

## City of Lincoln Council Sports Facility Assessment

Project Details	
Client Name	City of Lincoln
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### Summary update:

- This is a football audit of supply and demand data within the City of Lincoln and is a 'snapshot' in time
- 80% of the Football sites have been assessed by LK2 and GMA in partnership with the Local Football Association
- Consultation undertaken with key clubs and strategic stakeholders
- Due to the ongoing Pandemic of COVID-19 the supply data is taken from the 2019 / 2020 season
- The demand data is for the 2020 / 2021 season using the latest available information from the local FA and stakeholder consultations such as the wholegames system data.
- This data is a snapshot and should be annually reviewed as part of the wider Strategy



### Supply Data

#### Pitch supply (including FTPs)

##### Introduction

An overview of the supply of football pitches in City of Lincoln is provided in this section. There are 5 types of pitches that are used by football teams from the ages of Under 7 through to Adults. The pitch types are as follows:

- Adult 11v11
- Youth 11v11
- Youth 9v9
- Mini soccer 7v7
- Mini soccer 5v5

Artificial grass pitches (AGPs) are also used by football teams and have been included in this data collection summary.

##### Site Details

The number of football pitches in the City of Lincoln has been detailed in the table below. It is important to understand where there may be potential further supply should the capacity analysis inform us that there is overplay within the City of Lincoln.



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### Breakdown of sites and pitches

Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	AGP – 3G	AGP - Sand Based
Birchwood Junior School	No	Unsecured	School (in house)			2				
Birchwood Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)			1	1	2	1	
Bishop Grosseteste University	Yes	Secured	University (in house)	1						
Christs Hospital School	Yes	Unsecured	School (in house)	2		1			1	
Hartsholme Academy	No	Unsecured	School (in house)					1		

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Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	AGP – 3G	AGP - Sand Based
King Georges Field ( Macauley Drive)	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	2						
Lincoln City FC	Yes	Unsecured	Professional Club						1	
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	No	Unsecured	College (in house)	3	2					
Lincoln St Christopher's School	Yes	School (in house)	School (in house)				1			
Lincoln United	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	1						
Lindum Sports	Yes	Secured	Community Sports Association							1
Manor Leas Junior Academy	Yes	Unsecured	School (in house)			2				
Moorlands Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Community Sports Association	1	1					

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Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	AGP – 3G	AGP - Sand Based
Morland Community Centre	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	1						
Ruston's S&S	Yes	Secured	Community Sports Association	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Skellingthorpe Road	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	2	1	1	2	1		
Sobraon Barracks Playing Fields	No	Unsecured	MOD	1						
St Giles Academy	Yes	Unsecured	School (in house)	1						
St Peter & St Paul School	Yes	Unsecured	School (in house)	1	2					

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Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	AGP – 3G	AGP - Sand Based
Sudbrooke Drive	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	2						
The Priory Academy, Cross o Cliff	No	Unsecured	School (in house)	2						
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Yes	Unsecured	School (in house)	1	1	1		2	1	
The Priory Witham Academy	No	Unsecured	School (in house)	2	1					
University of Lincoln	Yes	Secured	University (in house)						2	1
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

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Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	AGP – 3G	AGP - Sand Based
Total				25	11	10	6	8	8	3

### Quantity Overview

Below provides an overview of the number of football pitches across the City of Lincoln. This splits the football pitches into five sub-categories for grass pitches and 2 sub-categories for AGP's.

#### Pitch supply overview

City of Lincoln	Number of pitches						
	Adult Football	Youth Football		Mini Soccer		AGPs	
	11v11	11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	3G	Sand Based
Total	25	11	10	6	8	8	3

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### Site assessor overview

The site assessments carried out by LK2 and Grounds Management Association (GMA) using their latest online pitch tool determine the 'Carrying Capacity' of a football pitch and using the Sport England methodology as the basis. This capacity determines the number of matches a pitch per week without having a detrimental effect on the quality. A pitch receives a score identified through the assessment that determines the quality as 'good', 'standard' or 'poor'.

The table below provides a general overview of the scores received for the different pitch types across the area.

#### Pitch quality summary

Quality score	Adult football	Youth football		Mini soccer		AGP Pitches	
	11v11	11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	3G	Sand Based
Good (80-100%)	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
Standard / Basic (50-79.9%)	19	5	8	6	8	1	0
Poor (0-50%)	6	6	2	0	0	2	2

Table 4 below provides a detailed view of the site-by-site assessment data collected by LK2 and GMA in partnership with LFA

Table 4: Grass and AGP pitch quality by site

Name of Facility	Pitch Sub Type	Agreed Pitch Rating	Pitch Capacity Score
Lincoln City FC	AGP - 3G	Standard	3
The Priory Academy, Cross o Cliff	Adult Football	Standard	4
The Priory Academy, Cross o Cliff	Adult Football	Standard	
St Peter & St Paul School	Adult Football	Poor	4
St Peter & St Paul School	Youth Football 11v11	Standard	
St Peter & St Paul School	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	



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Name of Facility	Pitch Sub Type	Agreed Pitch Rating	Pitch Capacity Score
Moorlands Sports Ground	Adult Football	Poor	2
Moorlands Sports Ground	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Adult Football	Standard	12
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Youth Football 11v11	Standard	
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Youth Football 9v9	Poor	
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Mini Soccer 5v5	Standard	
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	Mini Soccer 5v5	Standard	
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	AGP - 3G	Good	
Lindum Sports	AGP -Sand Based	Good	3
The Priory Witham Academy	Adult Football	Standard	6
The Priory Witham Academy	Adult Football	Standard	
The Priory Witham Academy	Youth Football 11v11	Standard	
Hartsholme Academy	Mini Soccer 5v5	Standard	2
Christs Hospital School	Adult Football	Standard	9
Christs Hospital School	Adult Football	Standard	
Christs Hospital School	Youth Football 9v9	Standard	
Christs Hospital School	AGP - 3G	Good	
Skellingthorpe Road	Adult Football	Poor	7
Skellingthorpe Road	Adult Football	Poor	
Skellingthorpe Road	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
Skellingthorpe Road	Youth Football 9v9	Poor	
Skellingthorpe Road	Mini Soccer 7v7	Poor	
Skellingthorpe Road	Mini Soccer 7v7	Poor	
Skellingthorpe Road	Mini Soccer 5v5	Poor	

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Name of Facility	Pitch Sub Type	Agreed Pitch Rating	Pitch Capacity Score
Morland Community Centre	Adult Football	Standard	2
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Adult Football	Standard	11
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Youth Football 9v9	Poor	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Mini Soccer 7v7	Poor	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Mini Soccer 5v5	Poor	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	AGP - 3G	Good	
Yarborough Leisure Centre	AGP -Sand Based	Good	
Bishop Grosseteste University	Adult Football	Standard	2
Lincoln St Christopher's School	Mini Soccer 7v7	Standard	2
Lincoln United	Adult Football	Basic	1.5
Manor Leas Junior Academy	Youth Football 9v9	Standard	4
Manor Leas Junior Academy	Youth Football 9v9	Standard	
Ruston's S&S	Adult Football	Poor	8
Ruston's S&S	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
Ruston's S&S	Youth Football 9v9	Poor	
Ruston's S&S	Mini Soccer 7v7	Standard	
Ruston's S&S	Mini Soccer 5v5	Standard	
Ruston's S&S	AGP - 3G	Poor	
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	Adult Football	Standard	5
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	Adult Football	Standard	
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	Adult Football	Poor	
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	

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Name of Facility	Pitch Sub Type	Agreed Pitch Rating	Pitch Capacity Score
Lincoln College (Ravendale)	Youth Football 11v11	Poor	
St Giles Academy	Adult Football	Standard	2
Sobraon Barracks Playing Fields	Adult Football	Poor	1
Sudbrooke Drive	Adult Football	Standard	4
Sudbrooke Drive	Adult Football	Standard	
King Georges Field ( Macauley Drive)	Adult Football	Standard	4
King Georges Field ( Macauley Drive)	Adult Football	Standard	
Birchwood Leisure Centre	Youth Football 9v9	Poor	7
Birchwood Leisure Centre	Mini Soccer 7v7	Poor	
Birchwood Leisure Centre	Mini Soccer 5v5	Poor	
Birchwood Leisure Centre	Mini Soccer 5v5	Poor	
Birchwood Leisure Centre	AGP - 3G	Good	
University of Lincoln	AGP - 3G	Good	7
University of Lincoln	AGP - 3G (Small Sided)	Good	
University of Lincoln	AGP -Sand Based	Poor	
Birchwood Junior School	Youth Football 9v9	Standard	4
Birchwood Junior School	Youth Football 9v9	Standard	

\*Sites highlighted in Yellow have received a Pitch Inspection Report from the GMA

### AGP Pitches

Football training and matches can also be played on artificial grass pitches (matches can only be played on FA certified rubber-crumb 3G pitches), therefore the tables and information summarised below inform the provision of Artificial Grass Pitches in the area.

### AGP breakdown

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Site Name	Pitch Type	Community use	Size	Age of Surface	Floodlighting	Agreed Pitch Rating
Lincoln City FC*	3G	Yes	100 x 60	10 years	Yes	Good
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe	3G	Yes	100 x 65	7 – 10 years	Yes	Good
Lindum Sports	Sand Based	Yes	91 x 56	6 years	Yes	Good
Christ's Hospital School	3G	Yes	100 x 60	11 years	Yes	Standard
Yarborough Leisure Centre	3G	Yes	106 x 70	2 years	Yes	Good
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Sand Based	Yes	106 x 70	2 years	Yes	Good
Ruston's S&S	3G	Yes	106 x 70	13 years	Yes	Poor
Birchwood Leisure Centre	3G	Yes	31 x 20	14 years	Yes	Poor
Birchwood Leisure Centre	3G	Yes	106 x 70	2 years	Yes	Good
University of Lincoln	3G	Yes	31 x 19	10 years	Yes	Good
University of Lincoln	3G	Yes	31 x 19	5 years	Yes	Good
University of Lincoln	Sand Based	Yes	101 x 64	20 years	Yes	Poor

\*Lincoln City FC are soon to resurface their current AGP provision

### Pitch demand

The following section presents the data from the demand section of the audit. This data has been gathered using consultation and the whole game system data from the local FA.

Organisation Name	Sites Used	Adult Male 11v11	Adult Female 11v11	Disability	Junior 11v11	Junior Football 9v9	Mini Soccer 7v7	Mini Soccer 5v5	Demand (Match Equivalents)	Total Demand (Match Equivalents per team)
Active Arena FC	Skellingthorpe Rd	1							1	0.5

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AFC Lincoln Imp	The Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre	1							1	0.5
AFC Rustons (Sun)	Ruston Sports & Social Club	1							1	0.5
AFC West End	Lincoln College (Ravendale Drive)	1							1	0.5
Birchwood Colts juniors	Birchwood Leisure Centre				3	3	2	2	10	5
Bishop Grosseteste University	Bishop Grosseteste University	1							1	0.5
Broadley	The Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre	1							1	0.5
Deano's# Pro Soccer Academy	Birchwood Leisure Centre	1							1	0.5
Lincoln Athletic FC	Birchwood Leisure Centre	1							1	0.5
Lincoln City Disability 1 (6 aside)	Priory City Of Lincoln Academy Sports Centre			9					9	4.5
Lincoln City FC	Lincoln City Football Club	1							1	0.5
Lincoln City Women FC	Yarborough Leisure Centre		2						2	1
Lincoln College	Lincoln College (Ravendale Drive)	4							4	2
Lincoln EST	St Giles Community Centre				2				2	1
Lincoln Griffins LFC	Ruston Sports & Social Club				4	1			5	2.5
Lincoln High Street FC	Yarborough Leisure Centre	1							1	0.5
Lincoln Moorlands Railway	Moorlands Sports Ground	1							1	0.5
Lincoln Moorlands Railway AFC	Moorlands Sports Ground		1						1	0.5

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Lincoln Moorlands-Railway LFC	Moorlands Sports Ground	3							3	1.5
Lincoln Invictus	Unknown			2					2	1
Lincoln United FC	Lincoln United Fc	2	1						3	1.5
Linkage FC	Priory City of Lincoln Academy Sports Centre							1	1	0.5
MH Blue Lion FC	King George's Field, St. Giles	1							1	0.5
Morning Star	Bishop Grosseteste University	1							1	0.5
North Lindum Hawks JFC	Yarborough Leisure Centre				6	7	4	4	21	10.5
Nosey FC	Skellingthorpe Rd	1							1	0.5
Queen Athletic FC	Skellingthorpe Rd	1							1	0.5
Ruston Sports	Ruston Sports & Social Club	1							1	0.5
Ruston Sports Sunday	Ruston Sports & Social Club				6	2	2	2	12	6
Rustons United (Sunday)	Ruston Sports & Social Club	1							1	0.5
St. Helens FC	Skellingthorpe Rd	1			4	2	1	2	10	5
Swanpool FC	Skellingthorpe Rd	1							1	0.5

### Overall team profile

Overall team profile following club breakdown

Area	Adult Teams		Youth Teams		Mini Teams	Disability Teams	Totals
	Men's	Ladies	Boys	Girls	Mini Soccer		

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Area	Adult Teams		Youth Teams				Mini Teams		Disability	Totals
			11 V 11	9 V 9	11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5		
City of Lincoln	28	4	11	25	2	2	9	11	11	103

### ANALYSIS

#### Supply and demand balance figures

Following the gathering of supply and demand information, the capacity analysis ('balance') for pitches/sites can be undertaken. The tables below split the balance figures across the 5 different football pitch types. The tables identify the supply of pitches of the specific pitch typology in terms of quantity and overall carrying capacity (given that some pitches on the same site may be identified as different qualities), the demand placed on the pitches by clubs (match) and then provides the balance (the difference between capacity and demand match equivalents).

#### Pitch type balance figures

##### Supply and demand balance summary

Provision - Site	Total Number of Pitches	Total Pitch Capacity	Total Demand (Match Equivalents)	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents
Lincoln City FC - 11v11 Full	1	3	0.5	2.5
The Priory Academy, Cross o Cliff - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
The Priory Academy, Cross o Cliff - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
St Peter & St Paul School - 11v11 Full	1	1	0	1
St Peter & St Paul School - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0	2
St Peter & St Paul School - 11v11 Junior	1	1	0	1
Moorlands Sports Ground - 11v11 Full	1	1	1	0
Moorlands Sports Ground - 11v11 Junior	1	1	1	0
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe - 11v11 Full	1	2	3.5	-1.5

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Provision - Site	Total Number of Pitches	Total Pitch Capacity	Total Demand (Match Equivalents)	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe - 11v11 Junior	1	2	1.5	0.5
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe - 9v9	1	1	2	-1
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe - 5v5	1	4	3	1
The Priory Academy, Skellingthorpe - 5v5	1	4	3	1
The Priory Witham Academy - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
The Priory Witham Academy - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
The Priory Witham Academy - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0	2
Hartsholme Academy - 5v5	1	4	0	4
Christs Hospital School - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
Christs Hospital School - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
Christs Hospital School - 9v9	1	2	0	2
Skellingthorpe Road - 11v11 Full	1	2	2	0
Skellingthorpe Road - 11v11 Full	1	1	1.5	-0.5
Skellingthorpe Road - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0	2
Skellingthorpe Road - 9v9	1	2	1	1
Skellingthorpe Road - 7v7	1	4	0.5	3.5
Skellingthorpe Road - 7v7	1	4	0	4
Skellingthorpe Road - 5v5	1	4	1	3
Moorland Community Centre - 11v11 Full	1	2	0.5	1.5
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 11v11 Full	1	2	0.5	1.5
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 11v11 Full	1	1	0	1
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 11v11 Junior	1	2	1	1
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0.5	1.5



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Yarborough Leisure Centre - 9v9	1	2	3.5	-1.5
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 7v7	1	4	2.5	1.5
Yarborough Leisure Centre - 5v5	1	4	1	3
Bishop Grosseteste University 11v11 Full	1	2	2	0
Lincoln St Christopher's School - 7v7	1	2	0	2
Lincoln United - 11v11 Full	1	1	1	0
Manor Leas Junior Academy - 9v9	1	2	0	2
Manor Leas Junior Academy - 9v9	1	2	0	2
Ruston Sports & Social - 11v11 Full	1	1	4.5	-3.5
Ruston Sports & Social - 11v11 Junior	1	1	2.5	-1.5
Ruston Sports & Social - 9v9	1	1	2	-1
Ruston Sports & Social - 7v7	1	2	1	1
Ruston Sports & Social - 5v5	1	2	1	1
Lincoln College (Ravendale) - 11v11 Full	1	2	1	1
Lincoln College (Ravendale) - 11v11 Full	1	2	1	1
Lincoln College (Ravendale) - 11v11 Full	1	2	0	2
Lincoln College (Ravendale) - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0	2
Lincoln College (Ravendale) - 11v11 Junior	1	2	0	2
St Giles Academy	1	1	1	0
Sobraon Barracks Playing Fields	1	1	0	1
Sudbrooke Drive	1	2	1	1
Sudbrooke Drive	1	2	1	1
King Georges Field ( Macauley Drive)	1	2	0.5	1.5

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King Georges Field ( Macauley Drive)	1	2	0.5	1.5
Birchwood Leisure Centre	1	2	1.5	0.5
Birchwood Leisure Centre	1	4	1.5	2.5
Birchwood Leisure Centre	1	4	1	3
Birchwood Leisure Centre	1	4	0.5	3.5