

City of Lincoln Council Sports Facility Assessment

Project Details	
Client Name	City of Lincoln
Assignment Title	Sports Facility Assessment
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Summary update:

- 100% of Hockey sites have been assessed by LK2 and local Hockey association
- Consultation undertaken with key clubs and strategic stakeholders
- This is an audit of supply and demand data within the City of Lincoln for Hockey and is a 'snapshot' in time
- Due to the ongoing Pandemic COVID – 19 the supply data is for the 2019 / 2020 season
- The demand data is for the 2019 / 2020 season using the latest available information from the local EH and stakeholder consultations
- A further review of the facility strategy should be completed to update this data

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Supply Data

Quantity overview

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the Artificial Ground Hockey Pitches available across the City of Lincoln. This table only includes sand dressed AGP's as 3G surfaces are not appropriate for hockey. For supply and demand analysis, any AGP's that are not full size (at least 100x60m) will not be included as they are not the required size for competitive hockey use.

Table 1: Sites with Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) that provide community use

Site Name	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Management	Sand based / Water Based	Size
Lindum Sports Association	Yes	Secured	Commercial Management	Sand Based	91 x 56
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Trust	Sand Based	98 x 63
University of Lincoln	No	Secured	School/College/University (in house)	Sand Based	101 x 64

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Quantity Overview

The table below provides a summary of the scores provided to each site following the site assessment and consultation. The assessment of Artificial Grass Pitches was carried out in line with the England Hockey non-technical quality assessment aligned with the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance.

Pitch supply overview

Quality Rating	AGP
Good (80-100%)	1
Standard (50-79.9%)	1
Poor (0-49.9%)	1

Site assessor overview

The site assessments carried out by LK2 and England Hockey determine the 'Carrying Capacity' of a Hockey pitch. 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 effect this has on carrying capacity for adult pitches is as follows:

Detailed quality ratings for hockey AGP's in City of Lincoln

Site Name	Sand / Water Based	Size	Floodlit	Age of Playing Surface	Condition (Quality Score)
Lindum Sports Association	Sand Based	91 x 56	Yes	5 – 10 Years	Standard
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Sand Based	98 x 63	Yes	1 – 2 Years	Good
University of Lincoln	Sand Based	101 x 64	Yes	10 + Years	Poor

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AGP availability at Hockey club sites through consultation and Active Places

Site Name	AGP Type	Weekday Hours Available	Saturday Hours Available	Sunday Hours Available
Lindum Sports Association	Sand Based	20	14	14
Yarborough Leisure Centre	Sand Based	20	14	14.25
University of Lincoln	Sand Based	0	0	0

Pitch demand

Club/Team profile

There is one hockey club that operates within the City of Lincoln area. The breakdown of teams in these clubs has been provided below and also the required training and match play hours on a AGP surface.

Club analysis

Club Name	Adult Teams			Juniors		Total
	Senior Men	Senior Women	Mixed	Boys	Girls	
Lindum Hockey Club	5	5	1	3	2	16

Competitive Match Demand

	Number of Teams	Competitive Hours Required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior Teams	11	0	8	3
Junior Teams	5	0	0	2.5

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Training Hours Required

	Number of Teams	Competitive Hours Required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior Teams	11	6	0	0
Junior Teams	5	3	0	0

The table above highlights how the profile of hockey teams across City of Lincoln creates demand for AGP training hours throughout the week. Senior teams train midweek however some junior teams/development centres may train on weekends. It is important to understand that this will impact on capacity analysis when considered with the competitive match slots required above.

Key Club Consultation Summaries

The following is a summary of the consultation undertaken with Lindum Hockey Club, 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.

Club	Consultation Summary
Lindum Hockey Club	Lindum Hockey Club was formed in the June of 2015 through the amalgamation of Lincoln Hockey Club and Lincoln Roses Hockey clubs. After a successful first season sharing our purpose-built facilities at the Lindum sports ground, members of both clubs saw the benefit of coming together to create a centre of excellence for hockey in Lincolnshire. Lindum Hockey Club is the only formal club within the City of Lincoln, and they play their home matches at Lindum Sports Association at the purpose-built hockey facility. Due to the heavy use of the current AGP pitch there should be resurfacing conducted over the next few years in order to allow for these first-class facilities to continue. The club plays across a number of different leagues, as there is no nominated Lincoln or Lincolnshire based league anymore. The senior men's team play in the north premier division and the ladies play in the north division 2 (south east).

