



CRAVEN SPATIAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.30pm

Sub-Committee Members: Councillors Brockbank, Myers, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Staveley and Sutcliffe

Substitute Members: Councillors Madeley, Mulligan and Solloway

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2022.
- 3. Public Participation** – In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.
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- 5. Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To present the Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023.

6. **Presentation on the position of the Craven Local Plan going forward into the North Yorkshire Council.**
7. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
8. **Date of Next Meeting** – No scheduled meetings.

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CRAVEN SPATIAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

26th September 2022

Present – The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Brockbank, Myers, Rose and Shuttleworth.

Officers – Senior Spatial Planning Officer, Planning Consultant, Arc4 (virtual), Planning Officer (Planning Policy Team), Strategic Housing Manager, Senior Democratic Services Officer and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies for Absence and Substitutes - Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pringle and Sutcliffe.

Confirmation of Minutes – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Interests - None.

Start: 6.34pm

Finish: 7:58pm

Minutes for Report

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Craven's Approach to the Implementation of First Homes

The Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration submitted a report, including a presentation, introducing the concept of First and asked Members to consider and agree the Council's approach for the implementation of First Homes.

First Homes were a new type of affordable housing offering eligible first-time buyers an opportunity to purchase their own home at a discounted price. First Homes were introduced by the Government in June 2021 and were now a requirement of national planning policy, supported by National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).

The Council would be able to set local requirements but they would need to demonstrate a need via local evidence including a local housing needs assessment.

Specialists consultants Arc4 had been asked to prepare some initial evidence on First Homes and this was appended to the Strategic Manager's report. The initial evidence suggested that a 50% discount on First Homes were unlikely to be affordable to eligible households generally but could be affordable to some. Arc4 recommended that further, more complete evidence was required to inform either an update to the adopted Craven Local Plan Policy H2 or to inform a new plan for North Yorkshire following local government reorganisation before any local requirements can be fully justified. The second recommendation was regarding the affordable housing tenure split, as an update to the one recommended in the current SHMA; social/affordable rent 60-65%; affordable home ownership 1-015%; and First Homes 25%.

The Written Material Statement on First Homes stated that local planning authorities should make clear how existing policies should be interpreted and First Homes in Craven, set out in Appendix to the report clearly sets out to developers, communities and decision makers, the Council's approach to implementing First Homes.

Members discussed the concept of First Homes including how 'captured value' would work and the recommendation that developers providing First Homes would need to top up their affordable

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housing contributions in order to satisfy various requirements so that the same amount of value was captured as would be captured under Policy H2.

Resolved – (1) That, the national planning policy on First Homes contained in the First Homes Written Material Statement May 2021 (WMS) and the National Planning Policy Guidance on First Homes (PPG) are material planning considerations to be given significant weight in planning decisions is noted.

(2) That, the Initial First Homes Evidence attached at Appendix A to the report now submitted is accepted into the evidence base of the Craven Local Plan to be published on the Council's website.

(3) That, the First Homes in Craven document attached at Appendix B to the report now submitted is approved for publication on the Council's website to explain how First Homes in Craven will be implemented.

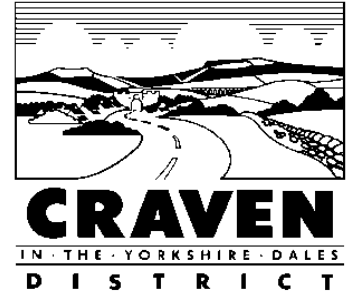
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – 12th December 2022.

Chairman.

**Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee –
6th March 2023**



Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023

Report of the Director of Services

Lead Member for Planning – Councillor Brockbank

Ward(s) affected: All wards wholly or partly outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023.

2. Recommendations – Members are recommended to:

2.1 Note and accept the Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023, into the evidence base for the Craven Local Plan. The 2023 Progress Report is presented at Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Report

3.1 Strategic Leisure were commissioned by the Council in 2015 to prepare a Built Sports Facilities Strategy, which was accepted into the local plan evidence base by Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee on the 2nd March 2016. This Strategy provides an assessment of the quality, quantity and accessibility of existing provision of indoor and outdoor built sports facilities and identifies areas of deficiency and surpluses, making recommendations as to where facilities could be improved or redeveloped. The 2016 Strategy provided evidence for adopted Craven Local Plan policy INF3: Sport, Open Space & Recreation Facilities.

3.2 The 2016 Strategy includes 8 specific site and policy recommendations that are set out in an action plan, along with a short, medium or long term timeframe and details of the lead organisation for implementing the recommendations. Adopted Craven Local Plan Policy INF3 supports, subject to meeting other relevant local plan policies, the delivery of the standards, recommendations and actions set out in the 2016 Strategy.

3.3 The Sport England guidance for Sports Facilities clearly sets out that there should be an annual progress of delivery and a review of the evidence base

every 3 years. Progress Reports on Delivery were prepared in 2017 and 2019 for the Built Sports Facilities Strategy, however due to the implications of the COVID pandemic it has not been possible to carry out a full review of the 2016 Strategy. Additionally, given the context of LGR and the recommendation to halt local plan reviews across North Yorkshire, including the Craven Local Plan review, coupled with the requirement of the new North Yorkshire Council to prepare a new Local Plan and subsequent evidence base, including a Built Sports Facilities Strategy for North Yorkshire, within five years, it was considered that the best approach to continue to keep the 2016 Built Sports Facilities Strategy up to date was to prepare a 2023 Progress Report in line with those undertaken in 2017 and 2019.

Aim & Scope of the Built Sports Facilities Progress Report

- 3.4 To prepare a 2023 Progress Report relating to delivery of the recommendations and actions included in the Built Sport Facilities Strategy 2016. This Progress Report updates those prepared and published by the Council in 2017 and 2019.

- 3.5 The 2023 Progress Report relates to the types of built sports facilities included in the 2016 Built Sports Facilities Strategy; swimming pools, sports halls, fitness facilities (gyms), bowling greens, tennis courts and other sports facilities. These sports facilities are provided by the local authority, schools and further education, and the voluntary and private sectors, and provide locations for a wide variety of sporting activities.

- 3.6 The Progress Report 2023 has been informed by the [NPPF](#), [NPPG](#), '[Assessing needs and opportunities guide \(ANOG\) for indoor and outdoor sports facilities: How to undertake and apply needs assessments for sports facilities](#)' and other relevant guidance.

Recommendations & Actions

- 3.7 The 2023 Progress Report provides detail of progress made against the eight recommendations included in the 2016 Strategy, including updates relating to timescales, priorities and investment needs as at 2023.

- 3.8 Table 18 in the Progress Report (see pages 74-76) lists the original recommendations and shows how they have been updated. It should be noted that the substance of these original recommendations has not changed, but they have been updated to reflect progress made since 2016, see recommendations 1, 5 & 8. The Progress Report details that recommendations 4 and 7 have now been completed. An additional recommendation 9 has been added in table 18 which is generic and links to

the other recommendations to ensure that the new North Yorkshire Council continues to facilitate the delivery of sport and leisure provision in the Craven District area.

- 3.9 Table 19 (pages 76-79) is a key part of the 2023 Progress Report as it summarises the conclusions of the report and updates the action plan included in the 2016, showing the situation at 2023. The actions listed in this table provide the detail of how each recommendation should be addressed going forward. For example, for recommendation 1 table 19 lists detailed actions relating to addressing quality and quantity deficiencies for both swimming pools and sports halls. This table also sets out timescales for delivering each action, which have been updated since 2016, together with details of lead responsibility and resources required.

Use of the 2023 Progress Report

- 3.10 This Progress Report provides an updated picture of delivery of the 2016 Strategy and action plan and will ensure that policy INF3 can be implemented, prior to a new North Yorkshire Local Plan being adopted by the new authority, based on as up to date evidence as possible. The 2023 Progress Report will also represent important updated built sports facilities evidence for the Craven local plan area that can feed into the LP evidence base for the new North Yorkshire Local Plan.
- 3.11 Members of this sub-committee are now asked to note and accept the Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023 into the evidence base for the Craven Local Plan. If members accept the report into the evidence base it will be published on the Council’s website. Those groups, bodies, operators, National Governing Bodies etc that were consulted during preparation of the Progress Report will be informed when the report is published.

4. Financial and Value for Money Implications

- 4.1 Lewis Leisure Consultancy has prepared the Progress Report at a cost of £7,000.00. Costs associated with preparation of the Progress Report can be met within this year’s Spatial Planning Team’s budget.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from content of this report. The requirement for a new North Yorkshire Council Local Plan is a statutory obligation under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and this updated evidence will inform preparation of that Local Plan.

6. Contribution to Council Priorities

6.1 The production of the PPS refresh will contribute to the Council’s priority to create sustainable communities across Craven.

7. Risk Management

7.1 See report.

7.2 **Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Statement:** The financial implications relating to the PPS Refresh are set out in section 4 of this report. Any wider cost implications arising in future from a policy change or change in approach would need to be considered as part of a separate decision.

7.3 **Monitoring Officer Statement:** The recommendations in the report are within the legal powers of the Council.

8. Equality Impact Analysis

8.1 No new policy or procedure is proposed in this report which would give rise to a requirement for an Equality Analysis.

9. Consultations with Others

9.1 Legal Services, Financial Services

10. Background Documents

10.1 Playing Pitch, Open Space and Built Facilities Study Summary (2016); Built Sports Facilities Strategy (2016); Open Space, Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Annual Progress Report on Delivery Summer 2017; Open Space, Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Annual Progress Report on Delivery Summer 2019. These assessments are available to view [here](#)

11. Appendices

Appendix 1: Built Sports Facilities Progress Report 2023

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Craven District Council commissioned Strategic Leisure to prepare a Built Sports Facilities Strategy (2015-2032), to inform the preparation of the Craven Local Plan, which was adopted by the Council in November 2019. This strategy was completed and accepted into the Council's local plan evidence base in February 2016.
- 1.2 In order to review and keep the 2016 Built Sports Facilities Strategy up to date, in line with national guidance, Craven District Council have prepared and published progress reports on the delivery of the strategy in 2017 and 2019 and specifically in relation to the action plan included in the strategy.
- 1.3 It should be noted that due to the impact of the COVID pandemic on the use of built sports facilities and that following the pandemic the Council focused on refreshing the 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy. To ensure that the evidence base remains up to date and robust the Council has prepared this progress report to reflect an updated picture of delivery of the strategy and action plan at year end 2022-2023. This work provides updated evidence to be used in the implementation of the adopted Craven Local Plan Policy.
- 1.4 In preparing the progress report Para 98 of the [National Planning Policy Framework 2021 \(NPPF\)](#), [National Planning Practice Guidance \(NPPG\)](#) and Sport England (SE) document titled '[Assessing needs and opportunities guide for indoor and outdoor sports facilities: How to undertake and apply needs assessments for sports facilities](#)' in 2014 (known as ANOG) has been used for reference and guidance.

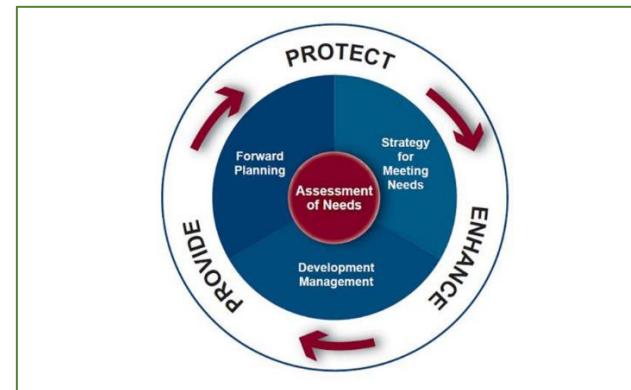
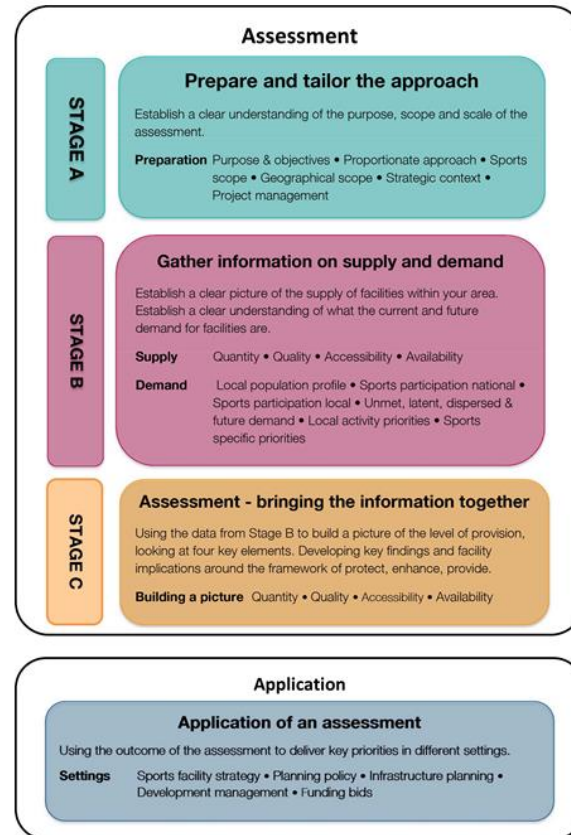
2. Local Context

- 2.1 Craven District Council adopted the [Craven Local Plan](#) in November 2019. Policy INF3: Sport, Open Space & Recreational Facilities aims to promote health, wellbeing and quality by safeguarding and improving sport, open space and built sports facilities. Criterion c) of this policy states that '*deficiencies in sport, open spaces and recreation facilities (built sport facilities) are identified in the PPS, Open Space Assessment and Built Sports Facilities Strategy 2016 and any subsequent updates when compared against minimum standards.*'
- 2.2 In terms of built sports facilities, the aim of Policy INF3 is to maintain the current level of provision and to improve the quality of existing facilities or provide replacement facilities in line with the Built Sports Facilities Strategy 2016 and subsequent updates, including Progress Reports. Policy INF3 supports the delivery of the standards, recommendations and actions set out in the Built Sport Facilities Strategy 2016 and any subsequent updates, including Progress Reports.
- 2.3 As a result of *Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)* from the 1st April 2023, a new North Yorkshire Council will replace the current county council and seven district and borough councils, meaning that after 31st March 2023, Craven District Council will cease to exist.

The new North Yorkshire Council will be required to prepare and adopt a local plan for the new Council within five years from the creation of the new authority. What this plan will look like is still to be decided, however there will need to be comprehensive evidence base prepared for this new local plan, which will include a Built Sports Facilities Strategy for North Yorkshire.

- 2.4 *Review of the Adopted Craven Local Plan:* In line with paragraph 33 of the NPPF (2021) Craven District Council is required to complete a review of the adopted Craven Local Plan no later than five years from the adoption date of a plan i.e., by November 2024, however this date is following the creation of the new North Yorkshire Council. Recommendations on the preferred approach to plan making for the new authority were supported by the LGR Board in early in 2023. One of these recommendations is that a number of District and Borough local plan reviews be halted in order to focus resources on preparing the new Local Plan for North Yorkshire. It is recommended that the Craven Local Plan review is halted.
- 2.5 *Justification of Approach:* Given the context of LGR and what this is likely to mean for the Craven Local Plan review coupled with the new authority having the requirement to prepare a new Local Plan (LP) for North Yorkshire and subsequent evidence base, including a Built Sports Facilities Strategy for North Yorkshire, it was considered that the best approach to continue to keep the 2016 Built Sports Facilities Strategy up to date was to prepare a 2022-2023 Progress Report in line with those undertaken in 2017 & 2019.
- 2.6 The Progress Report provides an updated picture of delivery of the strategy and action plan and ensures that the adopted Craven Local Plan policy INF3 can be implemented based on as up to date evidence as possible, and subsequently can be used to help prioritise investment needs and opportunities, and support any funding bids, prior to a new North Yorkshire Local Plan (NYLP) being adopted by the new authority.
- 2.7 The Progress Report will also represent important updated built sports facilities evidence for the Craven local plan area that can feed into the LP evidence base for the new NYLP.
- 2.8 The *methodology* to prepare the report reflects Sport England ANOG Guidance [Planning for sport | Sport England](#). It is important to note that this is a *PROGRESS REPORT* and not a new Built Facilities Strategy. The report has been produced by cross referencing the current status of Built Facilities in the Craven District with the Built Facilities Strategy 2016 and the subsequent Progress Reports from 2017 and 2019 to build up a picture of what has changed and any potential future developments in order to update the priorities and actions in the current evidence base. Several site visits have taken place and consultation has been undertaken with external organisations, sports clubs and operators to gain an understanding of the current status.

Diagram 1: Summary of SE ANOG And Planning for Sport

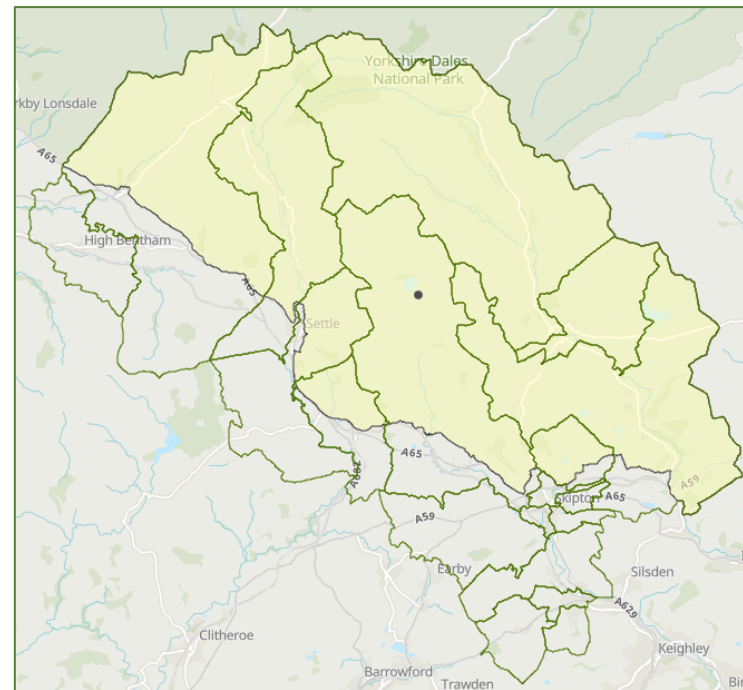


3. Strategic Context

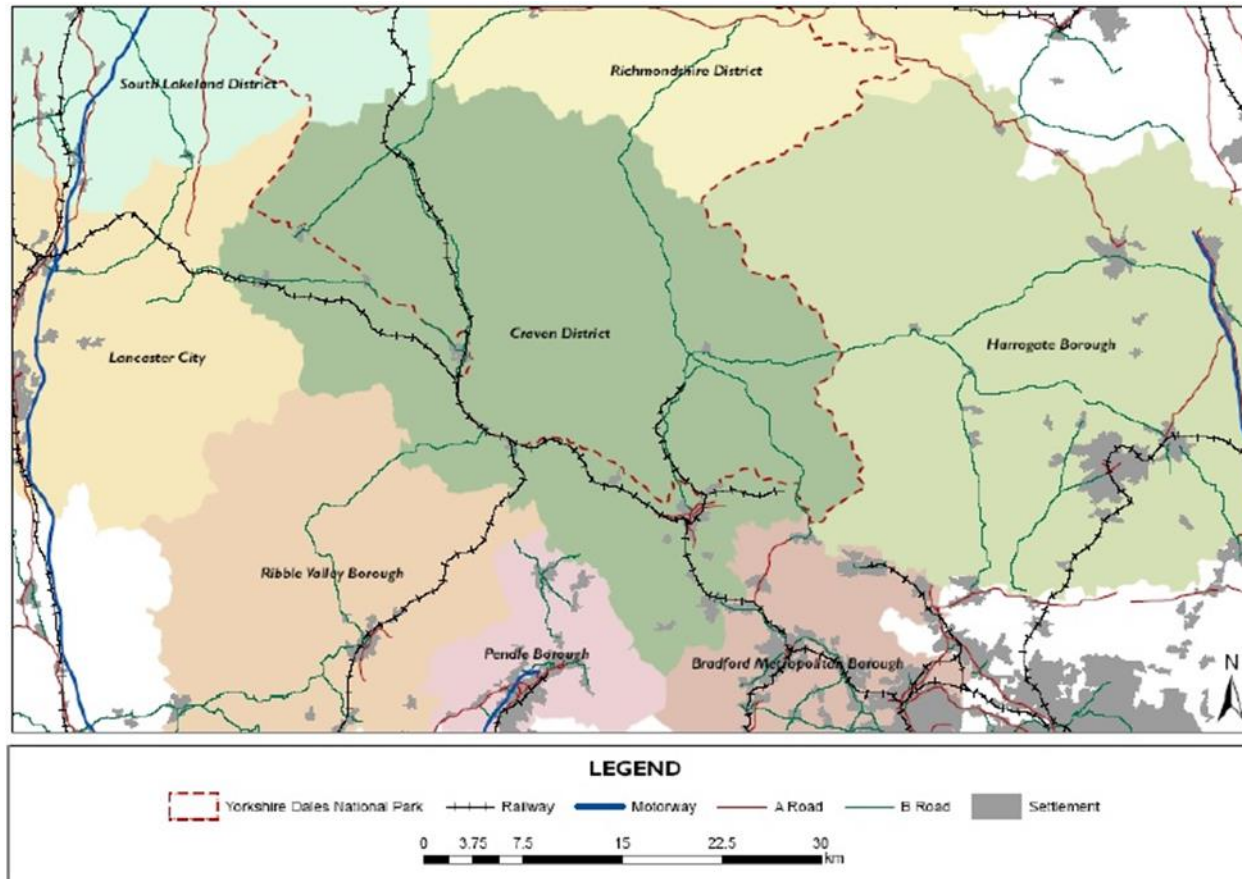
Population

- 3.1 The geographic area of the Built Facilities Progress Report includes the area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) which lies within the Craven District. The maps below show the district and ward boundaries, indicated with green lines. The yellow shaded area shows those which lie within the YDNPA area. Map 1 below shows the boundary of Craven District in addition to ward boundaries within the district. The progress report includes those facilities within the whole of Craven District, including the part of Craven that lies within the YDNPA boundary which were excluded in the 2016 strategy. Map 2 shows Craven District, in the context of neighbouring local authorities and key transport links. The districts of Richmondshire and Harrogate will be part of the new North Yorkshire Council area.

Map 1



Map 2



3.2 Understanding the population and future growth projections is important in planning for future sport facilities. The 2016 Strategy projected population estimates which indicated an overall population growth of 0.7% from 2012-2018 from 55,500 to 56,000 (and further growth to 58,800 by 2037). (Source: ONS Census 2011, 2012 mid year estimates.)

- 3.3 The ONS Sub National Population estimates 2018 project population figures for 2021 and 2032 project an overall population change showing that there will be a decrease in the population below 34 years of age and an increase in all other age groups, most notably in the 60-74 year age groups. The population within the YDNPA area is projected to decline in all age groups. Including the YDNPA the projected total population in 2032 is 59,341. This will have an impact on the number of residents who are projected to be active and participating in sport.
- 3.4 Adopted Craven Local Plan Policy SP1: Meeting Housing Need makes provision for a minimum of 4,600 net additional dwellings in Craven outside of the YDNPA area during the period 2012- 2032. Up to March 2022 a net total 1881 new houses have been built in Craven District outside of the National Park, leaving a need for 2719 dwellings up to 2032 in this part of Craven. Adopted Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan Policy SP3: Spatial Strategy makes provision for a minimum of 405 net additional dwellings for the part of Craven District inside the National Park during the period 2015 – 2030. Up to March 2022 a net total of 177 new houses have been completed within the part of Craven District inside the National Park leaving a need for 228 dwellings up to 2030 for this part of Craven.
- 3.5 Policy SP4 of the 2019 Craven Local Plan sets out a guideline for the distribution of new homes across the district, directing the largest proportions to Skipton, Settle and Bentham. Policy SP3 of the 2016 Yorkshire Dales Local Plan identifies Grassington/Threshfield as the largest service centre wholly contained within the Craven portion of the National Park, although other service centres, such as Settle, Giggleswick and Ingleton, are bisected by the National Park boundary.
- 3.6 In summary the population growth projection has reduced since 2016 as has the corresponding housing needs. However, the reduced projections are marginal in terms of any impact on the planning of future sports facilities. There has been no change in the focus of the locations in which the majority of new homes will be built.

Strategic Documents Updates

- 3.7 Since the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy a number of the strategic documents have been updated. With the transition to the new North Yorkshire Council over time new strategic documents will be prepared for the new authority.

Table 1: Comparisons of strategic documents 2016 to 2022

Built Facilities 2016 Strategies and Documents	Built Facilities Progress Report 2022 updated documents
<p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (NPPF), National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)</p>	<p>NPPF was revised in 2021. There has been no significant amendments to the wording of the Open Space and Recreation section within chapter 8: Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities, as set out in paragraphs 98 and 99 of the NPPF.</p> <p>In terms of paragraph 98 of the NPPF, the aim of this PPS refresh is to keep the assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities up to date and robust, in line with the NPPF.</p> <p><i>98. Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport, and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.</i></p> <p>The adopted local plan policy INF3 reflects paragraph 99 of the NPPF</p> <p><i>99. Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</i> <i>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</i> <i>c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</i>

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APPENDIX A

<p>A New Strategy for an Active Nation: Sporting Future 2015</p>	<p>Superseded in 2021 by Sport England Uniting Movement Uniting the Movement Sport England– 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity. There are five big issues identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recover and Reinvent ● Connecting Communities ● Positive Experiences for children and young people ● Connecting with health and wellbeing ● Active environments <p>The vision- Imagine a nation of more equal, inclusive, and connected communities. A country where people live happier, healthier, and more fulfilled lives.</p> <p>The Mission - We're here to invest in sport and physical activity to make it a normal part of life for everyone in England, regardless of who you are.</p>
<p>North Yorkshire Community Plan 2014-2017</p>	<p>North Yorkshire Council Plan 2021-2025. Council plan North Yorkshire County Council The plan identifies five ambitions for 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leading for North Yorkshire ● Every child and young person has the best possible start in life; ● Every adult has a longer, healthier, and independent life. ● North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth, and ● Innovative and forward thinking Council.
<p>Craven District Council Plan 2015-2018</p>	<p>Craven Council Plan for 2020 and Beyond Craven District Council : Council Plan and Priorities (cravencd.gov.uk)</p> <p>The Council's Vision <i>For Craven to be a prosperous place with strong and vibrant communities, where all residents enjoy a good quality of life.</i></p>

	<p>The Council's Priorities for 2020 onwards</p> <p>Carbon Neutral Craven Facilitating economic growth in a low carbon Craven</p> <p>Supporting the wellbeing of our communities Developing vibrant, connected, and healthy communities</p> <p>Attracting and retaining younger people Creating a district that attracts people of working age to live and work</p> <p>Financial sustainability Ensuring a self-sustainable Council</p>
<p>New Local Plan 2014 ongoing (Draft)</p>	<p>Adopted Craven Local Plan 2012- 2032 Craven District Council : Craven Local Plan (cravendc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Sets out a spatial strategy and policies for change, development, and conservation in Craven District outside the YDNP for the period 2012-2032.</p> <p>The PPS 2016 informed Policy INF3 – Sport, Open Space and Built Facilities. Policy INF3 aims to promote Craven’s health, wellbeing and quality of life by safeguarding and improving sport, open space and built sports facilities.</p> <p>The policy supports the delivery of standards, recommendations and actions set out in the PPS, Open Space Assessment and Built Sports Facilities Strategy 2016 and any subsequent updates by safeguarding and improving sport, open space and built sports facilities. Priority will be given where the greatest deficiency exists in terms of the type of open space, pitches or facilities, as identified in the study and any subsequent updates. The policy sets out the criteria for developer contributions under section 106 agreements for new or improved provision. The policy reflects the provision of the NPPF.</p>
<p>North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 -2018</p>	<p>Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2020. Joint health and wellbeing strategy North Yorkshire Partnerships (nypartnerships.org.uk)</p>

<p>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Annual Update 2015</p>	<p>Delivered through the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board and informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.</p> <p>Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connected Communities ● Start Well ● Live Well ● Age Well ● Dying well
<p>Young and Yorkshire – Children’s Plan 2014-17</p>	<p>Being Young in North Yorkshire 2021-2024 Welcome to CYPSinfo CYPSinfo (northyorks.gov.uk) NYSCP (safeguardingchildren.co.uk)</p> <p>The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership strategy for children and young people has the vision <i>that “All children and Young People are safe, happy, healthy and able to achieve in North Yorkshire”</i> there are four key themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A safe life ● A happy family life ● A healthy life ● Achieving in life
<p>Not relevant in 2016</p>	<p>The YDNPA Management Plan 2019-2024 National Park Management Plan - Yorkshire Dales National Park : Yorkshire Dales National Park</p> <p>The plan contains 49 specific objectives that the YDNPA are working together on to achieve now. An ambitious vision for what the National Park will be like by 2040. The vision to 2040 includes the objective to:</p> <p><i>Be home to strong, self-reliant, and balanced communities with good access to the services they need.</i></p>

<p>Not relevant in 2016</p> <p>https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2019/06/Yorkshire-Dales-National-Park-Local-Plan-2015-30.pdf</p> <p>Local Plan 2023-40 - Yorkshire Dales National Park : Yorkshire Dales National Park</p>	<p>Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2015-2030</p> <p>Policy C9 – Existing Community Facilities; aims to protect vital community facilities which includes sports pitches, play and recreational areas, public gardens and greens, sports pavilions, gymnasiums and changing facilities.</p> <p>Policy C10- New and Improved Community Facilities; aims to support new and improved community facilities that meet the needs of local residents.</p> <p>Policy C13 – Important open space; aims to retain the contribution that important open spaces make to amenity, recreation and the historical character of towns and villages. For spaces designated because of their sporting or recreational value, any loss of or significant harm to their qualities and functions will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that the space is no longer needed, or a suitably located replacement of at least equivalent standard is secured.</p> <p>A Local Plan 2023- 2040 is being prepared and consulted on with the aim that the plan will go live in 2024.</p>
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Demographics

- 3.8 There have been changes in the way some demographic data is gathered and presented since the 2016 strategy was produced, it is therefore in some cases not easy to compare exact like for like data. However, the facts in the table below provide a picture of the current demographic profile and where there may have been change since 2016.

Table 2: Comparisons of Demographic Profile

Key Factors	2016	2022	Change
Life expectancy	Life expectancy is 9.0 years lower for men and 5.2 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Craven than in the least deprived areas.	Life expectancy is 4.9 years lower for men and 3.3 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Craven than in the least deprived areas. Life expectancy at birth for males 81.1 years, females 85.0 years. Better than the regional and England averages.	
Adult overweight or obese	65.7% which was below the North Yorkshire and England averages	55% in Craven which is less than the average levels for North Yorkshire at 61.4% and England 63.5%	
Prevalence of obesity in Children	14.1% of children in Craven lower than the England average	18.7% of children in Craven compared with North Yorkshire 21.0% and England 20.2%	
Health issues	The health of the Craven community is generally better than the England average. The main health problems are caused by obesity and smoking, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes	Suicide level 12.45 which is above the regional level of 10.7 and the England level of 9.64. Mortality levels from cardiovascular disease are significantly lower than the regional level at 51.3 compared to 52.0 and the England value of 71.7. Estimated diabetes diagnosis levels are increasing for those aged 17+ years and are relatively stable in the 65+ years. Smoking prevalence in adults has risen (Indicator is rate per 100,000 population.)	
Population density	Craven is predominantly rural. 31% of the population live in Skipton, the largest town. The higher population density is in the south, southeast and northwest border with Lancaster and Ribble Valley. Least populated areas are in the north and northeast of the district.	There is an average population density of 48 persons per sqm in the district. The higher population densities are in the south and southeast and the least in the east and northeast.	

Source:

Built Facilities Strategy 2016

Public Health England LA Health Profile 2019 published 2020
Census 2021

- 3.9 In terms of deprivation Map 2.3 in the 2016 Strategy when compared with data from IMD 2019 continues to indicate that the most deprived areas are in South Skipton. As a whole 55.2% of the population are not living in an area of deprivation. There has been no significant change in the levels of deprivation.
- 3.10 The value of participation in sport and physical activity outlined in the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy paragraphs 2.59 - 2.61 remain valid these include the benefits that being active brings to physical and mental health and social interaction. The Covid 19 pandemic of 2020-2021 has clearly highlighted how valuable sport and physical activity has been to maintain both physical and mental health. Sport England undertook a series of studies during the pandemic which tracked participation levels and attitudes and motivations in relation to being active. The most recent data for participation in sport and physical activity for Craven is detailed below.

Adult Participation Levels – Sport England (SE) Active Lives Survey

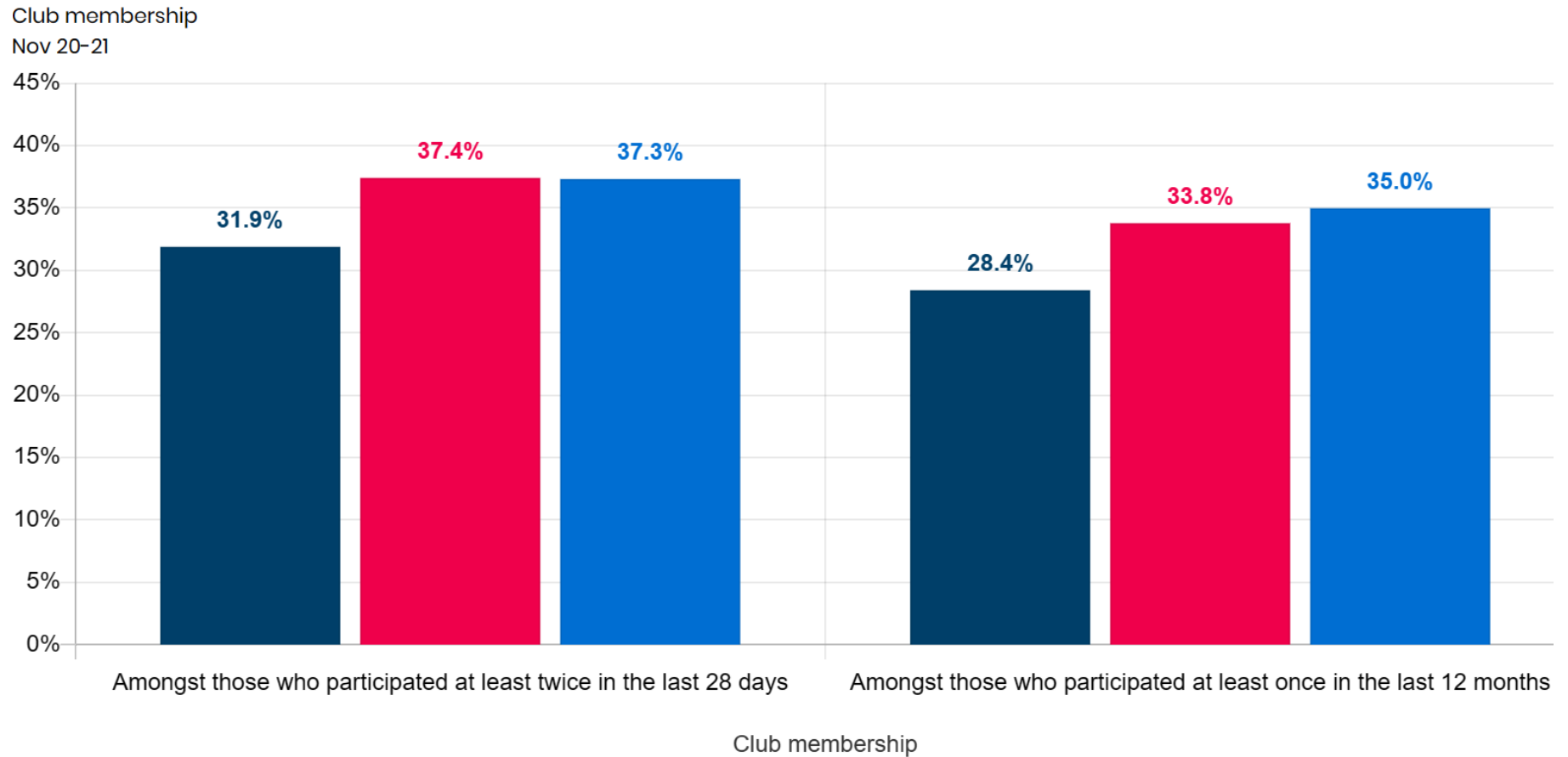
- 3.11 The Active People Survey (data used in the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy) has been superseded by the Active Lives Survey. The current participation data for adults in the Craven District is detailed in the tables below. The data is taken from the SE Active Lives survey for the period mid November 2020 – mid November 2021 for adults aged 16+years. The data contains a full year of COVID 19 restrictions and was released in April 2022.
- 3.12 The three levels of activity are identified and are defined as:
- Active – at least 150 minutes a week
 - Fairly Active- an average of 39-149 minutes a week.
 - Inactive – less than 30 minutes a week.

Table 3: Active Lives Adult Participation Levels

	November 2015-16			November 2019 - November 2020			November 2020 - November 2021		
	Active (150+ minutes a week)	Fairly Active (30-149 minutes a week)	Inactive (<30 minutes a week)	Active (150+ minutes a week)	Fairly Active (30-149 minutes a week)	Inactive (<30 minutes a week)	Active (150+ minutes a week)	Fairly Active (30-149 minutes a week)	Inactive (<30 minutes a week)
	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
National - All Adults 16+ years	62.1%	12.4%	25.6%	61.4%	11.5%	27.1%	61.4%	11.5%	27.2%
North Yorkshire	66.1%	10.5%	23.4%	65.3%	10.5%	24.2%	65.7%	10.0%	24.3%
Craven	66.6%	12.0%	21.5%	71.8%	11.3%	17.0%	70.1%	10.7%	19.2%
Hambleton	70.0%	7.8%	22.2%	65.6%	9.5%	25.0%	63.9%	11.1%	25.0%
Harrogate	65.2%	10.3%	24.5%	64.8%	9.3%	26.0%	70.8%	9.6%	19.6%
Richmondshire	68.8%	9.9%	21.3%	68.6%	6.2%	25.2%	69.3%	6.7%	23.9%
Ryedale	62.0%	9.2%	28.8%	63.5%	11.7%	24.8%	59.1%	11.5%	29.4%
Scarborough	60.5%	10.2%	29.3%	63.8%	10.1%	26.1%	64.2%	6.9%	28.9%
Selby	69.5%	8.6%	21.9%	59.3%	13.0%	27.7%	57.5%	15.9%	26.6%

- 3.13 The population of Craven have consistently been more active than the national participation levels for England and those for the North Yorkshire Active Partnership area. Craven participation levels are most similar to those in Harrogate and Richmondshire. The change in participation from the 2015-2016 baseline indicates slightly better participation levels, although SE see this is as not statistically significant and is recorded as no change in the SE data.
- 3.14 The key performance indicators in table 2.6 in the 2016 Strategy have been superseded by data collected as part of the Active Lives survey. The graphs below sourced from the SE Active Lives Interactive Data tool [Active Lives | Home \(sportengland.org\)](https://www.sportengland.org/active-lives/home) provide some insight into adult club membership and volunteering in Craven.
- 3.15 Club membership is greater than in 2014/15 where club membership for Yorkshire and Humber was 20.7%. Club membership peaked at 43.8% in the May 2019-2020 Active Lives survey for Craven, there was a decline following Covid 19 to 33.5% in the May 2020-2021 survey, Craven has seen an upward trajectory since sport re-opened post the pandemic.

Graph 1 The percentage of adults who participated who were a member of a club.



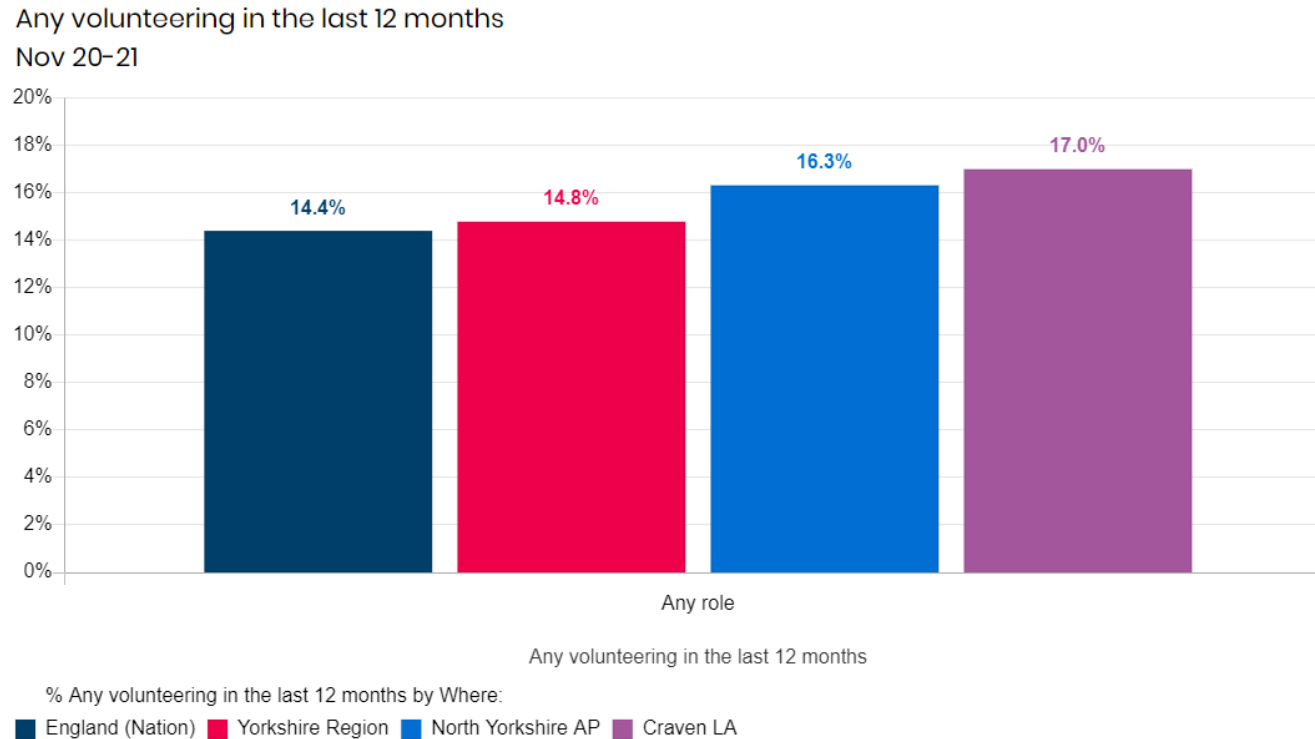
% Club membership by Where:

■ Yorkshire Region
 ■ North Yorkshire AP
 ■ Craven LA

3.16 Volunteering data in 2014/15 indicated that 14.3% of adults volunteered at least one hour a week in Yorkshire and Humber and 12.9 % in England. Volunteering levels have increased and the level of volunteering in Craven is higher than the Regional, County and

England levels. However, it has not yet returned to the pre pandemic level of 24.4% as in the November 2019-2020 Active Lives Survey.

Graph 2 Adults who volunteered in the last 12 months



3.17 The Market Segmentation data table 2.3 in the 2016 Strategy has not been updated by SE and therefore remains as in the 2016 Strategy.

Children and Young People Participation Levels - SE Active Lives Survey

- 3.18 The Active Lives Children and Young Peoples Survey (age 5-16 years) for the academic year 2021-2022 was released in December 2022. Sport England have identified that nationally children’s and young people’s activity levels are back to pre-pandemic levels and that overall activity levels are up 2.6 per cent, meaning there are 219,000 more active children compared to the previous academic year back in line with the 2018-2019 academic year.
- 3.19 Information for the Craven area is not available for all years detailed below in relation to participation levels for children and young people. This is due to a number of factors which include what and how data has been collected, the level of responses or the data set not being statistically significant. Where data for Craven is not available regional and county data has been included.
- 3.20 The three levels of activity are identified and defined as:
- Active – an average of at least 60 minutes a day
 - Fairly Active- an average of 30-59 minutes day
 - Inactive – less than an average of 30 minutes a day
- 3.21 Data for the Craven district is not available, however there is data for North Yorkshire. The North Yorkshire Active Partnership data and England national data is detailed in the table below. North Yorkshire performs worse than the England average in terms of being Active and better in terms of being Fairly Active and Less Active. It would be reasonable to assume that Craven would perform at least in line with the North Yorkshire average. In comparison with the 2020-21 academic year North Yorkshire has a significant decrease of -5.5% for Children and young people being active whilst there has been no significant change in the Fairly Active and Less Active groups.

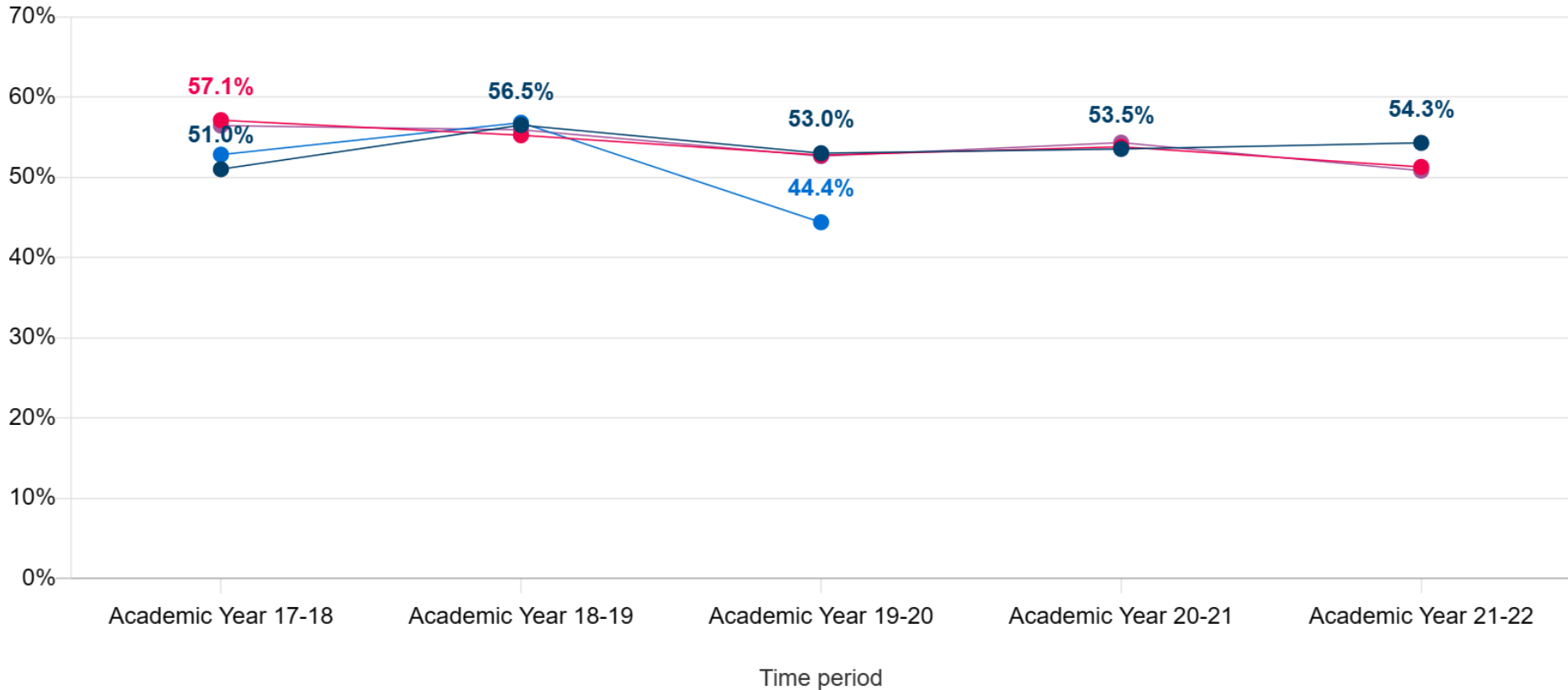
Table 4: Active Lives Children and Young Peoples Participation Levels

Academic Year 2021-2022	Active (an average of 60 minutes or more a day) ¹	Fairly active (an average of 30-59 minutes a day) ¹	Less active (less than an average of 30 minutes a day) ¹
National - Children and Young People 5-16 years	47.20%	23%	30.10%
North Yorkshire	40.40%	27%	32.60%

3.22 The SE Active Lives Interactive Data tool provide some further insight into children’s participation in Craven and the trends prior to Covid 19. The levels of activity inside and outside of the school day indicate a downward trend and levels below the England, Regional and County levels in the academic year 2020-21.

Graph 3 Percentage of children active for 30+ minutes a day outside of school hours

Outside of school hours: an average of 30+ minutes a day

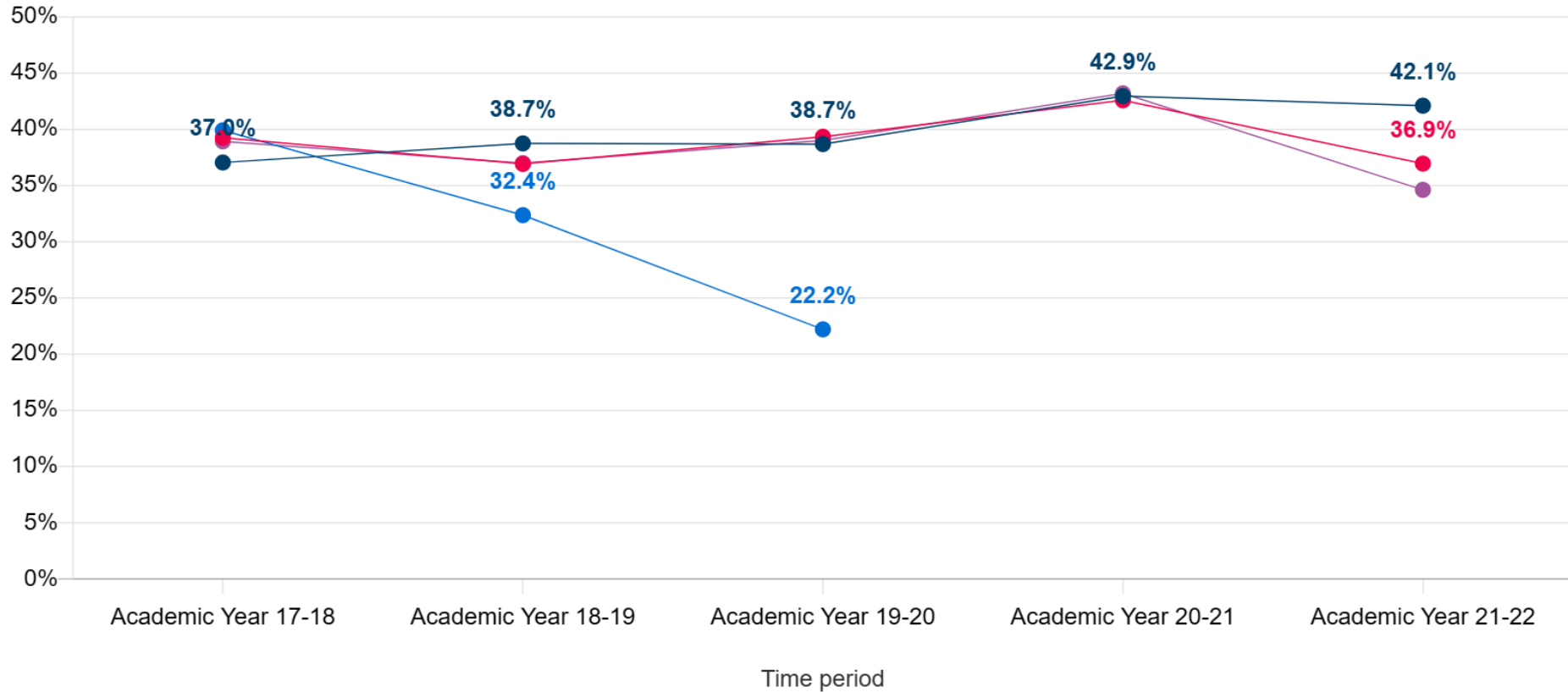


% During school hours or outside of school hours activity by Where:

■ Yorkshire and the Humber Region
 ■ North Yorkshire AP
 ■ Craven LA
 ■ North Yorkshire CC

Graph 4 Percentage of children active for 30+ minutes a day during school hours

During school hours: an average of 30+ minutes a day

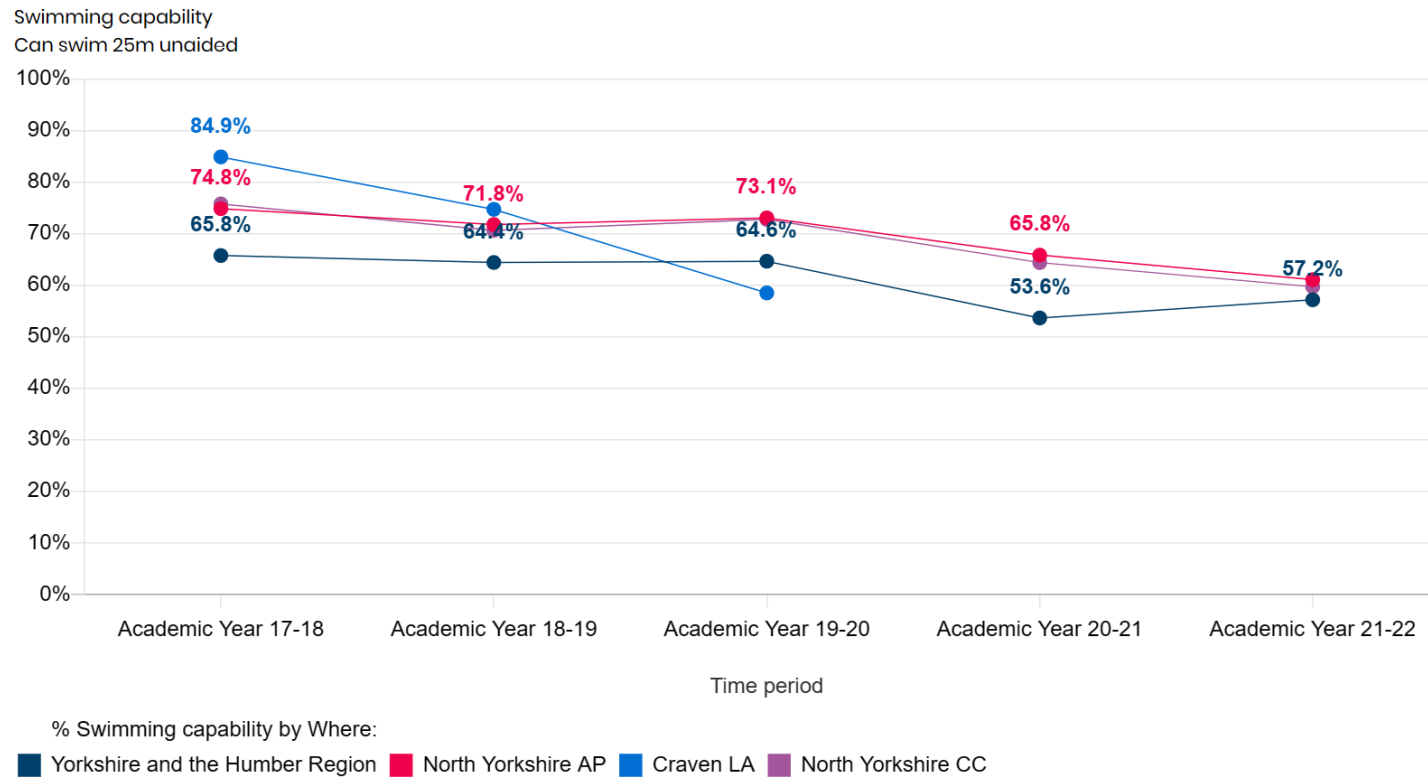


% During school hours or outside of school hours activity by Where:

- Yorkshire and the Humber Region
- North Yorkshire AP
- Craven LA
- North Yorkshire CC

3.23 Children being able to swim 25m unaided was above the England, Regional and County levels until the academic year 2018/19 following which there has been a steep decline to below the England, Regional and County levels.

Graph 5 Children's ability to swim 25m unaided

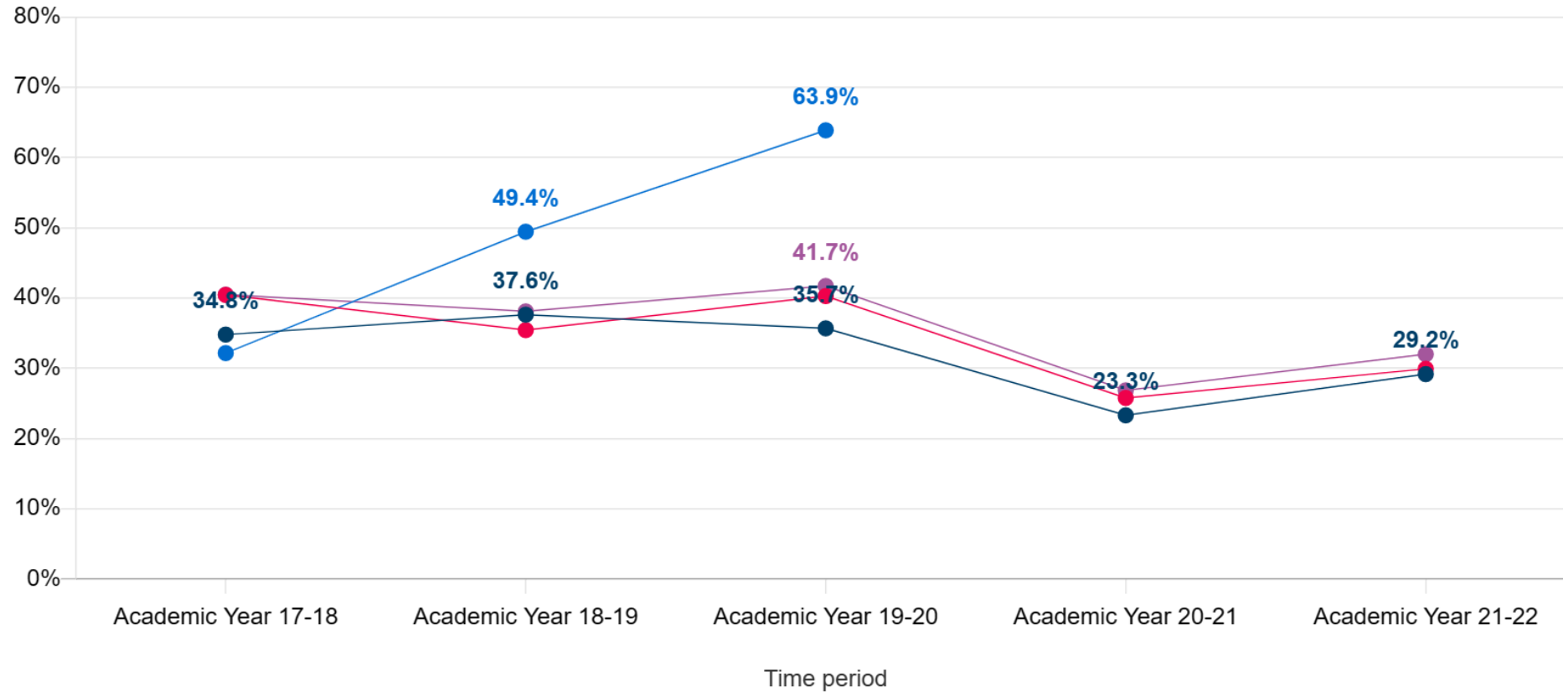


3.24 Volunteering by Children and Young People from years 5-11 is high in Craven and above the England, regional and County levels.

Graph 6 Volunteering by Children and Young People

Volunteered at least twice in the last year (years 5-11)

Any role



% Volunteered at least twice in the last year by Where:

■ Yorkshire and the Humber Region
 ■ North Yorkshire AP
 ■ Craven LA
 ■ North Yorkshire CC

4. Facility Provision

Overview of Facilities

- 4.1 The level and nature of the facility provision has been assessed as in the 2016 strategy based on three sub areas; North Mid and South Craven. Additionally, the area of the Craven district which falls within the YDNPA has been included in this Progress Report. There exists, as in 2016, three main facilities in the district as follows;
- **Sandylands Sports Centre – a registered charitable trust who own and operate the facility.** The Charity received planning permission in November 2022 for an extension for a gymnastics and bouldering facility Planning reference 2021/23374/FUL. (Charity number 515760)
 - **Settle Swimming Pool – owned and managed by Settle Area Swimming Pool a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity number 1171790).** In 2022 the facilities have been improved with new village changing and reception and extended to include a multifunctional fitness space and café. These facilities opened in November 2022.
 - **Craven Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre – owned and operated by Craven District Council under the Craven Leisure branding.** Investment in health and fitness and energy systems since 2016.
- 4.2 There are several community accessible facilities on education sites e.g. South Craven School, Skipton Academy, Ermysted's Grammar, Giggleswick School and Upper Wharfedale School.
- 4.3 Table 5 below summarises the supply of facilities in Craven, including area of the district inside the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Variations in supply are due to changes in provision such as closure/new of facilities or as a result of reporting from Sport England Active Places Power data tool.

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Table 5: Comparison of number Sports Facilities

Facilities	Craven 2016	Craven 2022	Notes – 2022
Health & Fitness Suite	15 gyms 7 studios At 17 sites	15 gyms 6 studios At 16 sites	Escape Fitness, No.1 Fitness, Settle Fitness, Settle College no longer appear on the 2022 report. Jetts, Phoenix Fitness and Coniston Hall and Spa are additions to the 2022 report.
Sports Hall <i>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.)</i>	13 individual sites 4 court hall x 6 (excluding Malsis which was closed) 3 court hall x 3 2 court hall x 0 1 court hall x 6 at 4 sites. Total 15 sports halls	15 individual sites 4 court hall x 6 3 court hall x 3 2 court hall x 2 1 court hall x 11 at 9 sites Total 22 sports halls	In 2016 and 2022 community accessible 3 or 4 court Main Halls numbered 9. In 2016 1 or 2 court Community Halls numbered 6 compared with 11 in 2022. This change is due to the addition of 2 court halls at Giggleswick School and Settle College, some sites reported as 0 court halls in 2016 are reported as 1 court in 2022 data. This is reflected below in the reduced number of activity spaces. Note: some sites include more than one type of hall
Activity space in community buildings <i>For information – are not within the definition above. Less than one badminton court in size.</i>	21 halls at 19 sites	10 halls at 9 sites	Not further considered within the context of the strategy in 2016 or 2022/2023, although are valuable community assets particularly in the rural area of Craven.
Squash Courts	8	6	Rise Fitness, Skipton no longer has 2 squash courts.
Swimming Pool	5	6	6 Main /General Pools
Fitness Studios	7	6	
Tennis		35	All courts outdoor

Cycling		2	BMX Pump Tracks
Athletics	0	0	
Indoor Bowls	0	0	
In 2022 there are a total of 102 facilities located at 45 sites			

Data Source SE Active Places Power and 2016 BFS. Data collection and information recorded has seen some changes since 2016, hence some of the variables when comparing 2016 and 2023.

- 4.4 The Skipton Tennis Centre has developed since 2016 with the recent addition of a Padel tennis court and further developments are proposed. A mapping of the wider tennis provision within the district has been included in this Progress Report.
- 4.5 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. The availability of facilities in neighbouring areas can and does influence sports facility usage patterns; however, in Craven, usage patterns are more affected by accessibility, given the rurality of the area. These remain valid points from the 2016 Strategy.
- 4.6 Quality assessments were undertaken in 2016 for Sports Halls, Health and Fitness Facilities, Swimming Pools and Squash Courts. Where applicable these quality assessments have been revisited with consultees in the production of the Progress Report. Additional quality assessments have been undertaken as required or where the consultation process has asked facility operators to provide a self-assessment on condition and developments compared with 2016. All quality assessments are non-technical visual assessments.

5. Sports Halls

Supply

- 5.1 The supply of Sports Halls in Craven is as detailed in the tables below. There are the same number of four/three court sized sports halls as in 2016 excluding Malsis School which was included within the 2016 data but the facility had been closed. There are the addition of two, two court sports halls at Giggleswick and Settle College and an increase in one court hall due to a change in how data is reported since 2016. There are 22 sports halls in 2022 compared with 15 in 2016.
- 5.2 There are 15 unique sites in the Craven district with a total of 48 badminton courts compared with 13 unique sites and 39 courts in 2016. There is only one 4 court sports hall at Sandylands which is fully community accessible. The remaining 4 court halls are all on education sites and are therefore available out of school hours at evenings and weekends and in some cases are governed by community use agreements.

- 5.3 Sport England recommend that a standard sports hall is a four court hall. However three court sports halls are of value and can be used for a variety of sports and activities such as gymnastics, short mat bowls, table tennis, martial arts, fitness classes. Full size basketball and netball courts cannot be accommodated but the space is adequate for training or recreational purposes.
- 5.4 There is a significant reduction in activity halls since 2016 due to the SE data no longer recording smaller halls which are less than the size of one badminton court (18 x 10m hall) which are often found in community buildings and often unsuitable for sports activity. One court halls can accommodate for example badminton, 4 table tennis, 3 short mat bowls, gymnastics, martial arts. The two court halls have the potential to be used for mini basketball, children's five a side.

Table 6 Analysis of Sports Hall Supply in Craven

Site Name	Post Town	Number Badmint on Courts	Access Type	Ownership Type	Year Built
CEDAR HOUSE SCHOOL	BENTHAM	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Independent Special School	1976
ERMYSTED'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	SKIPTON	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Voluntary Aided School	1992
GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL	SETTLE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Independent School	2007
PLAYAWAY CENTRE	SKIPTON	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	2000
SANDYLANDS SPORTS CENTRE	SKIPTON	4	Pay and Play	Charity	1972 Refurbished 2016
SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL	CROSS HILLS	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1960 Refurbished 2007
SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL	CROSS HILLS	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	2011
THE SKIPTON ACADEMY (Note: listed as Aireville Academy in 2016 SE data)	SKIPTON	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1954

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UPPER WHARFEDALE SCHOOL	SKIPTON	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	2006
Total Badminton Courts		33			
Total Sites		8			
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Site Name	Post Town	Number of Badminton Courts	Access Type	Ownership Type	Year Built
ELDROTH VILLAGE HALL	Eldroth	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community	2000
GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE	SKIPTON	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	1805 Refurbished 2008
INGLEBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	INGLEBOUROUGH	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	1974
LANGCLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE	SETTLE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community	1990
SETTLE COLLEGE	SETTLE	1	Private Use	Community school	1959
SETTLE DRILL HALL	SETTLE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	1990
SKIPTON GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	SKIPTON	1	Private Use	Foundation School	1897
SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL	CROSS HILLS	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1955
SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL	CROSS HILLS	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1975
THE SKIPTON ACADEMY	SKIPTON	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1954

THE SKIPTON ACADEMY	SKIPTON	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	1954
GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL	SETTLE	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Independent School	2004
SETTLE COLLEGE	SETTLE	2	Private Use	Community school	1959
Total Badminton Courts		15			
Total Sites		11			
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Demand and Consultation

5.5 Consultation has been undertaken with several operators of sports halls and a desk top review of National Governing Body (NGB) information for sports which take place in a sports hall has been completed. Local club information has been collated either by desk top research, conversations with operators or direct consultation with clubs. The aim of the consultation with main sports hall providers/operators in the District was to understand the current status and any priorities for the future. The key points can be found below and in table 7.

Education Sites

- 5.6 Communihire Ltd operate the lettings and bookings for South Craven School and Upper Wharfedale School, these are new arrangements since the 2016 strategy was produced. Communihire have ambitions to extend the services they offer to other schools in the area having established a track record in the last 2 years.
- 5.7 Communihire have an excellent working relationship with the schools' senior staff at both venues. The model of operation is that Communihire manage all the bookings outside of the school hours in the evenings from 4.00pm/5.00pm until 10.00pm and daytime at the weekends. Most of the bookings are club or block bookings but Communihire provide a pay and play offer subject to availability of facilities.
- 5.8 South Craven School has excellent facilities within the school, they work closely with Communihire to set expectations of users, quality standards and the pricing structure. There is one point of entry and access to the sports facilities are controlled. Facilities include sports hall, gym hired to Personal trainers and outside pitches which are covered within the Craven PPS Refresh 2021. Consultation with the school confirmed there are no plans for future developments of sports facilities.

- 5.9 Upper Wharfedale School offers a sports hall, community room with kitchen which is suitable for workshops, meetings and a swimming pool. The outside pitches are covered in the Craven PPS Refresh 2021. These are important facilities for a rural secondary school and wider community. Consultation with Upper Wharfedale School has identified that there is the ambition to put new heating and lighting systems into the existing facilities.
- 5.10 Giggleswick School sports hall is subject to a Community Use Agreement and the school has a number of sports clubs who regularly book the facility throughout the year. There have been no changes or developments to the sports hall since the 2016 Strategy. In 2022 a planning application was submitted by the school and was successful with regards the development of the Lords Close Playing Fields. The developments will include a new pavilion with a community space, a Community Use Agreement has been agreed, the space will be suitable for group exercise classes, meetings, workshops. Planning reference 2021/23539/FUL.
- 5.11 Ermysted's Grammar School have a lettings policy for external hire of the school facilities outside of education time to organisations and sports clubs. The school policy is that any external hire should offer community access, pay and play is not available. The four court sports hall built in 2007 is available for hire and, for example is used by Skipton Scorpions Netball Club and an external holiday club provider. The indoor climbing wall which is within the sports hall is booked by an 'My Expedition Rocks' an outdoor education and adventure company for winter training.
- 5.12 Planning consent has been granted for the construction of a small additional gym / sports studio building at Ermysted's Grammar (Planning reference 2021/23548/FUL), but due to accelerating costs the school have not been able to progress. Funds to support the build were identified and the cost estimates were based on DfE construction costs at the start of 2022. The tender process for the build resulted in quotes from contractors being significantly higher than the anticipated costs which has meant the school was unable to take forward the build at this time.
- 5.13 The Skipton Academy hires out the 3 court sports hall, two traditional school gyms and dance studio to sports clubs and community organisations outside of education time. There are limitations to the type of activity which can take place in the sports hall due to the type of lighting, a built in projector and chairs which have to be stored at the side of the sports hall. One of the traditional gyms flooring will need attention in the near future and changing accommodation is in need of modernisation. Craven Gymnastics Club are based at the school four times a week.
- 5.14 Skipton Girls' High School have limited on site facilities and use Sandylands Sports Centre throughout the year to deliver PE. The school's traditional hall and studio space is hired to groups for martial arts, fitness and dance. Greatwood Primary School is part of the same Academy Trust and the school hall at this site is also used for sports and fitness groups outside of education time.
- 5.15 Craven College have limited facilities and as required hire external facilities to support course delivery.

- 5.16 Settle College in the 2016 strategy identified a need for a sports hall which could be for both school and community use with land available to the rear of Settle Swimming Pool. There have been no developments of sports facilities at Settle College, the College maintain an asphalt outdoor area and have installed perimeter fencing to the sports field for safeguarding reasons. Consultation with Settle College confirmed they continue to have aspirations for a new sports facility but cannot see a way to achieve or fund this at this time. In section 6 below developments since 2016 at Settle Swimming Pool are outlined and the pools future aspirations given other land and buildings which are owned by NYCC adjacent to the site. There may be justification to explore opportunities for partnership working to enable Settle College and Settle Swimming Pool with NYCC and subsequently the new North Yorkshire Council (NYC) to bring their aspirations forward.

Ingleborough Community Centre

- 5.17 Ingleborough Community Centre located in Ingleton is managed and operated jointly by the Parish Council and Ingleton Rural Community Association. The main hall has a single badminton court with run off, sprung floor and high ceiling. The main hall is used by the badminton club detailed in table 7 below. The hall also accommodates Toddler Groups, Keep Fit Classes, Tea Dances, and a Theatre Group. The management committee's view is that the main hall facilities are in excellent condition. In the long term, being able to extend the building towards the outdoor pitches with a viewing area to watch football and cricket and provide a larger more flexible space is an ambition. There are also aspirations for further improvements and developments in relation to the other outdoor facilities (MUGA, Pump Track, Bowling Green).
- 5.18 Ingleborough Community Centre signposts bookings for badminton which they cannot accommodate to the Scout Hut. This has a full size court marked out although the ceiling height is compromised but the facility remains suitable for recreational and junior games. This facility has been self-assessed as adequate.

Sandylands Sports Centre

- 5.19 In the 2016 strategy the recommendation was to consider the refurbishment or replacement of the ageing sports hall, since then refurbishment work has been undertaken. The sports hall at Sandylands Sports Centre is in good condition; both the floor and lighting has been updated since the 2016 strategy. Further areas for improvement would be to remove and infill the high level windows in the sports hall and enable the viewing area to be screened to provide an environment which would meet the identified needs of the wider community. Only a condition survey would determine if or when the sports hall may need replacing. The hall is well used by several sports clubs, community groups and pay and play bookings. It is the only 4 courts sports hall in Skipton that is community accessible throughout the day, evenings and weekends.
- 5.20 During consultation and at a non-technical site visit it was identified that accessibility in and around the centre is an area for improvement, for example there is no lift to the upper floor to enable customers to use the fitness facilities, easy opening/electronic

doors are not fitted, and signage is poor for example for those with visual impairments. Ancillary facilities require upgrading, for example, the changing rooms current standards fall below what customers may expect to find compared to those in more modern up to date facilities. During busy peak periods, usually 5.00-7.00pm and certain periods at the weekend the car park is too small. There is land available to the rear of the 3G Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) which Sandylands have identified could be developed into additional car parking spaces for around 50 vehicles which would reduce the peak time issue.

- 5.21 Planning permission for development at Sandylands Sport Centre was granted in November 2022, (Planning reference 2021/23374/FUL). This planning permission relates to an extension to the existing all-weather changing rooms building to accommodate a Dedicated Gymnasium and Internal and External Climbing Walls and associated Bouldering Area, also incorporating a Café and Two Meeting Rooms, together with associated Internal and External Alterations to the existing all-weather changing rooms building. The aims of the Sandylands extension project are:
- To increase participation in the sports of gymnastics and indoor climbing through the development of dedicated facilities.
 - That the proposed new facilities will be sustainable and contribute positively to the overall sustainability of the Sandylands Sports Centre. The business case, funding strategy and operational model are currently being developed by Sandylands Sports Centre to support this aim.
- 5.22 The first floor of the proposed extension will also accommodate a Café for in the region of 50 diners (overlooking the All-Weather Pitch) and two meeting rooms. Currently there is no Café or indoor viewing for the 3G ATP and no suitable rooms at the Sports Centre for courses, workshops and meetings. The plans include the reconfiguration of the rear entrance which currently serves the 3G ATP to create a welcoming entrance and improve the oversight of the 3G pitch; internal changes to the layout of changing rooms will enable improvements to the disability changing and toilet facilities. Sandylands have additional work to do to develop the full business case and to secure funding for the proposed development. Further details of the proposed development are captured in below in tables 7 and 8.

Table 7: Summary of Information and Consultation with NGB's and Sports Clubs

Organisation	Status and future priorities
British Gymnastics (Desktop)	Facilities Strategy for the period 2017-2022 identifies that demand outstrips supply and that there is need for quality sustainable facilities which may be provided through dedicated and non-dedicated provision. There are four goals highlighted in the strategy which support to increase capacity within clubs, leisure providers and other delivery partners and, to maintain and improve the quality of facilities and equipment within existing partners.

	<p>Craven Gymnastics Club have worked with British Gymnastics (BG) on a Business Plan for a dedicated facility since 2018 with the document being updated in April 2022. In April 2022 BG confirmed there are 3 BG registered clubs within a 10 mile radius of Skipton of which only Ambitions Gymnastics Club have a dedicated facility, and a total of 7 clubs within a wider 15 mile catchment. Both Craven Gymnastics Club and Ambitions have experienced sustained growth during the 2016-2022 period; Craven Gymnastics Club have increased numbers from 50 – 120 in the 6 months prior to April 2022. BG have concluded that there is likely to be latent demand for gymnastics in the area.</p> <p>Note: Ambitions Gymnastics Club is based in Barnoldswick outside of the Craven District.</p>
<p>Craven Gymnastics Club (Face to Face)</p>	<p>Craven Gymnastics Club are based at the The Skipton Academy 4 evenings a week and Sandylands once a week. They operate for 18 hours a week with a membership of 259 as at September 2022 and a waiting list of 100. Predominately a female only club as currently do not have equipment or qualifications for male gymnastics to progress beyond a basic level. The club also offer special needs and adult sessions. In terms of talent identification/elite potential the club links their gymnasts with Diamonds Gymnastics Club in Halifax.</p> <p>The club have worked closely with Sandylands on the proposal for a dedicated gymnastics facility at the Sports Centre. The aim is to be operational by 2024. A Business Plan has been prepared which demonstrates the club proposals for a sustainable dedicated facility.</p> <p>Consultation with Sandylands Sports Centre outlines that their aim is to fund the capital project to construct the extension with the internal capital costs for the fit out of the gymnastics facility being the responsibility of the Craven Gymnastics Club. Further work is required on the detail of a lease agreement with the gymnastics club and as of January 2023 no heads of terms have been agreed.</p>
<p>England Netball (Desktop)</p>	<p>England Netball have four categories of facility classification and clearly identify that Netball can be played both indoors and outdoors. Community facilities are classed as being for recreational leagues, junior district leagues and community club training. Club facilities are for competitive play from Club to Senior County level; the additional categories are Premier and International. Facility specifications are provided for each category for both indoor and outdoor courts which includes details of run offs, surfaces, posts, changing and spectator requirements. Indoor courts tend to have a sprung surface or surface with a degree of elasticity. Although not ideal or preferable England Netball do say that the sport can be played on short pile sand dressed Artificial Turf for recreational and community club netball. Informal courts which are not full size at</p>

	17m x10m plus a 1m run off which are created where limited space is available can be used for School PE, Back 2 Netball, Walking Netball and Netball Now programmes.
Netball Clubs (Desktop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipton Scorpions have an adult and junior section and train and play at Ermysted’s Grammar School sports hall. They run fun netball leagues. • The U3A have a walking netball session at Sandylands Sports Centre. • Settle Netball use indoor and outdoor courts at Giggleswick School. • Craven Dragons are based at South Craven School, adults and juniors and play competitive netball. Use mainly outdoor courts.
Badminton England (Desktop)	Limited facility information available. Badminton England can provide guidance to support facility design for halls to ensure they are suitable for playing badminton.
Local Craven Clubs (Desktop)	<p>Local Badminton Clubs in the mid and south of the district play in the Craven League, Bradford District League with Ingleton badminton Club playing in the Lancaster and Morecambe league. Clubs use a number of sports halls in the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipton and Craven Badminton Clubs - Sandylands Sports Centre • Crosshills and Sutton & South Craven Badminton Club – South Craven School • Settle Badminton Club – Giggleswick School • Ingleton Badminton Club – Ingleborough Community Centre. The club are still rebuilding post Covid prior to which there were 50 participants a week. Junior and Senior sections and field two competitive teams. • Low Bentham Badminton Club – Cedar House School
Basketball England (Desktop)	Facility specifications are provided for indoor and outdoor courts. Currently no strategic plans in the public domain. Support is available through online resources, workshops etc.
Craven Basketball (Desktop)	West Craven Turbines have both men’s and junior training based at Sandylands Sports Centre. Competitive matches and leagues are played at other venues outside of Craven mainly in Lancashire.

Table Tennis England (Desktop)	Table Tennis England is committed to increasing the number of dedicated facilities that offer competitive or recreational table tennis. Their website provides information and guidance to support the development of indoor and outdoor Table Tennis facilities. Signposting to Sport England Club Matters resources.
Table Tennis in Craven (Desktop)	There are no clubs registered on the Table Tennis England website within Craven. The U3A offer table tennis as part of their programme at Sandylands Sports Centre and at Langcliffe Village Institute near Settle.
British Fencing (Desktop)	The website provides information and guidance to support clubs in the development of fencing. Signposting to British Fencing resources and to Sport England Club Matters resources.
Skipton Fencing Club (Desktop)	Based at St Andrews Church Hall, Skipton and offer beginner and advanced fencing. The club has success with members at junior and cadet level being selected to represent GB.
British Mountaineering Council (BMC) (Desktop)	<p>Given the ambitions at Sandylands Sports Centre detailed above and in table 8 below to build a climbing and bouldering wall, as part of the progress report, further consideration has been given to understanding the current status of indoor climbing in the area.</p> <p>The BMC do not have a strategy for facility development but do provide technical and safety guidance for indoor climbing. There are resources and support for clubs on their website and a funding page, although the BMC do not directly provide funding, a grants page offers signposting to funders elsewhere. The BMC has a mapping function which covers indoor facilities, crags and huts.</p>
Local Indoor Climbing (Desktop)	<p>The Craven Mountaineering Club have a programme of outdoor activity and additionally have sessions at the Ingleton Climbing Wall. The Gritstone Outdoor Club have included indoor climbing within their programme in 2022 at the Depot in Leeds.</p> <p>Ingleton Climbing Wall is a private operation and includes a main climbing wall 25 lines, tower 15 lines, height of lines range from 8-13m. Bouldering Rooms x 2 with graded circuits, training balcony. There is membership and single session bookings available. Taster sessions and children's classes are available. Instructed sessions and courses, open 7 days a week. Courses are offered which enable progression from indoors to outdoor climbing.</p> <p>Ermysted's Grammar School have an indoor climbing wall which is available for hire outside of education time.</p>

	<p>Outside of the Craven district there are climbing walls at the Climbing Hub, Bradford and Harrogate, and Clip n Climb in Ilkley.</p> <p>There are an abundance of Craggs identified in the BMC website for outdoor climbing and bouldering within the Craven District.</p> <p>Sandylands Sports Centre planning application for the indoor climbing extension (Planning reference 2021/23374/FUL) included a letter of support from the BMC dated September 2021 stating that the facility would be an asset. The proposed development would include a climbing wall located partly on the ground floor and then extended “through” the first floor and into the roof-space, allowing the possibility of an “overhang”. The remainder of the first floor will be bouldering walls. The external southern gable will also include a climbing wall, located under a cantilevered roof. Sandylands are in discussion with Troll Outdoors Ltd as a potential operator. The capital project to construct the extension would be the responsibility of Sandylands Sports Centre with the internal capital costs for the fit out of the climbing and bouldering being the responsibility of an external operator. As of January 2023 further work is required on securing an operator and for the detail of a lease agreement.</p>
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Sport England Demand Data

- 5.23 A new Sport England FPM (Facilities Planning Model) report which assesses the supply of sports halls taking into account the supply of halls from surrounding areas was not commissioned for this Progress Report. In 2016 the FPM report identified there was a current over supply of sports hall space with a projected future demand by 2032 of 1.8 badminton courts.
- 5.24 The FPM analysis does not identify future demand based on changes of population. Using the Sport England Facility Calculator (SFC), it is possible to estimate overall future demand for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls rinks, based on population increase. Using the SFC provides a quantitative estimate of future need, but unlike the FPM the analysis does not identify specific locations for future provision. In 2023 the report indicates that an additional 3.11 badminton courts would be needed to meet the population growth by 2032.
- 5.25 The conclusions in 2016 were that demand could be met by existing stock but the real issue was the quality of the existing facilities which were ageing. A multipurpose space in South Craven at Sandylands Sports Centre/Skipton Tennis Club or Craven Leisure was suggested and the need to consider sports hall access in mid Craven highlighted. The 2023 consultation suggests that these remain valid.

5.26 A more detailed study of the demand and need which includes, updated FPM and SFC data, and the feasibility of providing sports hall/multipurpose space in Craven is required to identify facility options(new, extend, refurbish) the most appropriate type of provision and location to meet future demand.

Strategy Recommendations 2016 - Progress Update

5.27 Sports hall development in relation to the 2016 Strategy recommendations are summarised in the table below.

Table 8 Summary of Progress since 2016

Facility	2017 Progress Report	2019 Progress Report	2023 Status
Sandylands Recommendation 1 and 7	<p>The need to replace ageing facilities is recognised and planned for appropriately and investment is required to achieve this, new or fully refurbished sports hall at Sandylands Sports Centre. Sandylands Sports hall was partially refurbished in 2016 due to flooding. Further work required to check the future life of the sports hall.</p> <p>Initial facility plans drafted and ongoing work being undertaken to develop outdoor tennis facilities at the site before full indoor venue feasibility and business case undertaken. Appendix C to the Pre- Publication draft Local Plan; Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies the need to replace ageing sports halls at Sandylands, and the development of the site as multi sports hub as evidenced in the Built Facilities Assessment &</p>	<p style="background-color: #4F812E; color: white; padding: 2px;">Good Progress.</p> <p>Facility plans produced and costed. Planning application submitted and approved Sept 19. Business case undertaken for Gym and Tennis leading to viability appraisal over capital cost, negotiations on land use arrangements being discussed and resolved before project can progress. Application to LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) etc. planned by end of 2019. Appendix A to the adopted Craven Local Plan and the Council’s Infrastructure Delivery Plan, provides evidence as to the need to replace the ageing sports hall at Sandylands, and to develop the site as multi sports hub as evidenced in the Built Facilities Assessment & PPS 2016.</p>	<p style="background-color: #4F812E; color: white; padding: 2px;">Continued Progress</p> <p>Planning 2021/23374/FUL was approved with conditions on 18.11.22 for the following; <i>Proposed extension to existing all-weather changing rooms building to accommodate a Dedicated Gymnasium and Internal and External Climbing Walls and associated Bouldering Area, also incorporating a Café and Two Meeting Rooms, together with associated Internal and External Alterations to the existing all-weather changing rooms building.</i></p> <p>As described above this is a project still under development with business planning, securing operators/tenants and securing funding. Costs have been sought from three construction companies as of January 2023. The detailed cost estimates are still awaited but</p>

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	PPS 2016.		<p>indicative figures are around £1M excluding the fit out for the indoor climbing and gymnastics.</p> <p>A loan was agreed with the LTA to develop the tennis facilities in 2021/2022 but this has been withdrawn as the LTA are revisiting their national priorities due to a high demand for funds towards Padel Tennis. Tennis is covered in more detail section 9 below.</p> <p>The PPS Strategy Review 2022 identified a need for a master planning exercise for the Sandylands location which would include the Sandylands Sports Complex, this is being progressed and funding has been approved by CDC for the work to be undertaken.</p>
<p>South Craven School</p> <p>Recommendation 5</p>	<p>The Strategy confirmed South Craven as a key multi-sport hub for the District with a recommendation to develop as a key community accessible facility.</p>	<p>Limited progress.</p> <p>Planning Permission for an Air dome expired. No progress in 2019.</p> <p>Limited work with facility operator as commercial company. No ability by the Council to secure Community Use Agreement (CUA) as academy did not upgrade lights to meet min NGB standards and so no grant or ability to secure CUA. No progress in 2019</p>	<p>Positive Direction</p> <p>There is no CUA secured however the school is committed to community access.</p> <p>The appointment of Communihire who are locally based and have a community sport ethos to manage the bookings and lettings since 2020 has been a positive move. The School and Communihire are working together to ensure that</p>

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		Academy progressed floodlighting on AGP and outdoor tennis courts captured in the 2021 PPS Refresh.	excellent facilities are available for students and the community.
Malsis Recommendation 4	Planning application for conversion and restoration to create care facilities and upgrade and reopening of sports facilities	Completed. New playing pitches created captured in the 2021 PPS Refresh.	Completed – Malsis site details within the 2021 PPS Refresh.
Community Use Recommendation 6	CDC and NYCC should work with local schools to develop formal community use agreements or commitments for a period to protect community access. The progress reports in 2017 highlighted that NYCC schools all have hire agreements and a charging scheme in place under the LEA and facilities are used by a range of community groups, the pay and play element had not been discussed or investigated.	No change in 2019.	<p>Positive Direction</p> <p>There is a commitment to Community Use at South Craven School and Upper Wharfedale School. The arrangements between the schools and Communihire include an online platform available for bookings, which are mostly block bookings by community clubs but one -off bookings available for pay and play. These arrangements with the schools positively contributes to recommendation 6.</p> <p>Giggleswick School has a formal Community Use Agreement (CUA) for their sports hall outside of education needs. The sports hall is booked by local badminton, tennis, cricket clubs on a regular basis with additional ad hoc use from the rugby club and local schools. This provides an accessible community facility in the mid Craven area. An additional CUA has been agreed for the Pavilion which will be built at the Lords Close Playing Fields.</p>

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Recommendation 6 – 2016 -Progress Update

5.28 Recommendation 6 ‘Community Use’ identifies that CDC and NYCC should work with local schools to develop formal community use agreements. However, it is important to recognise other community venues which have an important role in the district for sports provision. Ingleborough Community Centre is an important community asset in the north of the district. It is a ‘sporting hub’ for the area with a mix of indoor and outdoor facilities including Ingleton swimming pool which is detailed in section 6 below and a bowls green along with cricket and football pitches and the Artificial Turf MUGA which are highlighted in the PPS Strategy Refresh 2022. All the sporting facilities in Ingleton are managed and operated by voluntary organisations in addition to the delivery of sport through local sports clubs which cater for adults and juniors. Similarly, the Deed of Trust for the Sandylands Sports Centre ensures that facilities are accessible and open for the community.

Summary Conclusions – Sports Halls

- 5.29 Since 2016 the supply of four court sports hall provision has not increased but there are an additional two, two court halls and more one court halls. Reference paragraph 5.4 and Table 5 above re number of sports halls - shows more in 2022 than 2016. There has been greater access to sports halls on education sites in part where those sites are being managed by a local company on behalf of the schools. It is important to note that there has been no increase in formal community use agreements (CUA) and as such education sites without a CUA could decide to withdraw access to sports facilities. Given education sites play a key role in providing facilities for community access should any new education-based sports halls be developed a formal CUA would secure community access for both pay and play and sports clubs.
- 5.30 Sports halls use is predominantly through block bookings with the only fully accessible facility for pay and play at Sandylands Sports Centre. South Craven School and Upper Wharfedale School do offer pay and play subject to availability. The mid and north Craven areas are less well served with access to four court sports halls for play and play. Sport and physical activity is being delivered in community halls and venues for example Ingleborough Community Centre, these facilities are important hubs in the more rural areas of the district.
- 5.31 Consideration could be given to undertaking a feasibility and options appraisal which considers the aspirations of Settle College and Settle Area Swimming Pool (reference section 6 below) which may result in findings which could deliver improved access to a four-court sports hall or multipurpose hall for education and pay and play community use in the mid and north Craven areas.
- 5.32 Sandylands Sports Centre facilities are used extensively by a number of Skipton schools who in some cases have insufficient on site facilities to deliver the curriculum. It is the only fully accessible pay and play facility in the District.

- 5.33 The proposed extension to Sandylands Sports Centre for indoor climbing and gymnastics will provide new facilities and opportunities for participation in sport. The evidence of demand and need and business plan for gymnastics has been progressed by the Craven Gymnastics Club. Planning permission is in place, but further work is required on sustainability and funding. The 2016 strategy identified a need for improvements of the aging facilities at Sandylands, whilst there has been work to the sports hall the ancillary facilities such as changing rooms, reception and accessibility have seen little investment and are areas for improvement.
- 5.34 The conclusions in 2016 were that demand could be met by existing stock but the real issue was the quality of the existing facilities which were ageing. A multipurpose space in South Craven at Sandylands Sports Centre/Skipton Tennis Club or Craven Leisure was suggested. The 2023 consultation suggests that there is still a need for a community accessible multipurpose space in South Craven, most likely at Craven Leisure.

6. Swimming Pools

Supply

- 6.1 Table 9 below provides a summary of the swimming pool supply in Craven with Table 10 below providing more detailed analysis on the total supply of swimming pools. In comparison with 2016 there has been no change in the supply of community accessible swimming pools.
- 6.2 Craven Leisure is the only local authority swimming pool. Settle Area Swimming Pool and Ingleton Lido are operated by community organisations, Upper Wharfedale pool is part of the community school and Giggleswick School pool is operated by the independent school. Since 2016 development of the Settle Swimming Pool has included a new changing village, reception, multipurpose space, and café.

Table 9 Summary of Swimming Pool Supply in Craven

Total number of Swimming Pools in Craven	12	All types of swimming pool
Total number of sites	11	Only Craven Leisure has two pools – main and teaching
Community Accessible Swimming Pools	4 pools 3 sites	Craven Leisure, Settle Pool, Upper Wharfedale Pool are accessible as pay and play
Seasonal Community Accessible Swimming Pool	1	Ingleton Lido accessible pay and play
Available for Community Hire	1	Giggleswick School limited by school use and pool design
Accessible as part of a membership package	4	Devonshire Health Spa, Long Ashes Leisure Club, Coniston Hotel, Leisure Club (Grand Fitness @ Rendezvous Hotel) all have a membership offer which includes access to the swimming pool.
Not accessible		The Playaway Centre is an outdoor education residential centre with an outdoor pool as part of their offer. Newfield Hall is a hotel with guest access to the swimming pool.

Table 10: Analysis of Swimming Pool supply in Craven

Site Name	Post Town	Facility Type	Number of Lanes	Access Type	Ownership Type	Year Built
CRAVEN LEISURE	SKIPTON	Main/General	6	Pay and Play	Local Authority	2003
CRAVEN LEISURE	SKIPTON	Learner/Teaching	0	Pay and Play	Local Authority	2003
DEVONSHIRE HEALTH SPA	SKIPTON	Learner/Teaching	0	Registered Membership use	Commercial	1994
GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL	SETTLE	Main/General	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Independent School	1906 Refurbished 2002
INGLETON OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL	INGLETON	Lido	0	Pay and Play	Community Organisation	1933 Refurbished 2007

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LONG ASHES LEISURE CLUB	SKIPTON	Main/General	0	Registered Membership use	Commercial	2003 Refurbished 2014
NEWFIELD HALL	SKIPTON	Leisure Pool	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Commercial	1993 Refurbished 2004
PLAYAWAY CENTRE	SKIPTON	Lido	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Other	1970 Refurbished 1998
SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL	SETTLE	Main/General	3	Pay and Play	Community school	1975 Refurbished 2004, 2022
THE CONISTON HOTEL COUNTRY ESTATE AND SPA	SKIPTON	Main/General	0	Registered Membership use	Other	No
THE LEISURE CLUB (GRAND FITNESS – SKIPTON @ Rendezvous Hotel)	SKIPTON	Leisure Pool	0	Registered Membership use	Commercial	1990 Refurbished 2008
UPPER WHARFEDALE SCHOOL	THRESHFIELD	Main/General	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school	1972 Refurbished 2010
Contains Active Places Data © Sport England						

- 6.3 **Craven Leisure and Settle Area Swimming Pool** have pool programmes which include general swimming, lanes, fun and inflatable sessions, aquacise classes, swimming lessons, disability swimming, splash tots and club use (swimming, underwater hockey). These pools provide public swimming in the market town of Skipton in the south Craven area and Settle in mid Craven. Settle Area Swimming Pool is building back up the programme and opening hours following a lengthy closure for their building project. The pool re-opened in November 2022.
- 6.4 **Giggleswick School** swimming pool is used by Settle Stingrays except during the summer holidays. The pool is available outside of education needs for external bookings, although community access is not part of a formal CUA. The pool provides additional water space although limited by the design in mid Craven.

- 6.5 **Upper Wharfedale School** pool community use is managed by Communihire, the pool is hired to a number of swim schools who deliver children's and toddler swimming lessons. One of the swim schools operates two community sessions a week for general swimming although booking is essential as the maximum pool capacity is 16. The swim schools are responsible for ensuring lifeguarding and safe systems are in place for their activities. Communihire undertake pool water testing during community use with the school having overall responsibility for the pool plant operations. North Yorkshire County Council undertook improvements to the Pool in summer 2021 which included works to the roof, windows, cladding an, heating and ventilation.
- 6.6 It is important to note the value of **Ingleton Outdoor Pool**, although it is not included within the Sport England ANOG guidance for water space calculations. Like Settle Area Swimming Pool this pool is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) registered formally as Ingleton Rural Community Association No. 1171743. The history of the pool goes back to 1934 with a major facelift in 1974 to provide a 20m x 8m pool and further improvements in 2005 (filtration, changing), 2013 (seating) and in 2021 (splash zone features, upgrade the entrance, new seating and BBQ facilities, bike parking). During the summer the pool employs seasonal staff with the operations heavily supported by volunteers.

Demand and Consultation

Swim England

- 6.7 Consultation has been undertaken with several operators of swimming pools and a desk top review of the National Governing Body (NGB) Swim England position. Local club information has been collated either by desk top research, or conversations with operators.
- 6.8 Swim England's latest strategic plan which is in the public domain is 'Strategic Plan for Swimming 2017-2021 – Towards a Nation Swimming'. Swim England supported pools with guidance for reopening during different stages of the Covid 19 pandemic and focussed on raising awareness of the importance of swimming and that the increased cost to operate pools in line with guidance was of significant concern for pool operators. This has further been compounded by the increase in energy costs resulting in nationally some pool closures and potential further closures in the future.
- 6.9 In December 2022 Swim England launched their 'Save our Pools' campaign to further remind government that support was needed for vulnerable pools. Nationally there had already been pools which had been closed due to the financial pressures. There are a range of facts which demonstrate the importance of swimming pools and given one example from the latest Active Lives survey that there has been a national rise in pupils unable to swim 25m, the need to retain pools is important. Paragraph 3.22 and Graph 5 show that there has been a decline in children able to swim 25m at national regional and county levels and for the periods of time where data is available in the Craven District.

Local Aquatic Clubs

- 6.10 There are two swimming clubs in the District; Skipton Swimming Club based at Craven Leisure with approximately 148 swimmers (Swim England data) and Settle Stingrays which are based at Giggleswick School with approximately 34 swimmers (Swim England data). Settle Stingrays have in the past also used Settle Area Swimming Pool and there is the potential for a return to Settle Pool for some sessions following the pools re-opening in November 2022.
- 6.11 Skipton Swimming Club host four galas per year, 3 Stepping Stones Galas and an Annual Club Gala at Craven Leisure. The club competes in swim meets across the region. The club has six sessions a week with a mix of early morning, evening and weekend times. The Club has two sessions a week at West Craven Leisure Centre, Barnoldswick as Craven Leisure is unable to accommodate the further sessions that the club would like at Craven Leisure. Club swimmers (approximately 12-15) are also accessing SwimFit sessions which are operated by Craven Leisure. Skipton Swimming Club has swimmers who are competing at national level swim meets and several swimmers are identified as part of the British Swimming pathway with potential to compete in international competition.
- 6.12 Settle Stingrays have four sessions a week and three squads, A, B, and C. The club competes in swim meets across the region. The club train at Giggleswick School and have not, to date, returned to having sessions at Settle Area Swimming Pool.
- 6.13 Craven Energy Triathlon Club have 4.75 hours of pool time per week, some of the time is for 2 lanes only and demand from club members is greater than the current time and space. Craven Leisure is also the base for the club for some runs although the club use several locations for adult and junior run training in and around Skipton such as The Skipton Academy and Aireville Park. The Club is asking for more pool space and time. The impact of this is that there has been a high demand for Craven Leisure adult sessions within the pool programme. The club have started to book the spinning studio as an additional training opportunity for members.
- 6.14 Craven Underwater Hockey Club have adult and junior sessions on Friday evening, the lack of more pool time is a factor in restricting the growth of the club. The club is unable to host matches at home due to lack of pool time.
- 6.15 Ingleton Outdoor Pool closed in January 2023 and will reopen in May 2023 during which time maintenance works will be undertaken as described below in 6.31.

Craven Leisure (Skipton)

- 6.16 Craven Leisure swimming pool is extremely busy in all sessions. The learn to swim programme is at capacity and demand is high with 1000 swimmers on the waiting list. Recruitment of qualified swimming teachers is an issue and work is taking place in partnership with the other local authorities in North Yorkshire and Swim England linked to the preparation for LGR. Craven Leisure has become an authorised Swim England Training Centre for running swim teaching and coaching qualification courses. Rookie and National Pool

Lifeguard Courses are delivered by Craven Leisure. The facility lacks a multipurpose/meeting room to host the classroom elements and works in partnership with The Skipton Academy to provide the facilities needed for the courses. An additional multi-purpose space would be beneficial for example workshops, staff training, meetings, group exercise and hire to sports clubs who are based at Craven Leisure/Aireville Park such as athletics, cycling and triathlon.

- 6.17 There is a demand for Aqua-aerobics classes with existing classes at capacity and as with all group exercise classes in the centre a waiting list is in operations. Capacity to fit more classes into the pool programme due to a full pool programme is not possible. Not being able to access these classes has resulted in some people cancelling their membership. Membership is covered in section 7 below.
- 6.18 The pool toilet, shower and changing are showing signs of their age and are becoming dated and their condition shows sign of wear and tear. There are only two family changing rooms which is not sufficient to serve the customers using the pool. The disability changing is good and fitted with hoists and appropriate changing facilities. The lockers are at the end of their lifespan, regular maintenance is undertaken but the frequency of the need for replacement locks is increasing and is becoming challenging in terms of time and costs. Customers make comments on the frustration of finding lockers not working.
- 6.19 Craven Leisure are aware that their customer base is from a wide geographical area. Customers do not make their choices based on local government boundaries but on the quality of the offer and services, travel times and distances. Many customers are from Skipton and the Craven District area but customers are also travelling from Keighley, Pendle, Clitheroe and Bingley to use the facilities; customers are travelling up to 30 minutes to use Craven Leisure facilities. Sport England Active Places data indicates that are seven public swimming pools within a maximum of 30 minutes from Craven Leisure with the majority in the more densely populated areas to the south of the district.
- 6.20 Investment has been made into improving the energy systems in the Centre. The CHP Unit (Combined Heat and Power) was 13 years old and has been replaced by air source heat pumps and solar panels to reduce energy costs and for the centre to move towards being more carbon neutral. The complete switch over to the new system has been delayed which unfortunately has meant the benefits to date on the reduction of energy costs is still to make an impact. Based on the year to date performance (January 2023) the projected year end was likely to have seen the centre in surplus however, the utility charges which are impacting nationally on leisure facilities has negated the positive growth at Craven Leisure.
- 6.21 The café at Craven Leisure is due to have some minor changes made in early 2023. Through improvements, operation and service delivery the café has started to make a surplus and is well used by the centre's customers and people visiting Aireville Park.

Settle Area Swimming Pool

- 6.22 Settle Area Swimming Pool (SASP) has seen major refurbishment in 2022/2023 in line with the recommendations in the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy. The details are provided below in Table 11. SASP has had a challenging time from 2020 onwards with the impact of Covid 19 on income at a time when the Trustees were mid project planning for the extension and upgrade of the facilities. The facility was closed during the building project and reopened in November 2022. The build project took longer than planned as the closure was extended due to storm damage to the pool roof, however, this has resulted in a new roof to the pool being installed. The cost estimates of the build were exceeded as Settle Pool experienced the impact of increased construction costs resulting from Covid. (para 5.12 above detail similar experience at Ermysted's Grammar School).
- 6.23 The facilities have been transformed and now provide a bright and airy village changing area, better viewing facilities, a café and the FitSpace (a multipurpose community and wellbeing space) which has the flexibility to be divided into three distinct areas. Since reopening in November 2022 the priority has been to build up the programme on offer for the pool and new dry side.
- 6.24 Partnerships are being developed for example with GP practices and the local Pre-School. The centre is directly delivering group exercise classes including spinning, but a limiting factor is availability of qualified instructors in the area. As of January 2023 the centre is directly delivering 6 classes per week and have plans for further development. The new FitSpace has regular baby and toddler soft play sessions and is being hired to community groups. The programme will continue to be developed across direct delivery, partner delivery and bookings. A Business Development Manager has been appointed to drive forward this area of the business including the café. The café is being used by customers of the facility and is gaining a reputation such that people are coming in to access the café even when not using the facilities.
- 6.25 The rebuilding of the learn to swim programme is in hand. There are 150 children on the waiting list for lessons with the pool facing the same challenges as Craven Leisure with teacher recruitment. A shortfall in qualified lifeguards has been addressed through a volunteer recruitment campaign which has seen volunteers come forward who have undergone training. The shortfall of lifeguards has hindered the complete re-opening of the pool seven days a week. The pool reopened at 75% of pre-closure opening hours. As of January 2023 the number of qualified staff has increased and the plans are that the pool programme will expand in line with staffing capacity. As of February 2023 the pool will be operating at 5 hours less than the pre closure hours and will continue to recruit lifeguards to increase opening hours. Volunteer roles have also included support in reception, meet and greet and administration of swimming lessons.
- 6.26 Club Right Leisure Management system is used for bookings and prior to the closure for building 2,000 people were registered on the system. Since promoting the reopening in September 2022 in four months there has been a further 600 registrations and an indication of the positive endorsement of the new facilities.

- 6.27 The pool tank was built in 1974 and as a requirement of the Sport England funding for the recent developments a survey and inspection was a condition of grant. The inspection raised no concerns about the tank and a further structural engineer assessment of the steelworks on the pool hall uprights and roof was positive. The boiler was replaced around 3 years ago and in 2022 the pool pumps, filters and dosing equipment were replaced. There are 75 solar panels on the roof and the requirements to meet BREAM standards with the development means that the centre is better insulated and more energy efficient.
- 6.28 Looking to the future with regards Settle Area Swimming Pool the following has been highlighted:
- During the building works the centre has been fitted for fibre broadband with funding available to connect with existing fibre infrastructure, however there is a need to negotiate with Settle College/NYCC to lay cable across the 200m of the playing fields at the rear of the building to make the final connection. Better connectivity will bring with it more opportunities such as virtual exercise classes, an enhanced customer experience and enable external hires to offer for example digital workshops.
 - The car park is owned and the responsibility of NYCC. There is no serviceable lighting and is pitch black in the evenings. This has a negative impact as for some customers this raises concerns about accessibility, safety, and security.
 - There is land at the rear of the building which is within the pool's lease redline boundary and has the potential for development in the future for example an additional swimming pool and/or health and fitness gym. Land and buildings adjacent to the pool belong to NYCC, part of which is leased to a pre-school. What the long term plans are for this area is unknown but the potential to create a community sports/exercise/wellbeing hub in the future may be an option to be explored.

Ingleton Outdoor Pool

- 6.29 Ingleton Outdoor Pool has an online advanced booking system for swimming with walk ups admitted subject to availability. Private pool hire bookings are available and local booking charges are available for affiliated groups, organisations and residents within a designated catchment area.
- 6.30 The pool is heated during the summer season which starts at the end of May through to September and the pool's plans are to continue to provide heated swimming facilities for families during the summer months. However, given the increase and trend towards cold water swimming in 2022, the pool has offered swimming at selected times during the autumn/winter season and have aspirations to build on and expand cold water swimming opportunities in September – December and April – May. The experience of the trial in 2022 has created demand and has seen the pool tap into a new customer base and the pool intend to continue to trial cold water swimming in April 2023.
- 6.31 Consultation confirmed that the pool has closed from January 2023 whilst maintenance work is undertaken to empty and regrout the pool tank in readiness for reopening at Whitsun in May. There is a need to replace the boiler and new mechanical pool covers would

enable a reduction in the number of staff/volunteers required to open and close the facility. The pool did incur issues with the supply of Chlorine in 2022 during the period when nationally there was a shortfall in supply.

Sport England Demand Data

- 6.32 A new Sport England FPM (Facilities Planning Model) report which assesses supply of pools taking into account the supply of pools from surrounding areas was not commissioned for this Progress Report. In 2016 the report identified that if you exclude Upper Wharfedale and Giggleswick Pools as they are not fully accessible there was an undersupply of 134.6 sqm the equivalent of 2 lanes of a 25m pool. In 2016 it was noted that the neighbouring local authorities also had low levels of pool provision and therefore any additional demand in Craven was unlikely to be met in neighbouring districts.
- 6.33 The evidence above in 2023 particularly for Craven Leisure indicates that the demand for swimming in Craven has increased from residents and from the neighbouring areas. Given in 2016 Craven Leisure was already operating near to capacity at 63% in peak periods and Settle Pool at 42% at peak periods and figures in the 2016 FPM indicated 14.5% of swimmers came from outside of Craven it is very likely that a new FPM would continue to identify an undersupply of water space.
- 6.34 The FPM analysis does not identify future demand based on changes of population. Using the Sport England Facility Calculator (SFC), it is possible to estimate overall future demand for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls rinks, based on population increase.
- 6.35 Using the SFC provides a quantitative estimate of future need, but unlike the FPM the analysis does not identify specific locations for future provision. That needs to be informed by the nature and location of future housing development, 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 build. In 2016 the strategy identified that given the population growth projected to 2032 that the undersupply would increase by an additional 62sqm.
- 6.36 The 2016 Strategy concluded that by 2032 in total, assuming no new pools are opened, and the existing facilities remain open, there will be a need for an additional 197sqm minimum of a 25m pool; this cannot be met by the existing facility stock. This equates to a 4 lane x 25m pool (200 sq. m).
- 6.37 The SFC in 2023 using updated projected growth population for 2032 identifies there would be a need for an additional 2.24 lanes. Although the FPM has not been re-run in 2023 it is likely that the outcome would be similar with an undersupply of 2 lanes. Therefore, in 2023 the indication remains that there is a need for an equivalent of a 4 lane x 25m pool as described in paragraph 6.36.

Strategy Recommendations 2016 - Progress Update

Table 11: Progress Update

Facility	2017 Progress Report	2019 Progress Report	2022 Status
Settle Pool Recommendation 1	<p>The need to replace ageing facilities is recognised and planned for appropriately and investment is required to achieve this, including the retention and increase of water space in Settle.</p> <p>Full options report undertaken by Strategic Leisure for the Pool, which includes a more detailed business case feasibility report on preferred option done. Short term roof issues taking priority over long term solution.</p>	<p style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px;">Completed</p> <p>Full options report carried out by Strategic Leisure for the Pool, which includes a more detailed business case feasibility report on preferred option done. Short term roof issues.</p> <p>Pool opting for front and side extension to refurbish entrance, changing and create extra space for generating income. Pre application completed and grant offer from Sport England.</p>	<p style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px;">Positive Outcome</p> <p>Development completed and opened in November 2022. The development includes a multi-use purpose community wellbeing space, branded the FitSpace, café/kitchen new reception and village change. Planning reference 2020/22081/FUL. Funded by local fundraising and donations, reserves, external grants, loans.</p> <p>In addition to the planned works the pool roof was also replaced in 2022, covered in part by insurance claim for storm damage and additional fundraising enabled solar panels to be installed.</p> <p>Branded under <i>Settle Area Swimming Pool – More than Just a Pool</i> as the facility now has what is described as a FitSpace and is promoted as a wellbeing centre. www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk details of the development.</p>

Summary Conclusions – Swimming Pools

- 6.38 The pools at Giggleswick School and Upper Wharfedale School were excluded as part of the calculation for water space requirements in the district as they are not fully accessible pay and play facilities and this remains the same in 2023.
- 6.39 The consultation undertaken clearly shows that the demand for water space at Craven Leisure exceeds the capacity available. Settle Area Swimming Pool is rebuilding its pool programme and customer base following the building works but equally are expecting demand to be greater than the capacity available. Although an updated Facilities Planning Model (FPM) was not undertaken as part of the progress report the evidence gathered does support the findings in the 2016 Strategy of a future need for more water space. This is further evidenced by the 2023 SFC report.
- 6.40 As in 2016 and confirmed in 2023 there is a need for more water space in Craven given the growth in population. A more detailed study of the demand and need and feasibility of providing additional swimming pool capacity in Craven is required to identify facility options (new, extend, refurbish) and whether an equivalent of a new 25m four lane pool as identified in 2016 is the most appropriate type of swimming pool facility to future proof swimming pool provision in Craven.
- 6.41 In 2016 the need to consider the age, condition, and quality of existing pools in Craven was highlighted as the quality of the offer would reduce over time. In the 2016 strategy the focus was Settle Pool. The recommendation in the 2016 strategy for Settle Pool was completed in 2022, however, this did not include the increase in water space. In 2023 facilities at Craven Leisure, particularly the changing facilities, are clearly showing signs of age, wear and tear, and a reduction in quality due to an increase in demand.
- 6.42 At Craven Leisure and Settle Area Swimming Pool, measures have been put in place to become more efficient and reduce energy consumption. Given the increased energy costs these measures will have had a positive impact on the operation of the facilities and the cost of utilities, continued monitoring of the impact of energy costs at these facilities will be needed. As at January 2023 sports facilities have been excluded from the governments Energy Bill Relief Scheme as the sector has failed to be classified as an Energy and Trade Intensive Industry. The sector are lobbying for change given that pools are already closing and predictions are that there will be significant closures and reductions in services in the future. The evidence clearly indicates that the swimming pools in the Craven District are important and any reduction in service would have a significant impact on wellbeing.

7. Health and Fitness

Supply

- 7.1 Since 2016 it appears there has been no reduction in the number of fitness gyms however the number of stations i.e. the number of pieces of fitness equipment, has increased from 393 to 448 community accessible fitness stations. All facilities require some form of

payment/membership. There is only one local authority facility (Craven Leisure) and one voluntary sector operator (Sandylands Sports Centre gym leased to commercial operator) with both operating no differently to the commercial sector. At Craven Leisure and Sandylands pay and play options are available. The supply of Fitness Suites is detailed in table 12 below.

Table 12: Summary of Fitness Suite Supply

Total Fitness Gyms	15	
Total Fitness Studios	6	
Total Fitness Stations	523	
Total Community Accessible Fitness Suites require some form of membership or pay and play	10	Craven Leisure, Canalside Fitness, Devonshire Spa, Intershape Fitness, Jetts, Long Ashes Leisure Club, Phoenix Fitness, Coniston Hotel, Leisure Club (Grand Fitness @ Rendezvous Hotel), Sandylands Sports Centre. Craven Leisure and Sandylands Sports Centre offer pay as you go in addition to membership.
Total Community Accessible Fitness Stations	448	Craven Leisure has 100 stations and Jetts 150 stations. The remaining fitness suites all have 32 or less stations
Community/Education based Fitness Gyms and studios with restricted use	5 gyms 3 studios	<i>Fitness Gym only</i> Ermysted's Grammar, Giggleswick School, Wharfedale RUFC <i>Gym and Studio</i> Skipton Girls' High School, Skipton Academy, <i>Studio only</i> South Craven School
Community/Education based Fitness Gyms with restricted use	75	Ermysted's Grammar, Giggleswick School, Wharfedale RUFC, Skipton Girls' High School, Skipton Academy

- 7.2 The supply of fitness facilities in Craven overall is at the bottom to middle of the commercial market with some which may be described as more high end being part of a wider Health, Fitness and Spa package. The likes of Craven Leisure, Sandylands, Jetts, Canalside Fitness, Phoenix Fitness ranging from £19-£36 per month for a membership.
- 7.3 Craven Leisure and Sandylands Sports Centre have studio space for group exercise classes. Small group exercise classes are offered at other providers in a space within the gym. Additional studio space is available to hire at Skipton Girls' High School, South Craven College and Skipton Academy.

Demand and Consultation

- 7.4 The information below is from desktop research, site visits and conversations with operators.

Craven Leisure (Skipton)

- 7.5 The gym at Craven Leisure offers cardio and strength machines, free weights and a functional fitness zone. Access to digital fitness tracker and online workouts and resources is included as part of the membership package. A Healthy Lifestyles programme which includes weight management support for adults, exercise referral and stroke rehabilitation is delivered across the gym, studio and swimming pool.
- 7.6 The gym was developed and relocated since the previous 2016 strategy, in 2018 to the front of the building, the location of the gym prior to this is now a studio space accommodating around 20-30 people for group exercise classes depending on the type of class. A dedicated room for spinning houses ten bikes. The gym equipment was purchased directly and owned by the Centre and is coming to the end of the 5 year warranty. Consideration needs to be given to service contracts and future replacement and upgrades.
- 7.7 Although January is typically a peak time for people wanting to use a gym or take part in exercise classes Craven Leisure have seen a growth in membership and demand through 2022 and although there would be some expected drop off post the new year peak this is unlikely to impact massively on what was already a high demand. Group exercise classes are full and a waiting list for up to a maximum of 10 people is maintained for each class to cover any customer cancellations. The demand for spinning classes far exceeds the current capacity and more bikes/space would be beneficial. The gym is busy during the day and at peak times there is often a queue for machines and the capacity of space is nearing maximum. Membership has grown post Covid and is currently 2,500.

Sandylands Sports Centre

- 7.8 The Sandylands gym, group exercise and personal training is operated under a lease agreement with Sandylands Fitness. The facility offers cardio and strength machines, free weights and the studio with spinning bikes. Personal training is available on a 1 to1 or small groups basis and injury rehabilitation can be provided through links with Skipton Injury Clinic. A programme of group exercise classes is available throughout the week. The equipment and internal fittings are owned and maintained by the leaseholder.

Other providers

- 7.9 **Settle Area Swimming Pool** as part of their 2022 developments (2020/22081/FUL) have built a multipurpose fitness space as detailed in 6.22- 6.23 and table 11 above. **Giggleswick School** secured planning permission (2021/23539/FUL) in 2022 which will see the development of a new pavilion at the school's Lords Close Playing fields which will include a community space suitable for health and fitness classes.

Strategy 2016 - Update

- 7.10 The 2016 Strategy did not identify a need, priority or opportunity for additional health and fitness provision. However, it did conclude that there was potential to locate community accessible small facilities in local communities and this remains the case in 2023.
- 7.11 An existing undersupply of 14 fitness stations was calculated in 2016 and that a small undersupply of 32 stations was projected by 2032. The 2022 data shows that an additional 55 stations are now available mainly because of an increase at Craven Leisure from 70 to 100 stations and Jetts having 150 stations.

Summary Conclusions – Health and Fitness

- 7.12 As in 2016 there continues to be a good supply of health and fitness facilities in Craven although these are more dominant in the south of the district where residents can make a choice to suit their needs based on price, middle end provision and fitness and membership packages.
- 7.13 The mid and north areas of the district have limited provision in terms of gyms with resistance and cardio fitness equipment with Phoenix Gym in Settle (a 28 station gym) and Long Ashes Leisure in Wharfedale (a 27 station gym). The addition of the flexible FitSpace at Settle Area Swimming Pool and the proposed new community space at Giggleswick School increase the provision of space for group exercise, health and wellbeing activities in Settle. The 2016 strategy considered increasing community access on education

based sites or the potential to locate fitness provision (resistance and cardio equipment) in community spaces in the rural areas to improve and increase accessibility. Co-location with existing facilities for example Settle Area Swimming Pool or Ingleborough Community Centre is more likely to enable sustainable provision.

- 7.14 In 2016 the strategy concluded there was overall sufficient provision of fitness stations. Since then there has been some change in the overall supply. Supply of fitness stations in 2023 exceeds the projected 2032 undersupply of stations from the 2016 Strategy. This undersupply has been met mainly by Craven Leisure and Jetts fitness stations. Craven Leisure having expanded its provision is currently unable to meet demand. Demand at Craven Leisure for both the gym, spinning sessions and group exercise classes exceeds supply suggesting a need to further increase provision. The detailed demand and supply modelling undertaken in 2016 has not been repeated as part of the progress report and would be required to confirm the supply and demand needs.
- 7.15 Fitness equipment is continually changing and being updated, and where facilities are busy the equipment suffers increased wear and tear which can be challenging for operators to maintain the quality levels customers expect. In addition to the demand at Craven Leisure the current equipment is nearing the end of its 5 year warranty and therefore consideration needs to be given to the best options to maintain a high quality experience for members.

8. Squash

Supply

- 8.1 There are 6 squash courts in Craven located at 2 sites; **Sandylands Sports Centre** and **Giggleswick School**. Since 2016 the Leisure Club (Grand Fitness) in Skipton, now under the name of Rise Fitness no longer has 2 squash courts.
- 8.2 The current supply consists of 4 courts at Sandylands Sport Centre of which 2 are glass backed, and 2 courts at Giggleswick School.

Demand and Consultation

- 8.3 The Sandylands courts are available on a pay and play basis. Skipton Squash League/Club operates a box league and as of January 2023 there are 32 players registered playing regularly in the league. There are three qualified coaches associated with the league listed but their capacity is limited and the Sports Centre has struggled to recruit squash coached to help grow the sport. The club has over 70 players registered who could potentially play in the league. Recreational Racquetball is also played once a week organised by one of the league contacts.

- 8.4 Consultation identified that the Sandylands Courts operate at between 40-50% capacity on average throughout the year. Players do travel some distance as there is a lack of pay and play courts available and to some extent Sandylands has benefitted as a result of other facilities reducing the number of courts or converting courts for other use. The nearest courts to Skipton are at Keighley, Bradford and Pateley Bridge.
- 8.5 The courts at Giggleswick School are available for community hire outside of the school use.
- 8.6 England Squash in their strategic document 'Squash in a Changing World 2021-2025' identify three priorities to increase participation by engaging with partners and ensuring squash is accessible and affordable to all who wish to engage, enhance diversity and nurture talent.

Summary Conclusions – Squash

- 8.7 No change from the 2016 Strategy which concluded there was no need for additional squash courts in the area, assuming the existing level of supply is retained.

9. Tennis

Supply

- 9.1 There are no indoor tennis courts in Craven. In the 2016 strategy the focus for Tennis was Skipton Tennis Centre and the desire to continue to develop the facilities over the next 5 year including the longer term goal of indoor courts. Since 2016, there has been considerable development and improvements at Skipton Tennis Centre and these are outlined below in table 13. Being mindful that there are other tennis facilities in the district the Progress Report gives due consideration to the wider provision for Tennis throughout the District.
- 9.2 The overall supply of tennis courts in Craven is detailed in table 13 below.

Table 13: Supply of Tennis Courts in Craven

Site Name	Post Town	Number of courts	Access Type	Management Type	Year Built
AUSTWICK PLAYING FIELDS	AUSTWICK	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	2000
BENTHAM PLAYING FIELDS	HIGH BENTHAM	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	2000
CRAVEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB	GARGRAVE	4	Registered Membership use	Sport Club	2000
CRAVEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB	GARGRAVE	3	Registered Membership use	Sport Club	2000
CRAVEN LEISURE	SKIPTON	2	Registered Membership use	Local Authority	2003
CROSS HILLS TENNIS CLUB	CROSS HILLS	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Sport Club	1999 Refurbished 2019
GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL	SETTLE	3	Private Use	Independent School	2002
HORTON PLAYING FIELDS	SETTLE	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	1960
LONG PRESTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION	SKIPTON	2	Free Public Access	Local Authority	1999
NORTH PARADE	SKIPTON	1	Free Public Access	Local Authority	2009
SKIPTON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL	SKIPTON	6	Private Use	School	1889
SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE	Skipton	3	Pay and Play	Community Organisation	1970 Refurbished 2010

SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE	Skipton	2	Pay and Play	Community Organisation	1970 Refurbished 2010
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Demand and Consultation

9.3 Consultation has been undertaken with the operator of Skipton Tennis Centre, informal site visits and desk top research of other local tennis clubs have been carried out along with a desk top review of the National Governing Body (NGB) Lawn Tennis Association priorities.

Skipton Tennis Centre

9.4 The developments that have been undertaken at Skipton Tennis Centre since 2016 are highlighted below in table 14.

Table 14: Skipton Tennis Club Developments

2016 Development Priorities	Progress since 2016
2 extra courts creating a 5 court club - This will help the club grow the current programme and meet the needs of the community. The club currently has 120 players and are over subscribed for court space (2015)	As of January 2023 the club facilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 courts – 3 floodlit • Padel Court – floodlit • Viewing areas with seating • Parking • Heated Clubhouse • Changing facilities • Lounge (with Smart TV) • Club Pro Shop with restringing service • Refreshment Bar • Free Wi-Fi • Kitchen
3 improved LED floodlit courts - This will reduce club running costs and footprint on the environment.	Completed

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New Fencing	Completed
Improved changing facilities to provide shower facilities.	The female changing and shower area has been improved and are in working order. There are only changing space and toilets in the male changing rooms with no shower facilities.
Indoor Courts (long term goal) - The longer term goal is to provide 3 indoor courts for the residents of Craven.	<p>This option has been explored with feasibility and business planning taking place working with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). A planning application was submitted and agreed with conditions in September 2019. The application was for the extension to Skipton Tennis Centre Clubhouse to provide 4 no. indoor tennis courts, together with extensions comprising stores for sports equipment, link corridors, biomass boiler room/wood pellet store and cafe, and additional adjacent car parking. Planning reference 2019/20610/FUL.</p> <p>The project is paused due the increasing construction costs which have made it cost prohibitive. The aim was to have a financial mix of private funds and LTA loan and possibly S106 developer contributions.</p> <p>To expand provision Skipton Tennis Centre built and opened a Padel court in summer 2022. This has proved to be a successful project and the intention is to add a further two Padel courts and to install a canopy above the courts to enable all weather play. Two additional tennis courts are proposed. The aim being to complete this development 2023/2024. An agreed LTA loan has been withdrawn at present as the LTA revisit their programme of investment in Padel Tennis. Funding sources are being investigated. Access to S106 developer contributions is being negotiated and are subject to criteria in respect of lease agreements and a Community Use Agreements.</p>
There is opportunity to work with Skipton Table Tennis Club to have a Table Tennis room added to indoor tennis courts; an	This was considered in the feasibility work. Consideration was also given to a dedicated gymnastics facility as part of the development.

<p>alternative option would be to develop one court as multi-purpose space, based on wider sporting need. This would be likely to drive more revenue than a single tennis court.</p>	<p>The gymnastics facility planned development is in the proposed extension to the Sandylands Sports Centre described in section 5 above.</p>
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- 9.5 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) have worked closely with Skipton Tennis Centre and engaged positively with Craven District Council to help support the developments as detailed above, although Skipton would not fit the LTA requirements for a target location for a community indoor tennis centre. However, the Padel tennis development does support the LTA Vision for 2019-2023 to grow tennis by making it more relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. Similarly, additional floodlighting at Craven Tennis Centre will enable the game to grow.
- 9.6 In late 2022 Skipton Tennis Centre surveyed the membership to determine how members rate their experience and if they would recommend the tennis Club to others, the response to both questions gave a high rating of satisfaction scoring in the range of 8-10 out of 10 for a net promoter score. There were very positive comments about the service and programme on offer and when asked about what improvements could be made the key themes were:
- Increasing and improving the courts cleaning and maintenance to reduce moss and dirt build up. Courts can become slippery.
 - Covers/Indoor courts would be welcomed.
 - More Padel courts

Local Craven District Tennis Clubs

- 9.7 In 2022 **Craven Tennis Club (Gargrave)** installed ‘Tweener – LED’ floodlights on two of their interconnected all weather tennis courts with the aim to increase participation throughout the year. (Planning reference 2022/23935/FUL). In total the club has four grass courts playable for four months during the year and three all-weather courts. At the time of submitting the planning application the club had in the region of 130 members and 6,000 visits per annum, it is anticipated that the installation of the floodlighting will support growth in participation and membership of the club. The club had calculated that there would be 2,600 hours of additional playing time available through the year because of the floodlight installation. A visual non-technical site visit in January 2023 found the facilities to be in good condition. The club has teams in local leagues and opportunities for recreational tennis. A Croquet club is based at the facilities.
- 9.8 **Austwick Tennis Club** has two all-weather courts and a third court which is part of multipurpose games area. A club house serves both the tennis and nearby bowling green. A play area is adjacent to the sports provision creating a hub for activity. A visual non-technical site visit in January 2023 found the facilities to be in good condition. The club plays in local leagues and books Giggleswick School sports hall for winter tennis. There are also opportunities for recreational tennis.

- 9.9 **Crosshills Tennis Club** has 3 all-weather courts which are floodlit and a small club house. A visual non-technical site visit in January 2023 found the facilities to be in good condition. The club has teams in local leagues and opportunities for recreational tennis.
- 9.10 Skipton, Craven, Crosshills and Austwick Tennis Clubs all offer social and competitive tennis for adults and juniors. All three clubs enter teams into the Wharfedale Tennis League and the Bradford Parks and Friendly Leagues.
- 9.11 **Bentham Playing Fields Association** facilities include two hard surface tennis courts. The courts are overmarked for netball and basketball and are used by the local community at no charge. The surface and floodlighting are in poor condition and not in full working order. There is no tennis club. The Bentham Playing Fields Association are active in promoting the use of the facilities and organising events and fundraising to make improvements to the playing fields facilities (football pitch, play area, skate park, pavilion). The land is leased to the Playing Fields Association from the company, Angus Fire and from Craven District Council.

Summary Conclusions – Tennis

- 9.12 The facility developments at Skipton Tennis Centre have increased the provision of tennis courts and introduced Padel Tennis to the district which in turn has provided increased participation opportunities. The Padel Tennis has proved successful since opening and the demand for additional courts has been created. Skipton Tennis Centre are working closely with the LTA and Sandylands Sports Centre to further develop and expand the opportunities for tennis in the district. Indoor courts remain an aspiration, this project remains paused for the foreseeable future in favour of additional outdoor and Padel tennis courts.
- 9.13 Access to tennis courts and clubs is good with courts and clubs located across the district. With the exception of the courts in Bentham the quality of the courts is good, overall, it will be important to ensure that quality of the courts and facilities continue to be maintained and the provision secured as these are important community accessible facilities which in some cases are adjacent to other sports provision or host other sports.

10. Other Sports Facility Needs Identified through Consultation

- 10.1 The 2016 Built Facilities Strategy included references to Bowls, Skipton Cycling Club, and Athletics and updates for these sports are below.
- 10.2 As a result of reviewing the 2016 Strategy, Indoor Climbing has been included as an additional sport worthy of inclusion and more detail has been added for Gymnastics considering the proposed development of new facilities at Sandylands Sports Complex. The details for both sports are included in Section 5 above.

Bowls

- 10.3 In 2016 the Strategy identified there are 15 Bowling Crown Green Bowls clubs/facilities across the Craven District (2 inside YDNP). Most have their own pavilion / clubhouse. The 2016 Strategy recommended that due to the predicted increase in the number of older people, CDC should seek to protect and enhance bowling provision to ensure that this resource is supported to meet the changing demographics. The 2016 strategy did not identify venues where indoor short mat bowls clubs took place.
- 10.4 In 2023 there are 21 Bowls Clubs identified in the district. There is no indoor bowling rink, although indoor short mat bowls clubs take place in community halls. The Bowling Clubs are identified in table 15 below.

Table 15: Outdoor and Indoor Bowls in Craven

Outdoor Bowling Greens (Total 15)	Indoor Bowls (Total 6)
Austwick Bowling Club	Clapham Indoor Bowling Club
Bentham Springfield Bowling Club	Embsay Village Hall Carpet Bowls Club
Broughton Road Bowling Club	Gargrave Indoor Bowling Club
	Glusburn Indoor Bowling Club
Cononley Bowling Club	Ingleton Indoor Bowling Club
Craven Bowling Club (Skipton)	Langcliffe Institute Bowling Club
Crosshills & District Bowling Club	
Gargrave Bowling Club	
Grassington & District Bowling Club	
Grassington Bowls & Pétanque	
Ingleborough Bowling Club	
Settle Bowling Club	
Skipton Devonshire Bowling Club	
Springfield Bowling Club (High Bentham)	
Sutton In Craven Bowling Club	
Whinfield Bowling Club	

Cycling

- 10.5 The 2016 Strategy through consultation with Skipton Cycling Club and Craven Energy Triathlon Club identified a need for a closed road cycling circuit. However, it was clear that an options appraisal and business case would inform any decisions taken on any future facility. The British Cycling position was they would support any development with technical guidance but not funding as it would not fit with their priorities.
- 10.6 Closed road circuits near to Craven are located at Leeds, Nelson, Bradford and York in areas of larger population. Craven has seen the development of BMX/Pump tracks. It should be noted that BMX/Pump tracks are included within the 2016 Open Spaces Strategy and are located in Burton In Lonsdale, and Aireville Park, Skipton).
- 10.7 Since 2016 there have been additional developments with the building of the Pump Tracks at the following locations;
- Ingleton built in 2017 (Planning reference 45/2015/16039). The existing track is in good condition but there are further aspirations to extend the provision and Ingleton Parish Council have agreed to allow an adjacent field to be developed by the young people in the village into a more challenging track, designed & built by the riders on Parish Council land. Insurance, maintenance etc. have yet to be confirmed.
 - Settle – Millennium Gardens built in 2022 with lighting to extend the period of useable time. (Planning reference 2021/23347/FUL)
 - Skipton – To be provided as part of on-site developer contributions at Hawbank Fields (Planning Reference 2021/23027/CND). Awaiting construction
- 10.8 Given the available closed road circuits within less than hour of Craven and the development of BMX/Pump tracks in the area it can be considered that the need identified in 2016 is met. The priorities of Sport England and British Cycling is to increase participation. British Cycling 'A Cycling Nation ' project looks to increase participation in all cycling disciplines and by encouraging commuter and active travel. In 2022 British Cycling secured funding from Sport England to further breakdown the barriers for participation in cycling and provide pathways for the cycling disciplines.

Athletics

10.9 There are three Athletics Clubs in the District, one Triathlon club and a regular Park Run as detailed below;

Table 16: Athletics and Running Clubs

Club	Summary
Skipton Athletics Club	Cross county, fell/hill, road running and track and field. Based at Aireville Park Book athletics track at Keighley.
Wharfedale Harriers	Cross county, fell/hill, road running and track and field. Based at Silsden Park/School.
Settle Harriers	Cross county, fell/hill, road running and track and field. Based from Giggleswick School.
Park Run	Volunteer run weekly event Aireville Park- Skipton Supported by Skipton Athletics Club
Craven Energy Triathlon Club	Based at Craven Leisure, runs are mainly form Aireville Park and Craven College. Use Keighley Athletics Track

10.10 England Athletics Strategy 2021-2032 has a vision with runners and athletes at its heart by creating opportunities, enhancing experiences and powering potential. They want to support clubs to be safe, sustainable, and welcoming and the best that they can be and create vibrant environments for their athletes. Through their National Facilities Strategy 2018-2025 the aim is to create innovative and inspiring network of sustainable athletics facilities with the capacity to meet both current and future demand across England. There is a hierarchy of facilities from compact athletics, club venues, regional, national and international venues with a reference that for a sustainable model co-location within a wider sports complex should be considered and that alternatives beyond a traditional 400m oval that can provide for the elements of run, jump and throw can be taught and some training take place at scaled down facilities.

- 10.11 In the 2016 Strategy Skipton Athletics Club highlighted the need for a facility that could facilitate the delivery of coaching and support the growth of the club. It also identified there is the potential to work with other sports and facilities. As with cycling in 10.6 above the master planning exercise at the Sandylands Complex should consider the demand and need for facilities which would enhance provision for athletics which additionally would benefit Triathlon.

Rifle and Pistol Club

- 10.12 The Wellington Rifle & Pistol Club is in an independent building to the rear of Sandylands Sports Centre. The Sandylands Management are aware that the club has undertaken refurbishments of the facilities which is confirmed on the clubs website. The club operates daytime and evening sessions Monday – Thursday and Sunday morning subject to a range officer being available for the required security and safety. The club is a member of the national small-bore rifle association.
- 10.13 The 2016 Strategy did not reference the facilities however, the facilities have been part of sports centre site and are listed in the Declaration of Trust in 1984.

Summary Conclusions – Other Sports Facilities

- 10.14 No change since 2016; CDC should seek to protect and enhance bowling provision to ensure that this resource is supported to meet the changing demographics.
- 10.15 In 2016 the strategy identified a need in future facility provision for a closed circuit cycling in the location of Sandylands. Recommendation 8 in the 2016 strategy was for further work be undertaken to develop the business case for investment in a closed circuit cycle track, however there has been no work undertaken to date. Recommendation 7 in 2016 also suggested further work to assess the development of improved tennis and multi-sport facilities at Sandylands Sports Centre. As described above work in this area has seen progressed. The PPS Refresh in 2021 supported the 2016 recommendation for a master planning exercise to be undertaken for Sandylands.
- 10.16 CDC have agreed funding for the master plan work to be undertaken and an external contractor to be appointed. The contractor will be required to work with all stakeholders to develop a long term masterplan for the wider Sandylands Complex and as part of the work give due consideration for the demand and needs for athletics and cycling as organised sports and for informal participation. The master plan will help support future investment decisions.

11. Needs, Priorities and Opportunities – Update 2023

11.1 The summary conclusions from the sections above for sports halls, swimming pools, health and fitness, squash tennis and other sports are collated below in table 17.

Table 17: Summary Conclusions by facility type

Facility Type	Summary Conclusions
Sports hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2016 the supply of four court sports hall provision has not increased but there are an additional two, two court halls and more one court halls. Reference paragraph 5.4 and Table 5 above re number of sports halls - shows more in 2022 than 2016. There has been greater access to sports halls on education sites in part where those sites are being managed by a local company on behalf of the schools. It is important to note that there has been no increase in formal community use agreements (CUA) and as such education sites without a CUA could decide to withdraw access to sports facilities. Given education sites play a key role in providing facilities for community access should any new education-based sports halls be developed a formal CUA would secure community access for both pay and play and sports clubs. • Sports halls use is predominantly through block bookings with the only fully accessible facility for pay and play at Sandylands Sports Centre. South Craven School and Upper Wharfedale School do offer pay and play subject to availability. The mid and north Craven areas are less well served with access to four court sports halls for play and play. Sport and Physical activity is being delivered in community halls and venues for example Ingleborough Community Centre, these facilities are important hubs in the more rural areas of the district. • Consideration could be given to undertaking a feasibility and options appraisal which considers the aspirations of Settle College and Settle Area Swimming Pool (reference section 6 above) which may result in findings which could deliver improved access to a four-court sports hall or multipurpose hall for education and pay and play community use in the mid and north Craven areas. • Sandylands Sports Centre facilities are used extensively by a number of Skipton schools who in some cases have insufficient on site facilities to deliver the curriculum. It is the only fully accessible pay and play facility in the District. • The proposed extension to Sandylands Sports Centre for indoor climbing and gymnastics will provide new facilities and opportunities for participation in sport. The evidence of demand and need and business plan for gymnastics has been progressed by the Craven Gymnastics Club. Planning permission is in place, but further work is required on sustainability and funding. The 2016 strategy identified a need for improvements of the aging facilities at Sandylands. Whilst there has been work to the sports hall the ancillary facilities such as changing rooms, reception and accessibility have seen little investment and are areas for improvement.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conclusions in 2016 were that demand could be met by existing stock but the real issue was the quality of the existing facilities which were ageing. A multipurpose space in South Craven at Sandylands Sports Centre/Skipton Tennis Club or Craven Leisure was suggested in 2016. The 2023 consultation suggests that there is still a need for a community accessible multipurpose space in South Craven, most likely at Craven Leisure.
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pools at Giggleswick School and Upper Wharfedale School were excluded as part of the calculation for water space requirements in the district as they are not fully accessible pay and play facilities and this remains the same in 2023. The consultation undertaken clearly shows that the demand for water space at Craven Leisure exceeds the capacity available. Settle Area Swimming Pool is rebuilding its pool programme and customer base following the building works but equally are expecting demand to be greater than the capacity available. Although an updated Facilities Planning Model (FPM) was not undertaken as part of the progress report the evidence gathered does support the findings in the 2016 Strategy of a future need for more water space. This is further evidenced by the 2023 SFC report. As in 2016 and confirmed in 2023 there is a need for more water space in Craven given the growth in population. A more detailed study of the demand and need and feasibility of providing additional swimming pool capacity in Craven is required to identify facility options(new, extend, refurbish) and whether an equivalent of a new 25m four lane pool as identified in 2016 is the most appropriate type of swimming pool facility to future proof swimming pool provision in Craven. In 2016 the need to consider the age, condition, and quality of existing pools in Craven was highlighted as the quality of the offer would reduce over time. In the 2016 strategy the focus was Settle Pool. The recommendation in the 2016 strategy for Settle Pool was completed in 2022, however, this did not include the increase in water space. In 2023 facilities at Craven Leisure, particularly the changing facilities, are clearly showing signs of age, wear and tear, and a reduction in quality due to an increase in demand. At Craven Leisure and Settle Area Swimming Pool, measures have been put in place to become more efficient and reduce energy consumption. Given the increased energy costs these measures will have had a positive impact on the operation of the facilities and the cost of utilities, continued monitoring of the impact of energy costs at these facilities will be needed. As at January 2023 sports facilities have been excluded from the governments Energy Bill Relief Scheme as the sector has failed to be classified as an Energy and Trade Intensive Industry. The sector are lobbying for change given that pools are already closing and predictions are that there will be significant closures and reductions in services in the future. The evidence clearly indicates that the swimming pools in the Craven District are important and any reduction in service would have a significant impact on wellbeing.
Health and Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As in 2016 there continues to be a good supply of health and fitness facilities in Craven although these are more dominant in the south of the district where residents can make a choice to suit their needs based on price, middle end provision and fitness and membership packages.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mid and north areas of the district have limited provision in terms of gyms with resistance and cardio fitness equipment with Phoenix Gym in Settle (a 28 station gym) and Long Ashes Leisure in Wharfedale (a 27 station gym). The addition of the flexible FitSpace at Settle Area Swimming Pool and the proposed new community space at Giggleswick School increase the provision of space for group exercise, health and wellbeing activities in Settle. The 2016 strategy considered increasing community access on education based sites or the potential to locate fitness provision (resistance and cardio equipment) in community spaces in the rural areas to improve and increase accessibility. Co-location with existing facilities for example Settle Area Swimming Pool or Ingleborough Community Centre is more likely to enable sustainable provision. • In 2016 the strategy concluded there was overall sufficient provision of fitness stations. Since then there has been some change in the overall supply. Supply of fitness stations in 2023 exceeds the projected 2032 undersupply of stations from the 2016 Strategy. This undersupply has been met mainly by Craven Leisure and Jetts fitness stations. Craven Leisure having expanded its provision is currently unable to meet demand. Demand at Craven Leisure for both the gym, spinning sessions and group exercise classes exceeds supply suggesting a need to further increase provision. The detailed demand and supply modelling undertaken in 2016 has not been repeated as part of the progress report and would be required to confirm the supply and demand needs. • Fitness equipment is continually changing and being updated, and where facilities are busy the equipment suffers increased wear and tear which can be challenging for operators to maintain the quality levels customers expect. In addition to the demand at Craven Leisure the current equipment is nearing the end of its 5 year warranty and therefore consideration needs to be given to the best options to maintain a high quality experience for members.
Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change from the 2016 Strategy which concluded there was no need for additional squash courts in the area, assuming the existing level of supply is retained.
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility developments at Skipton Tennis Centre have increased the provision of tennis courts and introduced Padel Tennis to the district which in turn has provided increased participation opportunities. The Padel Tennis has proved successful since opening and the demand for additional courts has been created. Skipton Tennis Centre are working closely with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and Sandylands Sports Centre to further develop and expand the opportunities for tennis in the district. Indoor courts remain an aspiration, this project remains paused for the foreseeable future in favour of additional outdoor and Padel tennis courts. • Access to tennis courts and clubs is good with courts and clubs located across the district. With the exception of the courts in Bentham the quality of the courts is good, it will be important to ensure that quality of the courts and facilities continue to be maintained and the provision secured as these are important community accessible facilities which in some cases are adjacent to other sports provision or host other sports.

Other Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change since 2016; CDC should seek to protect and enhance bowling provision to ensure that this resource is supported to meet the changing demographics. • In 2016 the strategy identified a need in future facility provision for a closed circuit cycling in the location of Sandylands. Recommendation 8 in the 2016 strategy was for further work be undertaken to develop the business case for investment in a closed circuit cycle track, however there has been no work undertaken to date. Recommendation 7 in 2016 also suggested further work to assess the development of improved tennis and multi-sport facilities at Sandylands Sports Centre. As described above work in this area has seen progressed. The PPS Refresh in 2021 supported the 2016 recommendation for a master planning exercise to be undertaken for Sandylands. • CDC have agreed funding for the master plan work to be undertaken and an external contractor to be appointed. The contractor will be required to work with all stakeholders to develop a long term masterplan for the wider Sandylands Complex and as part of the work give due consideration for the demand and needs for athletics and cycling as organised sports and for informal participation. The master plan will help support future investment decisions.
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- 11.2 In 2016 justification for the inclusion of the statement *“there is potentially a need to consider additional provision of swimming pools in the District, plus a need to address identified demands for community accessible health and fitness provision. There is also a need to replace some existing sports and leisure facilities in Craven in the medium to long term (3-10 years)”* was provided based on the local context and the supply and demand analysis.
- 11.3 The updated position based on the findings within this Progress Report is **“ there continues to be a need to consider additional provision of swimming pools in the District and the provision of good quality and accessible community sport and leisure facilities in the north mid and south Craven areas.”** The reasons for this are:
- Craven is a rural district and access to services can be difficult. Strategic documents support the development of vibrant, strong and well connected communities to promote health, wellbeing and quality of life by safeguarding and improving sport, open spaces and built sports Facilities. (Table 1)

 - The population is projected to grow by 2032 to a level slightly greater than projected in 2016 and coupled with new housing development will be a driver for increased future demand.

 - Reducing health inequalities and increasing participation continues to be important in Craven. There has been no significant improvements in health inequalities in Craven since 2016 (Table 2). The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth.

- Retaining and improving the quality of provision is important in Craven given there has been a slight increase in adult participation since 2016 (3.13, table 3). Data for children and young people in North Yorkshire indicates a decrease in those that are active whilst the fairly active and inactive have stayed the same and children being able to swim 25m unaided has fallen and is below the national average (Table 4, Graph 4)
- People are more likely to participate if accessibility in terms of geographic location and programming/opening hours are suitable to their needs.

Main Priorities 2023

11.4 The Vision for the future of sport and leisure in Craven in the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy is:

To encourage more people to be more active, more often, by facilitating provision of, and access to, a range of quality, accessible and sustainable facilities

The Vision and aims of the strategy underpin the updated priorities below. The main priorities are based on the progress and changes since 2016.

- a) The sports hall provision in South Craven is sufficient and there is no requirement for a new sports hall. The existing supply should be retained with the quality of the facilities maintained and where necessary improved. Sandylands Sports Centre is a key facility as it is the only community sports hall provision that is fully accessible to the community not being based on an education site. It remains important to ensure that supply continues to meet demand and that community access to sports halls on education sites in South Craven is retained.
- b) The 2016 strategy highlighted the opportunity to develop a multipurpose space at Sandylands Sports Centre in partnership with tennis to realise improved tennis facilities and space for other sport and activities. Sandylands Sports Centre have superseded this with the proposed extension for a dedicated gymnastics and indoor climbing facilities and café. The Tennis Centre have developed additional outdoor courts and Padel tennis. Evidence supports the need for gymnastics and tennis facility development. The Business Case for indoor climbing and café needs further development.
- c) There is continued evidence to support the need for additional multi-purpose space in Skipton as identified in the 2016 strategy. Given the proposed sports specific development at Sandylands Sports Centre and a shift away from the original plans for a multi-use space and indoor tennis development, and when taking into consideration the ever increasing demand for a multipurpose space at Craven Leisure, any future proposals for a new multi-purpose facility, should be considered in the first instance to be provided on the Craven Leisure site.

- d) There is more limited access to sports halls in the Mid and North Craven areas and the priority should be to retain community access on Education sites at Giggleswick and in Upper Wharfedale. The opportunity exists to look at the feasibility and options appraisal to provide a sports hall or multipurpose hall as a partnership project between Settle College, Settle Area Swimming Pool and NYCC who own the land.
- e) The access to all community facilities such as Ingleborough Community Centre should be maximised to support participation and quality improved where necessary to facilitate this.
- f) A more detailed study into the demand, need and feasibility of providing additional swimming pool capacity in Craven is required to identify facility options and whether a 25m four lane pool as identified in 2016 is the most appropriate facility to future proof swimming pool provision in Craven.
- g) Withstanding the priority above, improvements to the quality of the changing rooms and lockers at Craven Leisure is required.
- h) Although there is sufficient supply of health and fitness facilities these dominate the South area. Increasing access to health and fitness in the North and Mid Craven area by co-location of with existing facilities for example at Settle Area Swimming Pool and Ingleborough Community Centre, will improve accessibility and reduce the need to travel is more likely to enable sustainable provision.
- i) Given priority c) above and the demand for group exercise, spinning and gym use at Craven Leisure the aim should be to develop and invest in the dry side facilities to increase capacity at the site and widen opportunities for participation in activities for individuals and clubs.
- j) The master planning on the Sandylands site is cross cutting with the Built Facilities Strategy and the PPS Refresh 2021. It should be a priority that any future investment and development at Sandylands site is undertaken with the full involvement of all key stakeholders.

Investment Needs

- 11.5 The Progress reports concurs with the 2016 Strategy that there is and continues to be a need for capital investment in Craven's existing facilities. It is important to maintain and update existing facilities as increased participation is more likely to be achieved if environments in which people take part are fit for purpose. There is also a need to continue to invest in additional facility provision.
- 11.6 The priority investment needs are listed below. Timescales have been assigned in line with the 2016 strategy where short term = 1- 3 years, medium term = 3 - 5 years and long term = 5 – 10 years.

- Additional pool provision at Craven Leisure and/or Settle Area Swimming Pool – detailed feasibility and options appraisal required to determine type and location. (*Feasibility – short term; Outcomes delivered – medium- long term*).
 - Changing and lockers at Craven Leisure to replace ageing provision. (*Short term*).
 - A multipurpose space in South Craven- most likely at Craven Leisure to provide a flexible space to increase capacity and opportunities for participation. (*Feasibility – short term; Outcomes delivered – medium- long term*).
 - Sports hall or multipurpose small hall in Mid Craven – most likely at Settle Area Swimming Pool with dual use agreement with Settle College. Detailed feasibility and options appraisal required. (*Feasibility – short term; Outcomes delivered – medium- long term*).
 - Continued improvements to existing facilities at Sandylands Sports centre to enhance the quality of existing provision and overall customer experience. (*Short- Medium term*)
 - There is evidence of demand and need for a gymnastics facility and a proposed development at Sandylands Sports Centre has planning permission. Further work on business planning including governance structure, operational model and sustainability plans is needed. (*Short term*)
 - Subject to the outcomes from the master planning exercise at Sandylands, identify priority areas for investment across the whole of the Sandylands Complex. (*Master planning – in progress, Outcomes delivered – medium- long term*).
- 11.7 The financial and funding landscape in the public, private and VCSE sectors has seen significant change since 2016 because of external factors impacting on the economy. Therefore, it is important that detailed business planning is undertaken to make the case for investment. Detailed business planning provides clarity about the long term sustainability of any investment in facilities and how the investment will impact on creating opportunities for people to be active, increase participation and contribute to improved health, wellbeing and quality of life.
- 11.8 In 2016 the Strategy highlighted that the delivery of improvements and additional facilities would only result from a local partnership approach. This is equally if more relevant in 2023 with the challenges in the public sector and external grant making bodies. There has been a growing emphasis on collaborative and partnership working by funders and in the public sector since 2016.
- 11.9 For example within Sport England’s Uniting the Movement Implementation Plan 2022-2025 one of the catalysts for change is identified as having effective investment models “ *The right kinds of investment, timed well and delivered skilfully can stimulate demand, provide opportunities to get active, enable innovation, encourage collaboration, reduce inequalities and enable greater sustainability.*” The plan identified that by 2025 change will be achieved by “*Organisations in the health, education, transport and fitness and leisure sectors will be collaborating at all levels with the sport and physical activity sector to break down the barriers that exist for people in taking part.*”

- 11.10 Recommendation 2 (R2) in 2016 was “CDC identifies the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs and seeks to secure S106 contributions and adoption of CIL to secure investment for the identified needs” with the action to “Ensure all identified facility needs are reflected in the CIL/S106 funding requirements for the District”. This has been completed with the adoption of the Local Plan and the implementation of Appendix A: INF3 Policy- Sport, Open Space and Built Sports Facilities.
- 11.11 Between 2016 and 2022 £827,399 of funding has been secured through Section 106 legal agreements across all the typologies in the INF3 Policy. During the period 2016-2022 £386,252 of improvements have been made across all INF3 typologies. The requirements for projects to access allocated S106 funds are stated within the letter of award for the funding from CDC, this ensures that projects are robust and the investment will support the delivery of strategic priorities and facilitate increased participation.

12. Recommendations and Actions

- 12.1 The 2016 Strategy made eight recommendations, within this report the progress against these recommendations has been described and priorities and investment needs as at 2023 have been updated in section 11 above. The findings from the work undertaken to produce this Progress Report have led to the following updated recommendations and actions in tables 18 and 19 below.

Table 18: Updated Recommendations 2023

2016 Recommendations	2023 Updated Recommendations
<p>RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1) The need to replace ageing facilities is recognised and planned for appropriately and investment is required to achieve this, including the retention and increase of water space in Settle and new or fully refurbished sports hall at Sandylands Sports Centre.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1) - UPDATED The need to provide additional facilities, replace or update ageing facilities is recognised and planned for appropriately and investment is required to achieve this.</p> <p>Section 11 paragraph 11.4 above identifies the revised priorities related to this recommendation, as of 2023.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2) CDC identifies the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs and seeks to secure S106 contributions and adoption of CIL (possibly in the future) to secure investment for the identified needs.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2) – NO CHANGE CDC identifies the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs and seeks to secure S106 contributions and adoption of CIL (possibly in the future) to secure investment for the identified needs.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3) CDC adopts the suggested sub area approach to provision of</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3) – NO CHANGE CDC adopts the suggested sub area approach to provision of</p>

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participation opportunities through formal and informal facilities and enables this local approach in partnership working driven by increased investment in sports facilities.	participation opportunities through formal and informal facilities and enables this local approach in partnership working driven by increased investment in sports facilities.
RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4) It is recommended that the pool and sports hall on the former Malsis school site are closed – surplus to requirements.	Completed
RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5) South Craven School is developed as a key community accessible sports facility; improvements to the tennis courts and pitches should progress, and the sports hall capacity be maximised for use by local clubs.	RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5) – UPDATED Where an education site looks to develop or improve sports facilities a Community Use Agreement (CUA) should be encouraged to secure community use.
RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6) CDC and NYCC work with local schools to develop formal community use agreements, or at minimum commitments for a period of time to protect community access (pay and play usage as a priority).	RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6) - NO CHANGE CDC and NYCC work with local schools to develop formal community use agreements, or at minimum commitments for a period of time to protect community access (pay and play usage as a priority).
RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7) Further work is undertaken to assess the business case for the development of improved tennis and multi-sport facilities at Sandylands Sports centre.	Completed - with new facilities at Skipton Tennis Centre and Sandylands Sports Centre’s proposal for the development of dedicated indoor climbing and gymnastics supersedes the recommendation for multi-sport facilities.
RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8) Further work is undertaken to develop the business case for investment in, and development of a closed circuit cycling track, and the future development of bowls facilities.	RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8) – UPDATED Following the master planning at Sandylands which will be undertaken in 2023 develop the business case(s) for investment in the masterplan priority outcomes.
RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9) New 2023	RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9) - NEW CDC (North Yorkshire Council as from 1st April 2023) should facilitate the delivery of sport and leisure provision in the Craven District area. To ensure that community access to good quality

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	facility provision and opportunities is provided in the most appropriate and sustainable manner whether that be direct delivery or support for providers and by encouraging partnership and collaborative working.
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Table 19: Progress Report Updated Recommendations and Action Plan 2023

Updated Recommendation 2023	Action	Lead Responsibility	Timescale Short = 1- 3 years Medium = 3 – 5 years Long = 5 – 10 years	Resources
RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1) - UPDATED The need to provide additional facilities, replace or update ageing facilities is recognised and planned for appropriately and investment is required to achieve this.	Additional pool provision at Craven Leisure and/or Settle Area Swimming Pool – detailed feasibility and options appraisal required to determine type and location.	CDC/NYC	Feasibility – Short Outcomes delivered – Medium - Long	CDC/NYC officers Input from stakeholders e.g. SASP. Potential external expertise.
	Changing and lockers at Craven Leisure to replace ageing provision	CDC/NYC	Short	CDC/NYC officers
	A multipurpose space in South Craven - most likely at Craven Leisure to provide a flexible space to increase capacity and opportunities for participation.	CDC/NYC	Feasibility – Short Outcomes delivered – Medium - Long	CDC/NYC officers Input from stakeholders e.g. Sandylands Sports Complex, Education sites. Potential external expertise.
	Sports hall or multipurpose small hall in Mid Craven – most likely at	CDC/NYC	Feasibility – Short	CDC/NYC officers

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	Settle Area Swimming Pool with dual use agreement with Settle College. Detailed feasibility and options appraisal required.		Outcomes delivered – Medium - Long	SASP Potential external expertise.
	Continued improvements to existing facilities at Sandylands Sports centre to enhance the quality of existing provision and overall customer experience	Sandylands Sport Centre	Short - Medium	Trustees and staff Support CDC/NYC officers Potential external expertise.
	There is evidence of demand and need for a gymnastics facility and a proposed development at Sandylands Sports Centre has planning permission. Further work on business planning including governance structure, operational model and sustainability plans is needed.	Craven Gymnastics Club in partnership with Sandylands Sport Centre	Short	Club management committee and volunteers. Trustees and staff Sandylands Sports Centre. British Gymnastics expertise. Support CDC/NYC officers
RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2) – NO CHANGE CDC identifies the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs and seeks to secure S106 contributions and adoption of CIL (possibly in the future) to secure investment for the identified needs.	This will be done by continuing to apply Local Plan Policy INF3 and Appendix to secure developer contributions for the future provision and delivery of sport and leisure facilities and participation opportunities. Ensure all identified facility needs are reflected in developer contributions/S106 agreements.	CDC/NYC	Ongoing secure contributions. INF3 contributions reviewed in line with policy and Local Plan updates.	CDC/NYC officers

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<p>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3) – NO CHANGE CDC adopts the suggested sub area approach to provision of participation opportunities through formal and informal facilities and enables this local approach in partnership working driven by increased investment in sports facilities.</p>	<p>This will be done by continuing to apply Local Plan Policy INF3 and the INF3 calculator based on the sub area approach.</p> <p>Ensure all identified facility needs are reflected in developer contributions/S106 agreements.</p>	CDC/NYC	<p>Ongoing secure contributions.</p> <p>INF3 contributions reviewed in line with policy and Local Plan updates.</p>	CDC/NYC officers
<p>RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5) - UPDATED Where an education site looks to develop or improve sports facilities a Community Use Agreement (CUA) should be encouraged to secure community use.</p>	<p>Subject to planning application submissions, review the need to have a CUA. As appropriate CUA to be a condition of planning approval.</p>	CDC/NYC	<p>Ongoing subject to any proposed changes at education sites.</p>	CDC/NYC officers
<p>RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6) - NO CHANGE CDC and NYCC work with local schools to develop formal community use agreements, or at minimum commitments for a period of time to protect community access (pay and play usage as a priority).</p>	<p>Develop partnership approach with schools and education providers.</p> <p>As from 1st April 2023 the new North Yorkshire Council will supersede CDC and NYCC to implement this recommendation.</p>	CDC/NYC	<p>Ongoing</p>	CDC/NYC officers

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<p>RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8) – UPDATED Following the master planning at Sandylands which will be undertaken in 2023 develop the business case(s) for investment in the masterplan priority outcomes</p>	<p>Subject to the outcomes from the master planning exercise at Sandylands, identify priority areas for investment across the whole of the Sandylands Complex.</p> <p>Develop detailed business case(s) for priorities.</p>	<p>CDC/NYC – Master planning</p> <p>CDC/NYC and stakeholders – Outcomes delivery</p>	<p>Master planning – in progress.</p> <p>Outcomes delivered – Medium- Long term</p>	<p>CDC/NYC officers</p> <p>CDC/NYC officers</p> <p>Input from stakeholders e.g. Sandylands Sports Complex.</p> <p>Potential external expertise.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9) - NEW CDC (North Yorkshire Council as from 1st April 2023) should facilitate the delivery of sport and leisure provision in the Craven District area. To ensure that community access to good quality facility provision and opportunities is provided in the most appropriate and sustainable manner whether that be direct delivery or support for providers and by encouraging partnership and collaborative working.</p>	<p>Continue to be engaged with facility providers from all sectors; public, private, VCSE.</p> <p>Develop partnership approach to ensure access to good quality built sports facility provision.</p>	<p>CDC/NYC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CDC/NYC officers</p> <p>Facility providers and operators.</p>

12.2 The Progress Report information provides an updated position and evidence base for the application of the INF3 Policy and capital investment. Therefore, ensuring that resources can be allocated and directed towards priorities. The information in the report will support the allocation of local authority investment and applications for external funding by local authorities, other public sector bodies and voluntary, community and social enterprise community sports organisations.

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