

CHICHESTER PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY: ADDITIONAL PLANNING MATTERS: NOTE ON PROVISION AT SHOPWYKE

- 1.1 Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator can assist local authorities to estimate the demand that may be generated for the use of playing pitches by a new population. It is designed to assist those developing and implementing a playing pitch strategy by giving a consistent starting point to help estimate the demand from a new population. This can then be refined locally as appropriate.
- 1.2 850 houses are planned at Shopwyke. This equates to 1,955 people (at an occupancy rate of 2.3 persons per dwelling). By inputting this total into the Calculator, an estimate of the number of pitches required can be obtained.

	Football		Cricket		Rugby		Hockey		3G FTPs**
	No of teams	No of pitches	No of teams	No of pitches	No of teams	No of pitches	No of teams	Sand AGPs*	
Men	0.3	0.16	0.36	0.15	0.6	0.12	0.08	0.02	0.03
Women	0.03	Included	0	Included	0	Included	0.08	Included	Included
Junior	0.47	0.24	0.42	Included	0.19	Included	0.08	Included	Included
Mini	0.23	0.12							

* AGP Artificial Grass Pitch

** FTP Football Turf Pitch

1.3 The actual number of pitches is very small but of course one cannot have part of a pitch, so on this basis it could be determined that at least one football pitch is required (0.52 of a pitch if adult, junior and mini demand added together; more if considered separately). Much smaller areas of rugby and cricket pitches are required; if the case cannot be made for a whole pitch, an alternative may be to secure off-site contributions.

1.4 Using a ‘standards’ approach, at the agreed Chichester standard of 1 hectare per thousand, this would equate to approximately two hectares of playing fields. Playing field sizes are as follows:

2036 AGE GROUPS	Areas used for pitches and margins (hectares)
Senior football pitch	1.12
Junior football pitch	1.12
Mini-soccer pitch	0.4
Cricket pitch	1.6
Adult rugby pitch	1.2
Junior rugby pitch	1.12
Artificial Grass Pitch	0.65

1.5 Two hectares could thus accommodate a range of type and size of pitches, particularly if football pitches were located on the cricket outfield (not an ideal situation but certainly one that is achievable with good quality pitches with a high standard of management and maintenance.