

# NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH SPORT, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGY FUTURE HOUSING ADDENDUM

## ADDENDUM

### NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

1. The emerging Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Borough Plan is the key reference point for future planning unless otherwise stated. The Borough Plan will replace the existing Local Plan and will play a key role in shaping the Borough up to 2031. The Plan is following a due process through to adoption in 2018<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Sport, Recreation and Community Facility Strategy focuses on the period to 2031. This Strategy will inform growth beyond 2031 where possible, particularly where growth is planned that will extend beyond 2031.

### THE VISION FOR THE BOROUGH

By 2031, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough will be a place where there are opportunities for sustainable economic growth with diverse job prospects, healthy living and an integrated infrastructure network. Business will want to invest in the Borough as a result of the outcomes of policies in the Plan, which will include creating an attractive environment.

- **An improved quality of life**
- **A healthy, diverse and robust economy**
- **New transport, social, community and green infrastructure to support the economy and growing population**
- **A public transport, cycling and walking network**
- **High quality parks, leisure facilities, walking and cycling networks for people to be healthier and pursue active lifestyles**

3. Enabling Healthy Living is the key Plan objective relevant to community, sport and leisure facility provision. Identified priorities include investment in infrastructure to improve access to existing community and recreation facilities, and development of infrastructure which will facilitate more active lifestyles.
4. The current Open Space and Recreation Standard for Nuneaton and Bedworth in respect of indoor sports facility provision is:

**Table1: Nuneaton and Bedworth Council – Open Space and Recreation Standard**

OPEN SPACE	DEFINITION	STANDARD	CIL+	ONSITE S106+	OR
<b>INDOOR SPORTS PROVISION</b>	Formal provision such as sports halls (4 badminton courts) and swimming pools (6 lane x 25m (312.50 sq. m))		Yes *	No	

\* If on-site, a deduction from Community Infrastructure Levy liability will be made  
\* subject to corporate approval of these delivery mechanisms

<sup>1</sup> [www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/downloads/file/358/borough\\_plan\\_-\\_submission\\_2015\\_document](http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/downloads/file/358/borough_plan_-_submission_2015_document)

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5. Part of the rationale for undertaking the development of the Sport, Recreation and Community Facility Strategy is to test and challenge the existing Open Space and Recreation Standards in the context of significant population growth, existing usage patterns, and identified latent and future demand.
6. A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), is currently being developed alongside the Borough Plan, which will identify the fees and charges for different types of infrastructure investment within the Borough. It is anticipated that the CIL will be adopted shortly after the adoption of the Borough Plan. The CIL, together with S106, will provide a critical means of securing developer contributions in the Borough for investment in the identified needs and priorities for future provision of sport, recreation and community facilities.
7. The Borough Plan seeks to deliver at least 10,040 new homes in Nuneaton and Bedworth, with a consequent population increase of 12,520. The main locations of new homes to be developed in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough are summarised below:

**Table 2: New Home Locations – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough**

LOCATION OF NEW HOMES DELIVERED THROUGH STRATEGIC ALLOCATIONS	NUMBER OF DWELLINGS
North of Nuneaton - HSG1	3,530
Arbury - HSG2	1000
Gipsy Lane - HSG3	518
Woodlands - HSG4	1,223
Hospital Lane - HSG5	676
School Lane – HSG6	298

8. New areas of housing development have the potential for indoor facilities to be considered. Specifically, the development of new secondary schools e.g. to the North of Nuneaton, provide the opportunity, through the development of facilities required for curriculum delivery, to secure additional sports hall time for community use.

## NEW SETTLEMENTS BEYOND 2031

9. As detailed at Table 2, six new settlements are planned in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough. These developments are anticipated to start prior to 2031, but significant elements of these developments could be built in the longer term. Development of these sites will take place over a long period, and the sporting needs will need to be monitored as these sites come forward, including through future reviews of the Sport, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy.
10. The impacts will be increased demand for sports halls, pools fitness etc - these are particularly key given there are current shortages because these types of facilities (pools and halls, or at least many of them) are already full.
11. This Sport, Recreation and Community Strategy provides an assessment of the need for new and improved sports facilities up to and including 2031.
12. Any additional housing developments, depending on their scale, could have significant impact on demand for, and provision of, sports and leisure facilities. A simple calculation is that for every 1000 additional people, 85 additional visits per week to a pool are needed.

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- 13.** There is potential for an additional 4,020 houses to be delivered in the Borough in order to meet the identified housing for the sub-region in the SHMA. Depending on the location of the houses, the impact could have varying degrees of significance - e.g. if it is in the north of the Borough, there would need to be a larger new facility, given the lack of provision already there.
- 14.** Identification of the need for sports provision for any new developments (which go beyond 2031), will need to consider the dwelling mix and population, phasing, and undergo consultation through the planning application process. Policy NB17 of the emerging Borough Plan requires a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for applications that also meet the threshold for requiring a Environmental Impact Assessment (Schedule 1 and 2). For all other applications that create health impacts (a screening assessment can be undertaken utilising the Department of Health screening assessment), a HIA is encouraged. The HIA assessment criteria are identified within Supplementary Planning Document 'Planning for a healthier area – Nuneaton and Bedworth'. Where applications do not include a HIA, justification and explanation should be included which demonstrates the proposals limited impact associated with health. It is recommended that this is achieved by undertaking a screening assessment as a minimum. Policy NB18 – Sport and Exercise also states, in creating a healthy environment, sports facilities and/ or opportunities to exercise, which assist in creating an offer to residents of the Borough will be supported. Planning applications should take into account the IDP, Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Requirements Study, Open Spaces Strategy, Green Infrastructure Plan and Allotments Strategy in determining what is required. Proposals for residential development should include measures (provision and/ or obligations) to meet:
- **Playing pitch requirements**
  - **Other outdoor sports uses**
  - **Sports facilities**
  - **Open Space, Green Infrastructure and Allotment requirements**
- 15.** Prior to these more detailed assessments, this study has used the Sport England Sports Facilities Calculator to identify future long term needs. Assuming new developments of up to 4,020 new homes, and a population per dwelling multiplier of 2.7 per household, there will be an additional population of approximately 10,854.

**Table 3: Calculations of Facility need per new Development (based on 2016 prices)**

NEW DEVELOPMENT	ADDITIONAL FACILITY PROVISION REQUIRED		
	SWIMMING POOLS	SPORTS HALLS	INDOOR BOWLS
<b>(POPULATION BASED ON 2.7 PER HOUSEHOLD – 10,854)</b>	244.55 sqm of water space (equivalent to 4.53 lanes or 1.13 pools (4 lane x 25m)  Meeting need for an additional 1,449 vpwpp  Cost £4,113,136	7.02 badminton courts (equivalent to 1.76 of a 4 badminton court sports hall)  Meeting need for an additional 1,534 vpwpp  Costs £3,810,813	1.61 rinks (equivalent to 0.27 centres)  Meeting need for an additional 252 vpwpp  Cost £548,123

- 16.** The above identified needs are based on a quantitative assessment, to provide the minimum level of new facilities required for each new development beyond 2031. These needs will require careful analysis in the context of the needs assessment up to and including 2031, to ensure that further provision complements and enhances that already made, and does not duplicate either type or location.