

## City of Lincoln Sports Facility Assessment

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### Summary update:

- All rugby sites within the COLC were visited
- Consultation undertaken with 2 rugby clubs (100%)
- Due to the ongoing Pandemic COVID-19 the supply and Demand data is from the 2019 / 2020 Season
- This is an audit and a 'snapshot' in time and should be regarded as such
- Due to timing of this review it should be revisited on an annual basis as part of the wider playing pitch strategy
- The two main clubs associated within the City of Lincoln are located just outside of the city's boundaries but are closely associated with the city in regard to members.

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### Pitch supply data

#### Quantity overview

The number of rugby 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

Breakdown of sites and pitches.

Name	Community use on site	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Adult	Junior/Minis
Bishop Grosseteste University	Yes	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0
Lincoln College	Yes	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0
The Priory Academy	Yes	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0
Lindum Sports Association* <sup>1</sup>	No	Unsecured	Commercial Management	1	0
Lincoln Rugby Club* <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	4	2

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Name	Community use on site	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Adult	Junior/Minis
North Hykeham Rugby Club* <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Secured	Trust	1	0

\*1 - It should be noted that Lindum Sports Association is a historic site that has not been used for rugby in recent years due to Lincoln Rugby Club moving to another site.

\*2 – This club is located within West Lindsey, but many members are located within the City of Lincoln

\*3 – This club is located within North Kesteven, but many members are located within North Kesteven

### Tenure/Management

The table below identifies the split in ownership of all rugby pitches in City of Lincoln. Table 2 shows that the majority of rugby pitches are owned Local Authority and Sports Club managed.

#### Ownership and management summary of rugby pitches in City of Lincoln

	Ownership
Sports Club	1
School/College/University (in house)	3
Trust	1
Commercial Management	1

### Quality assessment

LK2 has visited all sites and non-technical site assessments have been undertaken to provide an overall quality score that is in line with the RFU guidance provided below. The maintenance and drainage scores determine the capacity of a pitch in match equivalents.

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### RFU pitch assessment guidance

Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
Natural Adequate (D1)	1.5	2	3
Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

Table below shows the number of pitches in City of Lincoln that fit into each of the RFU's pitch assessment guidance criteria (as shown in Table above).

### Number of pitches fulfilling each category of the RFU pitch assessment guidance in City of Lincoln

Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	-	-	-
Natural Adequate (D1)	2	7	-
Pipe Drained (D2)	-	1	-
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	-	-	1

Table below shows the pitch scores following a non-technical quality assessment of the pitches that are used by the community for rugby in City of Lincoln. This allows us to understand the capacity of each pitch from a community use perspective, using the capacity calculations in Table 3.

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### Community sites and individual pitch capacity

Site Name	Pitch Type	Drainage Score	Pitch maintenance score	Pitch Capacity	Overall capacity of site
Bishop Grosseteste University	Senior Rugby Union	Natural (adequate) – D1	M1 - Standard	2	2
Lincoln College	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Poor (M0)	1.5	1.5
The Priory Academy	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Poor (M0)	1.5	1.5
Lindum Sports Association*	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	2
Lincoln Rugby Club	Senior Rugby Union	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	Good (M2)	3.5	14
Lincoln Rugby Club	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	
Lincoln Rugby Club	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	
Lincoln Rugby Club	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	
Lincoln Rugby Club	Junior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	
Lincoln Rugby Club	Junior Rugby Union	Pipe Drained (D2)	Standard (M1)	2.5	
North Hykeham RFC	Senior Rugby Union	Natural Adequate (D1)	Standard (M1)	2	2
Total				21	

\*Historic Site with no current rugby uses so not included in the overall capacity

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### Pitch demand

### Club breakdown

There are 2 clubs that operate within the City of Lincoln area. The breakdown of teams in these clubs has been provided below. It should be noted that these teams are for the 2019 / 2020 season and is a snapshot in time and these sites are not located within the city's boundary.

**Table 6: Team profile of clubs in City of Lincoln**

Club	Home Ground(s)	Training Venue(s)	Adult	Colts (U17-18)	Junior (U13-16)	Mini / Midi (U7-12)	Total
Lincoln RFC	Lincoln Rugby Football Club	Lincoln Rugby Football Club	5	1	5	6	17
North Hykeham RFC	Hykeham Pfa Sports & Social Club	Hykeham Pfa Sports & Social Club	2	0	2	0	4
Total			7	1	7	6	21

### Key Club Consultation Summaries:

The following is a summary of the consultations undertaken with rugby clubs in City of Lincoln, focussing on their key issues and future plans. All pitch-rating comments are the opinions of the club and may differ from the impartial rating given by the site assessor.

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### Summary of demand consultations from rugby clubs in City of Lincoln

Club	Consultation Summary
<b>Lincoln RFC</b>	Lincoln RFC are located just outside of the local authority to the north east, currently within West Lindsey district. Their original clubhouse and home ;location was within the city's boundaries with the majority of their players being from the city. The club is the largest one within the area with secured access and a total of 17 teams. This team's range in age from minis to senior adult and females. The club wish to carry on expanding into the female game with additional female junior sides. The club also wish for further floodlit training provision, either on or off site as there is currently not enough supply to meet the demand throughout the club. As a result of the club wanting to grow their female sides they also wish to extend and enhance their current ancillary and changing room options.
<b>North Hykeham RFC</b>	North Hykeham RFC are located within the North Kesteven district at the Hykeham Pfa Sports and Social club. The club currently have four teams, 2 junior and 2 senior teams. The club has sporadic development within their junior teams due to lack of incoming players from the surrounding areas. The club also have no floodlit training supply on site and have to use off site locations for mid-week winter training demand. They have expressed the need to secure their own home site for development as well as increasing the floodlit training capacity either on or off site.

### Summary of Club Playing Numbers

Club	Adult Male Players	Adult Female Players	Youth Male	Youth Female
<b>Lincoln RFC</b>	78	37	96	9
<b>North Hykeham RFC</b>	79	0	28	0

### Site-by-site balance figures (supplied by the RFU)

The table below details the site-by-site capacity analysis for all sites used by rugby clubs in City of Lincoln. Capacity analysis has not been carried out for sites where there is no demand for rugby.

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Rugby site capacity analysis

Club/Univ/College	Mini Midi Teams	Youth Teams U13-18	Adult teams	Midweek Match Equivalents	Floodlit	Midweek Training Capacity	Full size Pitches	Match Play Demand (Weekend)	Match Play Capacity (Weekend)	Overall Site Capacity	Pitch Deficit or Surplus
Lincoln RFC	6	6	5	7	2.5	-2	6	7.00	5	3.00	1.50
North Hykeham RFC	0	2	2	2	0	-2	1	2.00	2.00	-2.00	-2.00
Totals	6	8	7	9	2.5	-4	7	9	7	-2	--0.50