

Appendix 7.2

Swale Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy 2023 Netball Summary

No	Findings/Recommendations
1	The Protection of all community use netball courts across Swale Borough Council. Any courts proposed to be lost should be replaced with at least equivalent provision in terms of quantity and quality
2	Swale Borough Council and England Netball to work together to rebuild England Netball participation programmes in Swale Borough including Back to Netball, Walking Netball, Netball now and Bee Netball
3	When developing new Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) in the future. This is to ensure that netball courts are marked on all MUGAs to promote the expansion of the game
4	Negotiate formal community use agreements as part of the planning process on education sites current and at new school developments to ensure use by the community of sports courts on education sites in the future,

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 Tennis Summary

No	Findings/Recommendations
1	The Protection of all community use tennis courts across Swale Borough Council. Any courts proposed to be lost should be replaced with at least equivalent provision in terms of quantity and quality.
2	<p>Swale Borough Council and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to work together to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong local park and other community tennis venue partnerships to deliver inclusive and sustainable tennis provision for all. • Invest in great people delivering great experiences in parks. • Target investment in “welcoming “park facilities for people to socialise and play.
3	Monitor and use the gate access systems installed to identify demand currently and for the future and use the findings to promote tennis across the Borough. There is a need to consider a review of tennis usage on the parks bookable courts so actual demand/use can be understood and future provision planned for more accurately.
4	Future trends may be the need to improve ‘wrap around’ facilities in parks. This includes floodlighting of courts to improve all year round play and ensure coaching income in parks is not too seasonal. This also includes toilet, pavilion, and path lighting around tennis facilities to encourage comfortable and safe routes to and from courts. These facilities will also be key to driving junior and adult coaching programmes and competitions within parks.
5	Swale Borough Council needs to broadly encourage and support the work to link between venues, coaches, and schools to ensure the young people across Swale have an opportunity to participate in tennis.
6	The LTA to work with clubs through its club network to develop opportunities for growth in the tennis workforce to support the tennis environments.
7	There is a need to monitor the capacity of use at Faversham Tennis club and to consider how an additional court can be provided for use by the club in the future if required.

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Bowls Summary

No	Findings/Recommendations
1	Protecting existing bowls greens through the Local Plan will be key both to securing local provision by ensuring that planning policy supports the retention of existing facilities, unless the loss of a facility would involve its replacement with a facility of at least the equivalent size, quality and accessibility or create improvements to be able to increase capacity at nearby bowls greens. This includes protecting the disused green at Woodstock Broadoak Road Sittingbourne.
2	Future housing developments should be asked for development funding contributions to ensure that existing bowls clubs have sufficient pavilion space and good quality greens to provide for new residents across Swale Borough.
3	Where clubs have larger memberships artificial grass greens should be considered to replace the fine turf green and provide for all year-round participation.