;**
- **Aim to ensure that any new, sports facilities on education sites provide a balance of opportunities (through a formal agreement) for community access – both pay and play and club use;**
- **Replace / refurbish ageing facilities where new provision is needed; all new and refurbished provision should be designed and developed based on Sport England and (National Governing Body) NGB guidance, and be fully inclusive;**
- **Rationalise existing provision where new fit for purpose facilities can replace/improve existing buildings (but existing levels of provision need to be maintained as a minimum, given some existing facility under-supply);**
- **Invest in existing formal and informal provision to improve quality; and**
- **Invest strategically to ensure economic viability and sustainability of provision.**

PRIORITY INVESTMENT NEEDS

6.17 Although Harrogate has good sports facilities there are some ageing facilities, which will require replacement / refurbishment in the medium-long term. Improving the quality of existing, ageing provision is the priority for future investment.

6.18 Harrogate Borough Council's health and fitness facilities are already very full; there is insufficient fitness station provision to meet future demand.

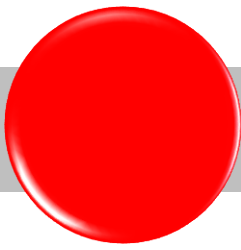
6.19 Although there is enough water space for the current population, demand increases in the future and there is a need to invest in additional provision.

6.20 There is also a need to consider future need for the provision of indoor bowls, gymnastics and trampolining.

6.21 The identified priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

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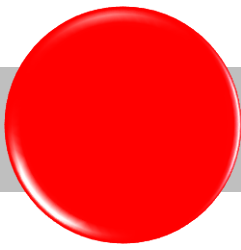


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OTHER PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- 6.22 It is clear from the strategy analysis that there is a need for some capital investment in Harrogate, to address future needs. Whilst some of this investment relates to additional facility provision, there is also a need to start planning now for the replacement/refurbishment of ageing stock; increased participation is more likely to be achieved if the environment in which people take part is good quality and fit for purpose
- 6.23 It is also clear that delivery of the levels of investment required will only result from a local partnership approach. The development of improved sports facilities, and physical activity environments, will facilitate increased participation, which in turn will benefit individual and community health. The challenge is that the greatest health benefit will be gained by encouraging the inactive, to become active.



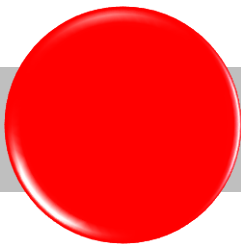
CONTINUED LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH EDUCATION SITES

- 6.24 In order to deliver the identified Strategy needs, and the key outcome of increased participation to address health inequalities, plus meet demands from increased population, there is an opportunity for some changes in approach to delivery. The development of new/replacement facilities, increasing and optimising the available capacity in existing education facilities, and potentially asset transferring some existing provision, provides a mechanism to deliver these outcomes.
- 6.25 The key issue to address initially is that of future partnership with education sites, to retain community access for clubs and groups as a minimum, and where possible agree CUAs which provide balanced access for the community on a pay and play basis. Increasing capacity to offer and deliver increased participative opportunities, particularly for those who are currently inactive, could contribute significantly to a reduction in health inequalities in the District.

PLANNING POLICY, SECURING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS, PLANNING OBLIGATIONS, S106 OBLIGATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – AN OVERVIEW

- 6.26 In order to implement the Strategy recommendations and address identified needs for improved and additional facility provision, Harrogate Borough Council will need to identify and secure capital funding from a range of sources. Developer contributions through CIL/S106 have the potential to form part of this funding moving forward.
- 6.27 The facility investment needs identified in the Strategy and set out in Table 7.1 provide the definitive investment priorities and locations for this investment to 2035. This should inform Local Plan policy, and specifically the priorities against which to secure developer contributions moving forward.
- 6.28 In some cases, new residential developments will not generate the need for a new sports facility. However, where developments are located in areas where additional pressure will be placed on existing sports facilities by the development, Harrogate Borough Council should seek contributions, for the enhancement and extension of existing sports in the vicinity of the development.
- 6.29 If larger developments generate a need for and/or are located adjacent to suitable community provision i.e. a new or improved community hall, then these will be considered on a site by site basis having regard to the development proposal, the characteristics of the site and the capacity and condition of existing infrastructure. Off-site contributions may be sought to support nearby existing or new sites, and/or for identified, more strategic sites (such as larger, high quality, leisure facilities serving more than the local need).
- 6.30 It is also important to highlight that the National planning guidance allows for cross boundary and pooled Developers' Contributions, although the latter are severely restricted.¹¹

¹¹ The Government is currently considering the scrapping of pooled contributions in some instances (e.g. where a local planning authority has an adopted CIL / land values are so low that it cannot be feasibly charged / where development is planned on several strategic sites). See here for further details:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/691182/Developer_Contributions_Consultation.pdf



RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1)

The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.

(PROTECT)

RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2)

There is a need for Harrogate Borough Council and partners to plan now for the replacement of ageing, poor quality facilities, with provision that can better respond to local health and wellbeing priorities and deliver increased opportunities for participation in physical activity and sport.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)

Harrogate Borough Council to work with funding and delivery partners to identify medium to longer term investment opportunities for additional health and fitness provision.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4)

Harrogate Borough Council to consider opportunities for investment in additional swimming provision to meet identified future demand.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)

RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5)

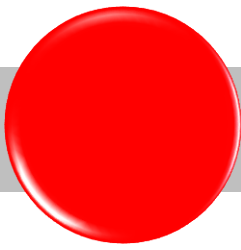
Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for increased levels of pay and play recreational participation should be developed wherever possible.

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RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)

Harrogate Borough Council seek to ensure that any new education provision involving new or enhanced sports facilities has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)



RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)

Consider the opportunity for Harrogate Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, seek enhanced provision through a CUA.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8)

Public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity.

(PROTECT AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)

Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities i.e. new facility or additional rink provision at Harrogate Bowling Club.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 10 (R10)

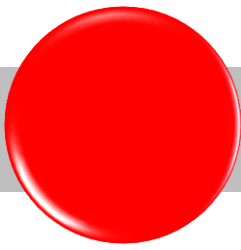
Future need for enhanced gymnastics/trampolining facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampolining, local clubs/partners and Harrogate Borough Council.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)

Where appropriate, Harrogate Borough Council and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from strategic developments that could contribute towards the development of strategic facilities, additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)



RECOMMENDATION 12 (R12)

Harrogate Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.

(PROVIDE)

RECOMMENDATION 13 (R13)

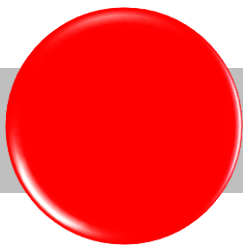
Harrogate Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities/spaces, with local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)

RECOMMENDATION 14 (R14)

There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.

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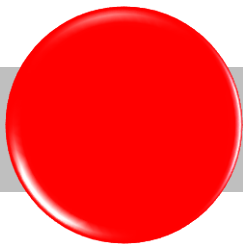


ACTION PLAN

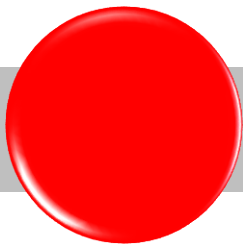
6.31 In order to realise the above Vision and Aims for sport and leisure facility provision in Harrogate there are key priorities that need to be addressed and implemented. These are set out below in the Action Plan, based on the recommendations for future provision. The investment costs quoted are based on a combination of our knowledge of new build schemes, industry norms, and Sport England cost guidelines. These are based on sq. m construction costs.

Table 6.2: Strategy Action Plan

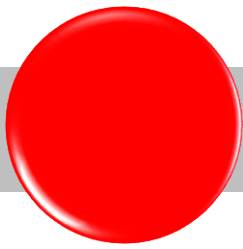
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	<p>Ensure identified facility needs are reflected in the funding infrastructure requirements for the Borough.</p>	Harrogate Borough Council	Medium – Long Term		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Officers; external funding organisation; Developer Contributions</p> <p>Indicative costs for a replacement leisure facility (swimming pools, fitness suite and two studios, plus café and all infrastructure) likely to be circa £12m-£15m, depending on scale, design and location.</p>



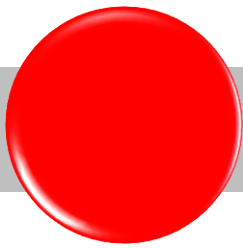
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<p>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)</p> <p>Harrogate Borough Council to work with funding and delivery partners to identify medium to longer term investment opportunities for additional health and fitness provision.</p> <p>(PROVIDE)</p>	<p>Ensure the need for additional play and play health and fitness provision is reflected in the Local Plan and beyond the Local Plan period with a view to provide additional fitness provision at The Hydro, Ripon Leisure Centre and potentially any replacement facility in Knaresborough.</p>	<p>Harrogate Borough Council</p>	<p>Short Term</p>		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Officers; external funding organisation; Developer Contributions e.g. housing development contributions towards off site facility development.</p> <p>Capital costs for increased health and fitness provision at the Hydro comprising a larger fitness suite and additional studio space are likely to be in the region of £1.5 - £3m based on 2019 costs.</p>



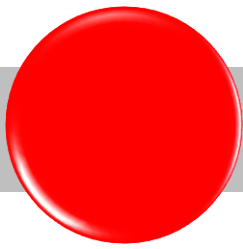
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RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4) Harrogate Borough Council to consider opportunities for investment in additional swimming provision to meet identified future demand. (PROVIDE AND PROTECT)	Ensure the need for additional pay and play swimming pool provision is reflected in the Local Plan.	Harrogate Borough Council	Medium Term		Harrogate Borough Council Officers
	Ensure identified facility needs are reflected in the funding requirements for the Borough.	Harrogate Borough Council	Medium -Long Term		Harrogate Borough Council Officers; external funding organisations; Developer Contributions.
		Harrogate Borough Council			Harrogate Borough Council Officers; Local Providers; External funding organisations. Capital costs for a replacement leisure centre including larger fitness facilities are likely to be in the region of £12m-£15m based on 2019 costs. Separate feasibility and costing studies will be required at the appropriate time (indicative feasibility study cost £12k)
RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5) Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for increased levels of pay and play recreational participation should be developed wherever possible. (PROVIDE)	Work in partnership with sports hall providers, and local clubs to seek facility access to sports halls and space to be provided for clubs to grow their membership further and increase participation.	Harrogate Borough Council	Short Term		Harrogate Borough Council Officers; Schools; and clubs



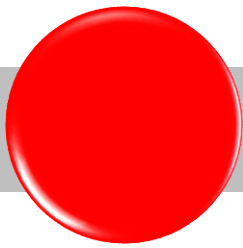
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<p>RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)</p> <p>Harrogate Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational provision involving new or enhanced sports facilities has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.</p> <p>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</p>	<p>Harrogate Borough Council and its partners work with local schools, and Sport England to develop formal community use agreements in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any new/expanded schools as part of Planning Conditions. <p>The aim should be to develop Community Use Agreements and to find ways of increasing usage capacity, to enable provision of better balanced accessibility and to include community pay and play use.</p>	Harrogate Borough Council	Short – Medium Term		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Leisure and Planning Officers; Sport England.</p> <p>Time costs for developing Community Use Agreements.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)</p> <p>Consider the opportunity for Harrogate Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, seek enhanced provision through a CUA.</p> <p>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</p>	<p>Harrogate Borough Council and its partners work with relevant educational organisations to review, revise and or implement Community Use Agreements, which provide a better balance of pay and play and club use.</p>	Harrogate Borough Council and existing relevant education establishments.	Short Term		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Leisure and Planning Officers; Sport England.</p> <p>Time costs for developing Community Use Agreements.</p>



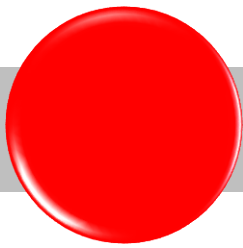
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<p>RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)</p> <p>Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities.</p> <p>(PROVIDE)</p>	<p>Develop a project group to assess feasibility and realistic potential for a club led facility development and potential location.</p>	<p>Harrogate Borough Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Leisure Officers, EIBA and club resources.</p> <p>Capital costs will vary depending on the extent of additional provision and how this is delivered i.e. new facility/extended facility, but is likely to be around £2m.</p>



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<p>RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)</p> <p>Where appropriate, Harrogate Borough Council and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from strategic developments that could contribute towards the development of strategic facilities, additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.</p> <p>(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)</p>	<p>Use the strategy evidence base to inform investment opportunities.</p>	<p>Harrogate Borough Council</p>	<p>Short – Long Term</p>		<p>Harrogate Borough Council Planning and Leisure Officers</p>

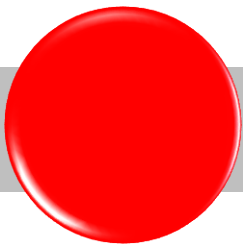


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	Work with partners to identify all potential sources of capital funding to support new facility provision in the Borough.	Harrogate Borough Council Leisure Officers and Partners.	Short – Medium Term		Harrogate Borough Council Leisure Officers; Harrogate Borough Council Partners; External funding organisations.
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N.B. It is recognised that any new schools (Recommendations 5, and 6) could be Academies and therefore outside the direct control of Yorkshire County Council. This should not, however, prevent local partnerships for community access.



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