

Playing Pitch Strategy

Greater Norwich Area

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Site	Sport	Overview of current situation	Proposed/ required action	Timescale/ priority
Bayer SC/Aventis	Football	Single pitch site now disused and unavailable for clubs	Consider redevelopment of single pitch private site, but subject to compensatory provision being made in local area or contribution to new pitches	High/short
Bignold JS	Football	School mini pitches with spare capacity overall and at peak, subject to needs of school	Retain and maintain for school and community use	Med/ongoing
Bowthorpe FDC	Football	High quality pitch capable of additional use, with spare capacity all round, but subject to retention of quality	Retain and maintain as key county venue	High/ongoing
Bowthorpe FDC	AGP/small sided football	New facility offering a range of small sided floodlit pitches. School, college and NCCSF use in daytime. No spare capacity in midweek peak, and off-peak use varies considerably - offers some spare capacity but not at times required by clubs and teams.	Retain and maintain	High/ongoing
Britannia Barracks	Football	Changing adequate and facility capable of more use.	Retain and maintain	High/ongoing
Britannia Barracks	Cricket	Weekend use by 2 clubs and spare capacity but one of few Norwich CC pitches and likely to be used for casual and unaffiliated cricket. Limited scope for additional use in midweek	Retain and enhance, and consider provision of non-turf pitch for development of casual cricket	High/med
City Academy	Football	No current community use of smaller pitch and spare capacity overall, but subject to needs of academy.	Retain and maintain for academy and club use subject to needs of academy.	High/ongoing
CNS	Football	Spare capacity but school understood to limit facilities widely available to the community. Probably small unused capacity on Saturday.	Retain and maintain.	High/ongoing
CNS	Cricket	Accommodates two teams on Sat and 1 Sun. Spare capacity overall on Sunday and midweek, but school pitch and unlikely to provide significant additional community use.	Retain and enhance, improved clubhouse/changing, provide pitch covers/sight screens/new nets. Subject to needs of school	High/med

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Eaton Park	Football	Main venue in city for LA provided pitches for a variety of sports, including football. Large but substandard changing facilities. Main adult usage on Sunday am, and apparent over use, probably leading to flexibility in kick off times and consecutive matches. Spare capacity for younger teams	Retain and maintain, enhance pitches and improved changing. Consider improving capacity of pitches or remarking other areas for additional pitches to avoid over use	High/ongoing Med/short
Eaton Park	Cricket	No current use but NCB keen to help with provision of non-turf wicket to accommodate latent demand in Norwich	Provide new non turf pitch to aid development of casual cricket in Norwich	High/med
Goals Soccer	AGP/small sided football	Commercially run facility with school usage during day. Some spare capacity for training, casual and competitive use during small periods in peak evenings- significant spare capacity at weekends.	Retain and maintain	High/ongoing
Hewett School	Football	Some spare capacity overall and particularly on Saturday. Subject to needs of school for its own use.	Retain and maintain for school and community use, consider additional pitches on playing field	High/ongoing
Locksley Road	Football	Former school site recently closed down and now the location of alternative County Council service. One pitch well used on Sunday but spare capacity on Saturday in principle.	Retain and maintain in community use in short term, but subject to plans of owners. Seek compensatory provision if pitches threatened.	High/ongoing
NELM	Football	Pitches no longer in use, and no changing	Reinstate pitches and maintain, and enhance through provision of new changing facilities if pitches brought back into use	High/med Low/long
Norfolk CC BC, County Hall	Bowls	1 green used by club	Retain and maintain , improve green	Med/short
Norwich Dragons HC	Hockey	New pitch provided as joint venture on Hewett School site, solely available for hockey club and local schools. Intensively used, no spare match slots. (club uses UEA as overspill) and little opportunity for additional training.	Retain and maintain. Provide additional sand dressed pitch to accommodate additional demand, including new changing facilities	Med/short

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		Club providing additional pitch in 2014 which will double capacity and accommodate all needs of Dragons at present.		
Open Academy	Football	7 pitches on new academy site adjacent to city boundary, spare capacity overall and at peak but subject to needs of academy.	Retain and maintain, consider as part of hub site in conjunction with Wroxham FC and Old Catton JFC, possible location for full size 3G AGP	High/ongoing
Pilling Park	Cricket	Used solely by Pilling Park CC for league matches but on public park and may be some casual usage. Poor condition and limited spare capacity.	Retain and enhance, by pitch and wicket improvements and provision of changing rooms/pavilion. Possible location for new non turf pitch for casual cricket	High/med
Recreation Road Sports Centre	Football	6 pitches with capacity for 16 games, used by total of 23 teams from adult to mini. Apparent spare capacity (mainly mini), but relies on use of inappropriate size pitches by some teams. Significant overplay in peak period of larger pitches, no effective spare capacity overall	Retain and maintain, improve storage, provide portable floodlights	High/ongoing High/short
Sale Road Heartsease	Football	Spare capacity overall but pitches used almost to capacity at peak time	Retain and maintain	High/ongoing
Sewell Park College	Football	Some usage on Sunday and some spare capacity but subject to needs of college.	Retain and maintain for college and club use subject to needs of college	High/ongoing
Sloughbottom Park	Football	Second main LA playing fields with football pitches meeting needs of a large number of local teams. Well used in general and no spare capacity for adult and mini teams. Continuation of current usage depends on improvements to existing changing accommodation.	Retain and enhance, including pitch improvements, new changing rooms	High/ongoing High/short
Sloughbottom Park	Cricket	No cricket currently at Sloughbottom	Provide new non turf pitch to aid development of casual cricket in Norwich	High/med
St Francis JS	Football	No spare capacity in peak, some on Sunday but subject to school's needs.	Retain and maintain for school and club use, subject to needs of school	Med/ongoing

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St Michael's JS	Football	Limited usage and therefore spare capacity but subject to needs of school itself.	Retain and maintain for school and club use, subject to needs of school	Med/ongoing
The Fountain Ground	Football	Single pitch site with adequate changing facilities. Some spare capacity overall and at peak	Retain and maintain single pitch public site	High/ongoing
Town Close School	Cricket	Used by Great Melton CC 2 nd /3 rd teams on Sat 18 times per year, but used by school and therefore unlikely to be available for additional community use	Retain in current use and maintain for overflow cricket	Med/ongoing
UEA Sportspark	Hockey	Well established double pitch available for wide range of activities including hockey. Some quality issues identified by clubs using pitches. Intensively used and limited potential for additional hockey use at weekend, particularly with quality issues. Significant use by other sports particularly football. Overall some spare capacity in midweek for additional football etc	Retain and enhance with improved surface. Consider provision of new water based surface on one pitch	High/ongoing Low/long
UEA Sportspark	AGP/small sided football	Well used but spare capacity for 7 small pitches.	Retain and maintain, and promote additional usage for small sided football	High/ongoing
UEA Sportspark	American football	One pitch used by university and club	Retain and maintain	