

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The following actions are developed from the information collated in the related Indoor Sports Facilities Study and are relative to each of the District's key facilities. Those with undersized facilities and commercial facilities have not been included:

Facility	Facilities	Identified challenges	Recommended actions	Updates	Lead agency	Timescale ¹	Priority	Cost ²	Aim
Local community facility	Brandles School, Baldock Activity hall	Potential rebuild of school on new site.	Secure use for community users. Ensure sports facilities are replaced or upgraded on new build. Any new sports hall to consider community use and individual sport requirements.		Education NHDC NGBs	M	Medium	H	Provide
Key community facility	Fearnhill Sports Centre, Letchworth Main hall Activity hall	Facility needs investment. New floor required in main sports hall.	Investment in facility to improve quality, particularly sports hall floor, leaking roof and general state of disrepair.	May 2019 NHDC – sports hall floor resealed and roof repaired in 2018	Education NHDC	S / M	Medium	M	Enhance
Local community facility	Hitchin Boys School Sports Centre, Hitchin Main hall Activity hall	Quality of facility.	School to continue with planned refurbishment.		Education	S / M	Low	M	Enhance

¹ Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).

² Cost: (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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Hitchin Girls' School, Hitchin Local community facility	Activity hall	Quality of facility. Parking issue during school day. Changing and hall located on separate floors, no lift. Not available Friday-Sunday.	Since the Assessment Report, the School has secured planning permission and funding for a new four court sports hall. It is not planned as a community facility.		Education	M	Low	H	Provide
Hitchin Sports Centre, Hitchin Key community facility	Main hall H and F Squash	Quality of facilities.	Identify investment opportunities to improve quality of facilities and changing.		College	S / M	Low	H	Enhance
Knights Templar Sports Centre, Baldock Key community facility	Main hall Activity hall H and F	Quality of changing facilities and activity hall.	Investment in changing facilities and activity hall. Include activity hall in SLL contract and make available for community use.		Education	S / M	Medium	H	Enhance
Meridian School, Royston Local community facility	Activity hall Main hall	Community use is limited due to neighbouring Royston Leisure Centre- the school also use these. Quality of changing facilities.	Identify investment opportunities to improve quality of facilities.		Education	M	Low	M	Enhance

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<p>North Hertfordshire Leisure Centre, Letchworth</p> <p>District wide facility</p>	Main hall	Swimming clubs at capacity and cannot access additional pool time.	Consider reviewing programming.	<p>May 2019 NHDC - Refurbished sports hall Incl. LED lighting and gransprung floor in 2017 redevelopment</p>	<p>NHDC SLL NGB</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Enhance Provide</p>
	Leisure pool	<p>Provision of swimming lessons by operator and swim club.</p> <p>Quality of main sports hall.</p>	<p>Review issue of lesson provision.</p> <p>Since the Assessment Report, a new learner pool, sports hall and dance studio has been approved, to be completed in late 2017.</p>	<p>May 2019 NHDC – New learner pool installed and refurbishment of wet changing areas in 2017 redevelopment</p>					
	H and F			<p>May 2019 NHDC – New fitness studio and new modernised café in 2017 redevelopment</p>					
	Squash			<p>May 2019 NHDC – Refurbishment of squash courts in May 2019</p>					

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Royston Leisure Centre, Royston District wide facility	Main hall	Organisations have limited bookings and require more hall and pool space. Health and fitness suite operating at capacity.	Consider reviewing programming to increase participation. Review health and fitness capacity.	May 2019 NHDC - Project agreed to extend the existing sport hall store room – Completion summer 2019	NHDC SLL NGB	S / M	Low	M	Enhance
	Main pool								
	H and F								
St Christopher School, Letchworth Local community facility	Main hall	Did not engage in the study.	Seek to liaise with the school to determine opportunity for community use.	May 2019 England Netball – Main hall not a full size netball court, so not usable for this sport	St Christopher School	S / M	Low		Provide
	Activity hall								
	Main pool								
	H and F								
St Francis College, Letchworth Local community facility	Activity hall	Quality of activity hall and wet and dry changing facilities. There is a current waiting list for community use.	School to continue with plans to refurbish wet changing. Identify investment opportunities to improve quality of activity hall and dry changing. Seek to secure community use for users.		St Francis College	S / M	Medium	M	Provide Enhance
	Main pool								
The Highfield School, Letchworth Local community facility	Activity hall	Due for a rebuild under the Priority School Building Programme – existing main sports hall will be retained.	Ensure any new facilities consider NGB technical specifications. Secure community use of facilities		The Highfield School	M	L	H	Enhance
	Main hall								
	Activity hall								

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The Princess Helena College, Pirton Local community facility	Main hall	Did not engage in the study. Main sports hall is reported to be available.	Seek to liaise with the school to determine opportunity for community use.		The Princess Helena College	S / M	Low		Provide
	Activity hall								
	Outdoor pool								
The Priory School, Hitchin Local community facility	Main hall	Quality of hall and changing facilities.	Continue with planned refurbishment of changing facilities.		The Priory School	S / M	Medium	M	Enhance
	Activity hall								
Hitchin Swimming Centre & Fitness @ Archers Hitchin, Hitchin District wide facility	Main pool	Quality of pool areas. Limited parking. Organisations have limited bookings and require more pool space.	Identify investment opportunities to improve quality of pool areas. Seek to formalise agreement with football club for parking. Consider reviewing programming to increase participation. Decision to be made on future of outdoor pool and investment identified if necessary.	May 2019 NHDC - Project approved to upgrade pool hall lighting to LED - Completion late 2019	NHDC SLL	M	Medium	L	Enhance / Provide
	Outdoor pool								
	Learner/ Teaching/ Training pool								
	H and F								

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Letchworth Garden City Fitness & Wellbeing Centre, Letchworth Local community facility	Main pool	Maintain quality of facilities.	Identify ongoing investment to maintain quality of the facility.		Letchworth Garden City Fitness & Wellbeing Centre	L	Medium	M	Enhance / Provide
	H and F								
Letchworth Outdoor Pool, Letchworth District wide facility	Outdoor pool	Quality of facility.	Decision to be made on future of outdoor pool and investment identified if necessary.	May 2019 NHDC - Capital investment to refurbish shower and toilet areas and resurface small pool surround in 2018/19	NHDC SLL	S	H		Provide
				May 2019 NHDC - Capital investment to install automatic chemical dosing system in 2019					
Heath Sports Centre, Royston District wide facility	H and F	Quality of facility.	Consider investment opportunities to improve the quality of changing facilities.		Heath Sports Centre	M	Low	L	Enhance
	Squash								

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Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Letchworth District wide facility	H and F	Did not engage in the study.	As the only indoor tennis facility in North Hertfordshire this facility should be protected. Seek to liaise with the Club to determine facilities, quality and use.	May 2019 LTA - Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club have planning permission submitted for a 2 court seasonal air hall, plus additional parking, which will provide the basis for them to increase club membership and community use.	Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club	L	High	M	Protect
	Squash								
	Tennis								
Ickleford Sport & Recreation Club, Ickleford Local community facility	Squash	Did not engage in the study.	Seek to liaise with the Club to determine facilities, quality and use.		Ickleford Sport & Recreation Club	S / M	Low		Protect
Riverain Bowls Club Ltd, Hitchin District wide facility	Bowls	Maintain quality of facilities.	As the only indoor bowls facility in North Hertfordshire this facility should be protected. Identify ongoing investment to maintain quality of the facility.		Riverain Bowls Club Ltd	L	High		Protect

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<p>John Clements Sports and Community Centre, Codicote</p> <p>Local Community</p>	<p>Main hall</p>	<p>Not included in original strategy</p>	<p>Not included in original strategy</p>	<p>July 2019 JCSCC – planning application submitted to NHDC for extra roof space above the existing lounge bar area for yoga, pilates, circuits etc and indoor sports, i.e. table tennis, indoor bowls etc.</p>	<p>John Clements Sports and Community Centre</p>				
<p>Knebworth Village Hall, Knebworth</p> <p>Local Community</p>		<p>Not included in original strategy</p>	<p>Not included in original strategy</p>	<p>December 2018 Knebworth Parish Council - Knebworth Village Hall has one badminton court marked, which is used by Knebworth Ladies Badminton Club. Knebworth Badminton Club were regular hirers but have moved out of District due to the restrictions of having access to only one court and the roof beams affecting play.</p>	<p>Knebworth Parish Council</p>				