



Ealing Playing Pitch Strategy
2022

Appendix C – Assessment of
Need Report

Hockey

Appendix C: Hockey - Assessment of Needs (Stages B & C)

The findings of the assessment of supply of hockey facilities in the London Borough of Ealing are summarised in this appendix of the main Playing Pitch Strategy.

There are three affiliated hockey clubs based in the borough - Ealing HC, PHC Chiswick HC and Osterley HC (formerly Ramgarhia HC) - two of the three do not have home facilities in their ownership. The Ealing and Osterley (Ramgarhia) hockey clubs rely on long standing access agreements with third parties - two independent schools and an Academy trust respectively. PHC Chiswick has secured access to a home pitch in Ealing at Boddington Gardens by becoming a full affiliate sports section of Actonians Sports Club which has a long lease on this site from the Council.

All three clubs have contributed information and views on hockey facility needs via online survey returns.

Since the last assessment for the 2016 PPS sand-based pitches at Alec Reed Academy in Northolt and Brentside High School in Greenford have been resurfaced as football 3Gs and the Ealing Lions Hockey club (a single men's team club) that played and trained on the Alec Reed School pitch has folded.

1. Hockey Supply (Step 2)

1.1 Hockey Pitches in Ealing

There are currently four England Hockey compliant sand based artificial grass pitches (AGPs) in Ealing currently available and used for community hockey:

- **Actonians Boddington Gardens Sports Ground** – A floodlit sand-based pitch built in 2007 on what was previously The Liverpool Victoria Sports Ground. The pitch was last upgraded in 2014 and is used by PHC Chiswick Hockey Club (now a fully affiliated section of Actonians Sports Club) as its main home pitch. Teams from the PHC Chiswick club also make extensive use of the AGP at the Linford Christie Sports Centre in White City for home matches.
- **St Augustine's Priory Girls School, Hangar Hill** – A floodlit sand-based pitch built in 2005 and last upgraded in 2014 used by Ealing Hockey Club as its main home pitch.
- **St Benedict's School, Perivale** – Floodlights have been installed at this school pitch (built in 2011) since the last PPS. The pitch is hired extensively by Ealing Hockey Club for matches. The provision of lights has greatly reduced displaced demand from the Ealing club to the Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club home at Paddington Recreation Ground in Maida Vale where there is a sand-based hockey AGP.
- **Featherstone High School Sports Centre, Southall** - A sand-filled floodlit pitch built in 2003 and last upgraded in 2011 is used by Osterley Hockey Club (previously called Ramgarhia Hockey Club) for home matches in

the lower divisions of the Middx, Berks, Bucks & Oxon South Hockey Leagues.

There is also a small, non-compliant artificial grass pitch without floodlights at the **Notting Hill & Ealing High School** for girls in Ealing. There is no community hockey use of this pitch which is currently temporarily out of use to accommodate school building works. Potential for future community hockey use is limited to use for informal play or hockey teaching/coaching during daylight hours unless consents and funding for floodlighting can be secured. There are no current proposals for the provision of floodlighting when the pitch is reinstated so future community use is unlikely.

A new floodlit sand dressed 34.5 x 43m pitch opened in late 2022 at Fielding Primary School, in Ealing. A community use agreement is in place for the use of the new floodlit pitch.

Indoor Hockey

There are no sports halls suitable for competition indoor hockey in Ealing. The nearest leisure centres providing indoor hockey are in Hammersmith and Harrow. The Copper Box in the Olympic Park in East London is the host venue for national indoor hockey competitions and events.

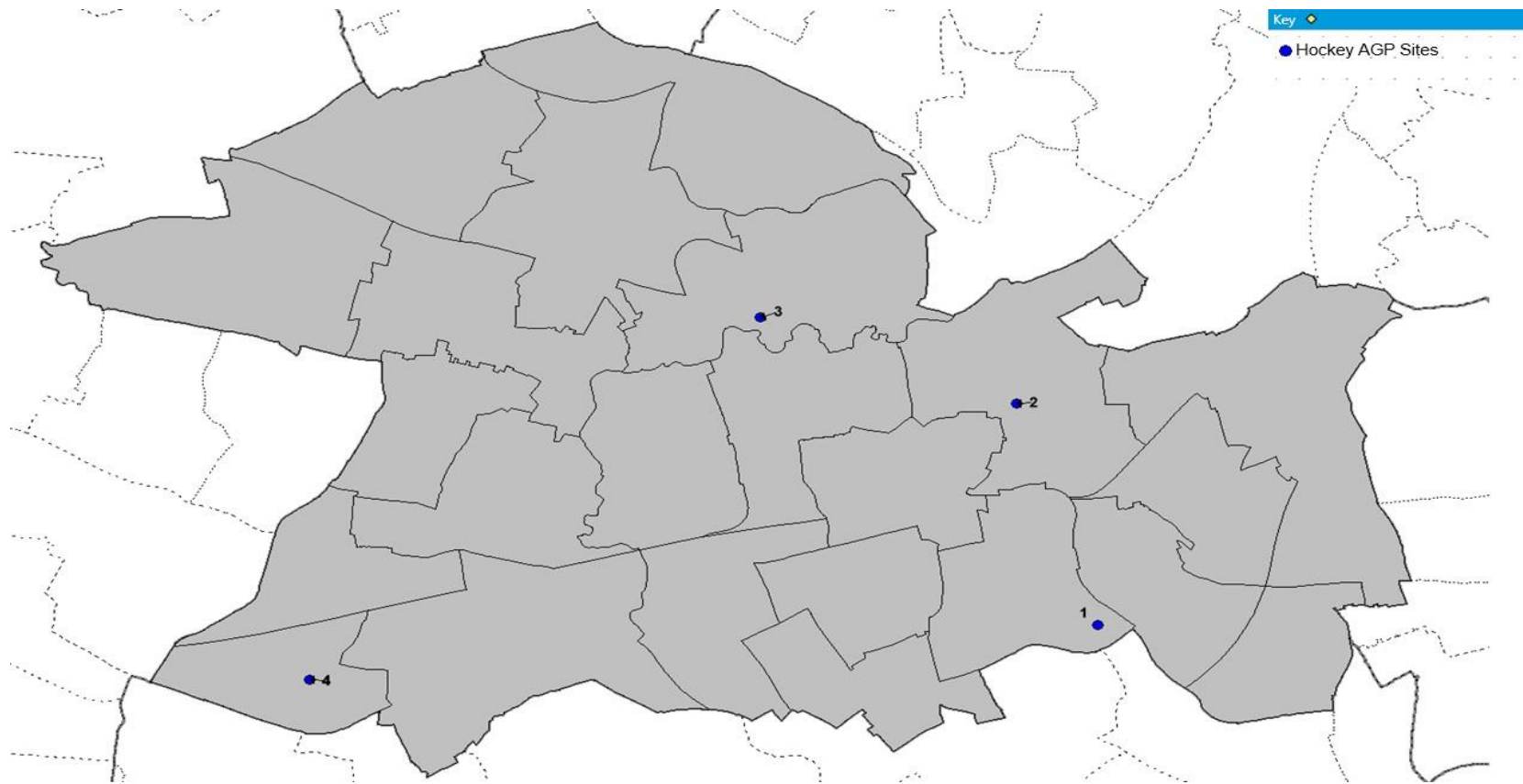
1.2 Distribution of Hockey AGP Sites

Figure 1.1 shows the distribution of full-size hockey AGP sites across Ealing. This demonstrates the hockey AGP sites are reasonably well distributed across the borough. The area with least hockey compliant AGP supply is in the northeast towards White City and the northwest Northolt area.

The population is forecast to grow substantially in the northeast assuming proposals for the major new housing development at Park Royal/Old Oak Common go ahead. In this context, the hockey AGP at Linford Christie Stadium located just over the borough boundary in White City in Hammersmith & Fulham is a key facility in meeting hockey demand from Ealing.

In the northwest, Eastcote Hockey Club across the borough boundary with Hillingdon is accessible to residents in Northolt.

Figure 1.1 - Distribution of Hockey AGPs



Key	Competition Hockey Pitches		
1	Actonians @ Boddington Gardens	Carbery Avenue, Acton	W3 9AB
2	St Augustines Priory School	Hillcrest Road, Ealing	W5 2JL
3	St Benedicts Playing Fields	Perivale Lane	UB6 8TL
4	Featherstone Sports Centre	Montagu Way, Southall	UB2 5HF

1.3 Hockey Pitches in Neighbouring Boroughs

As stated above, the main hockey AGP site of relevance in neighbour boroughs is the sand-based AGP at the Linford Christie Sports Centre & Stadium in White City (LBHF). The PHC Chiswick Hockey Club continues to run some of its activity at this site, since relocating its home base some years ago to Actonians Boddington Gardens Sports Ground in Ealing from the Quinton Hogg university sports ground in Chiswick, Hounslow. This club draws the majority of its junior membership from within Ealing having run funded activities to help develop its junior section.

As at most of the large London based clubs, PHC Chiswick Hockey Club's adult players travel more widely across central and west London and the White City location is convenient for some adults for training, particularly those working in Central London. The playing surface of the Linford Christie pitch is worn and, in consultation, the club rates the pitch as 'poor'.

There are also two large hockey clubs - Richmond Hockey Club and Barnes Hockey Club - based relatively close to Acton in Chiswick, which is in the London Borough of Hounslow. Both these clubs have wide appeal and are likely to include Ealing residents within their memberships.

The large Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club at Paddington Recreation Ground in Maida Vale is also likely to attract some players living in Ealing.

To the northwest in LB Hillingdon, Eastcote Hockey Club is a large adult and junior club with its own pitch and pavilion accessible to residents in Northolt.

Also, to the southwest, the large multi-sport Indian Gymkhana Club with its own hockey pitch and pavilion in Osterley is likely to attract/provide playing opportunities to residents of Southall.

Generally, hockey players (and parents of junior players) are prepared to travel some distance to access good quality facilities, coaching and standards of match play.

1.4 Ownership, Operation, Quality and Access

Three of the four pitches used for community hockey in Ealing are on school sites. This results in a lack of security for the Ealing and Osterley hockey clubs with seasonal hire agreements with the independent and academy schools for the club's core programmes and competition from football hirers for additional slots which restricts potential for growth at these two clubs.

With regard to pitch quality, the Ealing pitches are considered by their user clubs to be in good condition. The St Benedict's School pitch, although not resurfaced for 10 years remains in good condition as full community use was only introduced last year when floodlights were installed.

Access to a compliant hockey AGP on a Saturday is problematic for senior match play for many of the larger hockey clubs in west London running

multiple teams in both men's and women's leagues. Both the main clubs playing on Ealing hockey pitches - PHC Chiswick Hockey Club and Ealing Hockey Club - also report capacity issues on Sundays to meet large and growing demand for junior hockey.

1.5 At Risk Sites

Since the last PPS, two school pitches - at Alec Reed Academy, Northolt and Brentside High School, Greenford have been converted from hockey to football playing surfaces. The Featherstone Sports Centre hockey AGP is considered to be at risk from similar conversion when next resurfaced by the Academy School. The playing surface was last refurbished in 2011, but any change of surface would require the necessary permissions and funding.

1.6 Proposed New Supply

In common with other hockey clubs in this part of London, both PHC Chiswick HC and Ealing HC aspire to secure a permanent home site with two co-located pitches.

There are currently no advanced plans for new full size AGPs in the borough that are suitable for hockey.

PHC Chiswick Hockey Club (an affiliate sports section of Actonians Sports Club) is currently in the feasibility and planning stages for a project to build a second pitch alongside the club's main pitch at Actonians Boddington Gardens Sports Ground.

The small hockey pitch at the GDST school - Notting Hill & Ealing High - when reinstated on completion of current school building works - will present a potential opportunity for the Council and Ealing Hockey Club to negotiate

an agreement with the Trust for out-of-hours junior and adult social community hockey use (subject to the necessary planning consents and funding for floodlights).

The floodlit sand dressed 34.5 x 43m at Fielding Primary School, in Ealing which only opened late 2022 could due to its location, provide an option for junior training facilities for either PHC Chiswick or Ealing HC.

The only other potential opportunity for new hockey pitch supply identified in consultation is the former Barclays Bank Sports Ground site adjacent to St Augustine's Priory School. Ealing Hockey Club has identified this site as a location where an additional hockey pitch would complement the existing sand pitch it hires at St Augustine's Girls School. If changing facilities were also provided to serve both the existing pitch used by the club at St Augustine's (which currently has no ancillary facilities available to the club), this would effectively create a two-pitch home base for Ealing Hockey Club's activities during the evenings and at weekends provided that suitable access could be provided between the two pitches. However, this former sports ground is in private ownership and the land unused for more than 20 years with the exception of the southeast corner which was sold to enable the building of Ada Lovelace High School. This location is also identified as a potential opportunity site for reinstatement of cricket and football pitches.

2. Hockey Demand (Step 3)

Findings relating to hockey pitch demand in Ealing are summarised below.

2.1 Clubs and Teams

There are currently three hockey clubs based in the borough - Ealing Hockey Club, PHC Chiswick Hockey Club and Osterley Hockey Club.

Ealing Lions - a single men's team club based at Alec Reed Academy until this pitch was converted to 3G in 2017 - has folded.

- **PHC Chiswick HC** is a large hockey club serving adult players in the borough. The club currently has approximately 180 adult league playing members and fields 6 men's Saturday league teams, 6 women's Saturday league teams and a men's veterans side. The club also operates a small but growing junior section - 'Chiswick Parakeets' - currently comprising approximately a total of 111 members U18s across boys and girls aged from 6-16 playing in four age banded coaching groups on Sunday mornings.
- **Ealing Hockey Club** is primarily a junior hockey club in the borough first established and run by the founders of Total Hockey as a community interest company. The club has grown fast and now runs u7 (Little Sticks) and u8 (mixed) teams plus 11 girls' teams from u9 to u18, 5 boys' teams (u10, u12, u14, u16, u18), 3 women's league teams a men's transition team (comprising men and u16s/u18s), Back2Hockey mixed social hockey on Thursday evenings and a Summer 6 a side festival over 11 weeks in the summer. In total the club currently has about 380 junior and 50 adult members.

- **Osterley Hockey Club** (previously known as Ramgarhia HC) reported 1 men's team and 32 playing members.

The senior teams of the PHC Chiswick club play in the New London Area Hockey League. PHC Chiswick Men's 1 and Women's 1 compete in the premier divisions of their respective New London Area leagues.

Ealing Hockey Club's junior teams compete in a variety of hockey leagues, cup competitions and festivals including the London Hockey League and Home Counties Development League. The women's teams compete in the Middlesex Women's League Divisions 1 to 3.

Osterley Hockey Club's men's team currently plays in Division 4 of the Middlesex, Berks, Bucks & Oxon area South Hockey League.

University of West London – The UWL Student Union has in the past supported a mixed **social** hockey club UWLSU Ealing Foxes. This club is currently inactive with no committee. When active, this small group trained and played games on the small-sided (5/7 aside) 3G floodlit football/rugby AGP at Trailfinders Sports Club.

2.2 Club Players - Demand Trend

Player affiliation data by age provided by England Hockey in recent seasons suggests demand for junior hockey has largely stabilised at around 360 affiliated players after a period of very rapid growth over the last six or seven years driven by Ealing Hockey Club coaching by Total Hockey CIC and hockey PE in the independent schools in the borough, St Augustine's, St Benedict's and Notting Hill & Ealing High.

Adult club hockey membership has grown by around 60 players over this period and England Hockey advise that the current trend is static.

- 2013/14: **Total 320**; 244 senior; 76 junior
- 2014/15: **Total 463**; 252 senior; 211 junior
- 2015/16: **Total 549**; 244 senior; 351 junior
- 2019/20: **Total 665**; 304 senior; 361 junior
- 2020/21: **Total 753**; 262 senior; 491 junior

2.3 Displaced Demand

In addition to the use of the Linford Christie Stadium pitch for some home matches by PHC Chiswick HC teams, two large hockey clubs based just across the borough boundary in Hounslow - Richmond Hockey Club with two pitches at The University of Westminster (Quinton Hogg) Sports Ground and Barnes Hockey Club at Dukes Meadow Sports Ground - draw members from the south east of Ealing. The latter club has advanced plans to provide a practice pitch adjacent to its home pitch in Dukes Meadows.

Similarly, Indian Gymkhana Hockey Club draw demand from the Southall area and Eastcote Hockey Club from the Northolt area. Given the size of the Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club playing at Paddington RG in Maida Vale and at UCS in West Hampstead and its status as a national league club it is likely to attract members from a wide catchment area including some from Ealing.

Although members' postcode data has not been provided, given the distribution of pitches and clubs in neighbouring boroughs - and the playing opportunities these clubs offer - it is highly likely that more hockey players resident in Ealing are members of clubs out of the borough than hockey players living in other boroughs are members of the Ealing based clubs.

However, some adult hockey players will be imported from neighbouring boroughs to the PHC Chiswick Hockey Club's senior teams.

2.4 Active Lives Survey

Adults: The most recently published findings of the national Active Lives Adult Survey¹ (May 2021) showed that self-reported regular participation (i.e. taken part at least twice in the last 28 days) in hockey in England by adults (aged 16+) fell 0.1% from 0.3% between May 2019 - May 2020 to 0.2% between May 2020 and May 2021.

If hockey participation in the borough were at the pre-pandemic national average (i.e. 0.3%), this would indicate around 795 adults (aged 16+) living in the borough play hockey out of a 16+ adult population of approximately 265,000. At the 2020/21 national 16+ hockey penetration rate of 0.2%, this would suggest circa 530 over 16-year-olds in Ealing play hockey.

With 18 adult teams currently, plus 2 u18 youth transition teams (aged over 16), the 'adult' hockey club playing membership in the borough is close to 300 players (assuming an average of 15 squad players per team). Assuming adult hockey participation in Ealing is in line with the pre-pandemic national average of 0.3%, this suggests that as much as 50-60% of all regular adult hockey played by adult residents of Ealing is either 'displaced' to venues outside of the borough (e.g. at the large, accessible club venues in Chiswick and Paddington) or takes place in informal, social game formats such as Back2Hockey either at the Ealing Hockey Club or at clubs outside the borough.

¹ Active Lives Adult Survey May 2020/21, Sport England, (October 2021)

2.5 'Single System' Hockey Development Activity Venues

The Actonians Boddington Gardens AGP is used as a venue for coaching talented 13-17yr olds. England Hockey designates this venue as both a Junior Development Centre (JDC) and a Junior Academy Centre (JAC). Talented young players are signposted to such venues that form the base of the governing body's 'Single System' that at its peak has international representation. This activity places additional demand on this pitch within Ealing.

2.6 Club Aspirations - Hockey Development Priorities and Facility Needs

- **PHC Chiswick HC** - Having secured a home base in the borough at Actonians Boddington Gardens, facilitated by the Council, the club would like to build a second home pitch adjacent to the existing pitch at Boddington Gardens. If feasible, a second pitch would reduce reliance on the club's overspill pitch at Linford Christie Stadium in White City (LB Hammersmith & Fulham).
- **Ealing HC** - Having decided to base their home activities in Ealing at the St Augustine's and St Benedict's independent schools, the long-term facility priority of Ealing Hockey Club is to secure its own floodlit pitch and a clubhouse should the opportunity become available and funding secured. The club also identified access to a sports hall in the borough as desirable to facilitate training to compete in national indoor competitions (held at The Copper Box). The club is now ready to take up the offer previously made by the Council of programme time in a suitable sports hall. The club plans to cap membership at 500 juniors and 6 adult league squads unless the club can find a long-term home with security of access. In the short term, the club wishes to expand its social pay and play offer and launch walking hockey sessions.

- **Osterley HC** - Although RAG rated Green due to unused capacity in the peak hours, the Featherstone High School Sports Centre pitch is considered to be at risk for hockey in light of the school's potential long term aspiration to resurface this pitch as football 3G, pending funding and all the necessary permissions. Should this happen, the club would need to find an alternative pitch to hire with capacity to accommodate its home fixtures in the MBBO league hockey and squad training plus any future growth. The club has stated it has aspirations to develop a women's team and an u12s training squad.

3. The Situation at Individual Hockey Sites (Step 4)

The pitches were quality-assessed during the 2021 season on the basis of site visits and informed by consultation surveys with the user clubs and with England Hockey. The findings are set out in Figure 3.1. Carrying capacity for hockey is a measure of the number of hours a week in the peak period (evenings and weekends) that the AGPs suitable for hockey use are available for community hockey use - i.e. total community hours available less hours allocated to other sports (e.g. football, touch rugby, lacrosse, tennis). For each site, this is shown in the column headed 'Total Community Hr/Wk peak period'.

The Red Amber Green (RAG) rating refers to whether, in the peak period in a typical week in the main hockey season, there is considered to be:

- Unused capacity for hockey - **Green**
- The available peak slots for hockey are used close to capacity - **Amber**,
or
- The available peak slots for hockey are at capacity - **Red**.

Figure 3.1: Situation at Individual Sites

Site	AGP Size & Type	Date built (last refurbished)	Rating	Ancillary facilities	Security of access	Peak hours available	Estimate use in peak hours	RAG	Comments/ Assumptions
Actonians Boddington Gardens W3 9AP	Full size, floodlit sand based	Built 2007, last refurbished in 2014	4	The main building at Boddington Gardens is in good condition and has 4 changing rooms. This was built in 2014 and is well used by the PHC Chiswick hockey club and also the local school. There is sufficient changing for the clubs.	Secured -Leased by Council to Actonians Sports Club (PHC Chiswick affiliated to Actonians Sports Club)	Open: 11am-2pm & 5-11pm Weekdays, 10am-11pm Weekends. Peak = 36hrs/wk	PHC Chiswick HC home ground. Pitch also hired for football training and small sided games. Minimal unused capacity and displaced demand.		PHC Chiswick HC Pavilion - £1.2m of external investment in Nov 2013. PHC Chiswick HC also hire the Linford Christie AGP in Hammersmith & Fulham as second home pitch for matches.
St Augustine's Priory School, Hillcrest Rd W5 2JL	Full size, floodlit sand based	Built 2005, last refurbished in 2014	3	2 Portacabins for changing/kit storage next to the pitch. The club rating is 1/5 with priority need for a clubhouse with changing and social facilities for match teas/refreshment etc.	Unsecured - Independent School	5-9pm Weekdays only = 20hrs/wk	Ealing Hockey Club main home pitch. Also football training for: Acton Ealing Whistlers FC Hanwell Town Youth FC Brentham Colts FC Uni of West London SU Pitshanger FC		The school noted there is a little capacity outside the most popular times. However, the school does not accept additional bookings in order to maintain the quality. The pitch is mostly used for netball and hockey (both marked out). The pitch is also used by the school for cricket during summer and by four football clubs and WL Uni SU for hockey in winter. There are a few patch repairs in the

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							Minimal unused capacity and some displaced demand to Hampstead & Westminster although improved since provision of floodlights at St Benedict's pitch.		areas of heaviest use. The hockey club have concerns that inappropriate footwear of some football users is damaging the playing surface.
St Benedict's School, Perivale Lane UB6 8TL	Full size, floodlit sand dressed	Built 2011. As, Current surface has been in place 10+ years so will need replacing in the near future.	4	Pavilion and changing rooms in good condition. Changing rooms include 2 x officials changing rooms, medical room and 10 x open plan changing rooms with showers. Changing rooms are fully accessible.	Unsecured - Independent School	6-9pm Weekdays, 9am-5pm Weekends = 31hrs/wk	Ealing Hockey Club second site used for a minimum of 3 x per week.		The pitch was in good condition at the time of the visit with no apparent issues. Planning permission to use facility until 9pm. The recent addition of match quality floodlights has enabled Ealing HC to accommodate latent demand (previously the club maintained a waiting list).
Featherstone High School Sports Centre Montague Way Southall, UB2 5HF	Full size, floodlit sand filled pitch	Built 2003, last refurbished in 2011	4	2x changing rooms available for the community and 2 for the school (which open to the community after 5.30). Last	Unsecured and at risk - School would like to convert to FA compliant 3G for income generation.	9am-4pm Sat 9am-1pm Sun 5.30-9.30pm weekdays = 31hrs/wk	Extensive hockey club hires historically but has reduced substantially since pandemic. Now Saturdays		Osterley Hockey Club Small but stable membership over last 3 seasons with aspiration to develop a women's team and an u12s training squad with a more diverse

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				refurbished in 2009. Rated 3/5 by the club.			only (training and matchplay). There is spare capacity.		membership from across the local community.
Notting Hill & Ealing High School for Girls, Cleveland Rd, W13 8AX	Small sided sand based pitch 60x40m approx. (no lights)	NOT IN USE Reinstatement currently programmed for winter 2023.	n/a	School changing rooms	Unsecured - Girls Day School Trust	No pitch access available currently	n/a	n/a	This school pitch is temporarily closed to accommodate temporary classrooms while new Junior School buildings are under construction. On completion of the work, the pitch will be reinstated but most unlikely to be used for community hockey as no floodlights are proposed.

4. The Current and Future Picture of Provision for Hockey (Step 5)

4.1 Current

Since the last assessment of hockey facility needs in 2016, the main changes of relevance are:

1. Loss of the Alec Reed Academy and Brentside School pitches to hockey as a result of resurfacing as 3G for football
2. Folding of the Ealing Lions Hockey Club
3. Investment by St Benedict's School in floodlighting to the school's hockey pitch increasing capacity available to Ealing HC particularly for training
4. Improved pitch access security for the main adult hockey club in the borough - PHC Chiswick HC - now a fully affiliated section of Actonians Sports Club and growth of the playing membership of this club, including the establishment of a new junior section
5. Continued growth in the size of the main junior hockey club in the borough - Ealing HC - including the development of adult hockey (3 women's teams and a men's transition team from youth boys to adult hockey).

Current priority facility issues facing the sport of hockey in Ealing are:

1. Security of access - the large Ealing Hockey Club and the single team Osterley Hockey Club are fully reliant on the continuing co-operation and goodwill of schools for access to their home pitches.
2. Lack of sufficient capacity for all teams to play home league fixtures in the borough - some PHC Chiswick teams are displaced to Hammersmith & Fulham (Linford Christie Stadium pitch).
3. Inadequate changing and social facilities to sustain the Ealing club at the two independent school sites where the club hires pitches, most notably St Augustine's School.
4. The risk of losing any of the school pitches as a result of schools changing the sand based playing surface to 3G; this has been muted as a long term desire for Featherstone High School Sports Centre's pitch, currently used by Osterley HC.

4.2 Future

To estimate the potential impact of population growth over the strategy period to 2031 on the need for hockey pitch capacity in the peak period, Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) tool has been used.

To meet hockey demand from 38,306 additional borough residents (as currently forecast²) and assuming current levels of hockey demand by age group for matches and training in the peak period, the PPC indicates that

² GLA 2018-based housing-led population projections (Released February 2020)

the equivalent capacity of +0.24 additional sand based artificial grass pitches suitable for hockey will be needed in the borough.

When the clubs' aspirations for growth (i.e. Ealing HC to 500 juniors and 6 adult teams; Osterley to start a junior squad and reinstate a second adult team) and the impact of hockey development initiatives with regard to social pay and play (including walking hockey) are added to the PPC findings, it is estimated that there will be a need for one floodlit competition hockey pitch with secure access by 2031 - i.e. an increase in the secured supply from four pitches currently to five. If any of the current pitches are converted to 3G, then replacement sand based pitches will need to be built.

4.3 Conclusion

To better meet current and likely future needs for the sport of hockey in Ealing, the strategy should seek to:

1. Support the aspirations of PHC Chiswick HC/Actonians Sports Club to install a second pitch at Actonians Boddington Sports Ground subject to feasibility, consents and funding.
2. To secure access to suitable changing and social facilities for the Ealing HC to sustain its current activities and support the club's growth plans.
3. Explore the available options to accommodate indoor hockey in a suitable sports hall in the borough.

5. Key Findings and Issues for Hockey (Step 6)

Figure 4: Key Findings and Issues

	Hockey
The main characteristics of the current supply of and demand for provision	<p>There are currently four England Hockey compliant sand based artificial grass pitches (AGPs) in Ealing currently available and used for community hockey by three clubs. Two of these clubs were previously based outside the borough.</p> <p>Two are large clubs with in excess of 300 playing members: PHC Chiswick (a multi team adult club with a new and growing junior section) and Ealing HC (a multi team predominantly junior club with a growing adult section including social hockey programmes).</p> <p>Osterley HC (formerly called Ramgarhia and currently running a single men's team) plays occasional league matches on a pitch at Featherstone High School Sports Centre in Southall.</p> <p>Since the last assessment for the 2016 PPS sand-based pitches at Alec Reed Academy in Northolt and Brentside High School in Greenford have been resurfaced as football 3G and the Ealing Lions Hockey club (a single men's team club) that played and trained on the Alec Reed School pitch has folded.</p> <p>A new floodlit sand dressed 34.5 x 43m pitch opened in late 2022 at Fielding Primary School, in Ealing. A community use agreement is in place for the use of the new floodlit pitch.</p>

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	<p>Player affiliation data by age provided by England Hockey in recent seasons suggests demand for junior hockey has largely stabilised at around 360 affiliated players after a period of very rapid growth over the last six or seven years driven by Ealing Hockey Club coaching by Total Hockey CIC and hockey PE in the independent schools in the borough, St Augustine's, St Benedict's and Notting Hill & Ealing High.</p> <p>Adult club hockey membership in the borough has grown by around 60 players over this period.</p> <p>Social hockey has been successfully introduced including Back2Hockey weekly sessions and summer hockey 6s at St Augustine's School delivered by Ealing Hockey Club.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>Displaced demand has been substantially reduced following the provision of floodlights to the pitch used by Ealing HC at St Benedict's School.</p> <p>PHC Chiswick HC continues to use its former home pitch at the Linford Christie Stadium pitch in White City (LB Hammersmith & Fulham).</p> <p>In common with many hockey clubs nationally, two of the three clubs now based in Ealing - Ealing HC and Osterley HC - rely on access to school pitches for home matches and training. This access is secured season by season only.</p> <p>In contrast, PHC Chiswick has secure access to its home pitch at Boddington Gardens for the long term now that the club has relocated to Ealing and become a full affiliate sports section of Actonians Sports Club which has a long lease on the site from the Council.</p>

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	Current secured supply is therefore limited to a single compliant pitch that does <u>not</u> meet all of the current demand for hockey in the borough.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>The two main hockey clubs consider the three pitches in the borough they use to be of adequate or good condition and well maintained by Actonians and the independent schools respectively.</p> <p>Ealing HC lacks adequate ancillary changing or social facilities at its main home site at St Augustine's School.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the <u>future</u> supply and demand for provision?	<p>Future growth in demand is likely to continue to be driven primarily by the growth plans of Ealing Hockey Club (as youth age group squads graduate to senior play) and the junior section continues to expand. The club aspires to grow to 500 juniors and 6 adult teams plus an expanded social offer and indoor hockey offer.</p> <p>PHC Chiswick also has growth aspirations, primarily in its relatively newly formed junior section and to offer more opportunities for its senior players to compete in indoor hockey.</p> <p>Osterley HC wishes to reinstate its former Men's 2s which folded during the pandemic and to introduce a new u12 junior coaching squad to help secure the long-term future of the club.</p> <p>Forecast population growth to 2031 of over 38,000 compared to 2021 based on 2018 GLA housing-led projections, is estimated to generate new demand equivalent to around a quarter of a hockey pitch.</p>

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	Future supply will depend on the outcome of proposals by PHC Chiswick - at feasibility stage - to provide a second floodlit hockey compliant pitch alongside the existing Actonians Boddington pitch.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet <u>future</u> demand?	<p>The current accessible and secured supply of hockey facilities in Ealing will <u>not</u> be enough to meet future demand.</p> <p>When the clubs' aspirations for growth (i.e. Ealing HC to 500 juniors and 6 adult teams; Osterley to start a junior squad and reinstate a second adult team, PHC Chiswick for continued growth of its junior section) and the impact of hockey development initiatives with regard to social pay and play (including walking hockey) are added to the pressure of new demand resulting from housing-led population growth, it is estimated that there will be a need to provide one additional England Hockey compliant pitch with secured access by 2031, in addition to maintaining access to the existing pitches. . If Featherstone or any other sand based pitch is lost to Hockey, consideration of further hockey compliant pitches would need to be assessed in order to meet the identified demand.</p>