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### Extracts from LB Lambeth Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy and Action Plan 2015 to 2020 – September 2015

#### Action Plan

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#### Football

##### *Demand*

There are 25 grass football pitches in Lambeth, all provided by Lambeth Council and available for community use.

- Over 70% of all affiliated football matches are played at Clapham Common.
- Grass pitches are being overplayed by a total of 27 matches, thereby reducing quality.
- 20 teams from Lambeth are currently playing outside of the Borough due to a lack of availability and good quality pitches. 3
- An extra 19 youth teams would play in Lambeth if there were enough pitches available.
- Latent, displaced and future demand shows there is a demand for 18 additional grass football pitches, which are split as follows:

Pitch size	Number of pitches	Number of additional matches that could be played
Mini	6	12
Youth	7	13.5
Adult	5	10

##### ***Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) demand***

- The FPM identifies a demand for six additional AGP football pitches across the borough.

##### ***Options***

The following options show how football demand could be met.

##### *Option 1: Addressing current overplay on grass pitches-*

- Improving pitch quality is one way to increase the capacity at sites.
- If poor and standard quality pitches were improved to good quality the overplay issues would be alleviated. Pitch capacity would increase by the following:

Pitch size	Additional matches per week
Mini	8
Youth	22
Adult	19

- Through increasing quality and exceeding the demand pitches could be rested and rotated, protecting the quality of pitches. This is known as strategic reserve.

*Option 2: Addressing future demand for grass pitches*

- Increase the number of grass pitches by 6 mini, 7 youth and 5 adult

*Option 3: Addressing future demand for grass pitches with new AGPs*

- The shortfall in the demand of 18 grass pitches identified could be met by developing seven new full size 3G AGPs, in addition to the current demand for 6 AGP.
- Redgra pitches which are used informally and unofficially could be developed to meet demand for affiliated football.
- AGPs can be used for competitive matches by registering them with the Football Association (FA). Registration would help reduce the deficiency of youth and mini football grass pitches Recommendations Demand for football can be better met through a combination of improving pitch quality and building new AGPs. It is not deemed feasible to increase the number of grass pitches due to the limit green space available for sports pitches. The following recommendations are carried through into site specific action plans in order to meet demand.
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*Recommendations*

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- Transfer football from overplayed pitches to those that are not at capacity and to pitches that are not currently available for community use.
- Work to accommodate demand on sites which are not operating at capacity or only incorporate unofficial use.
- Ensure that existing 3G pitches are being fully utilised and available for community use at peak times, including weekends
- Provide six additional full size 3G AGPs exploring as a priority replacement of the Redgra pitches to meet demand.
- Create management arrangements at strategic sites and develop management plans to meet identified aims

- Maximise access to secondary schools and academies to meet demand for training and to develop school-club links.