

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Outdoor Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy

Figure 11 - Assessment Results - Pitch Quantity and Quality - Football: COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY

FOOTBALL ASSESSMENT	Results	BOROUGH WIDE	CENTRAL	NORTH	NORTH EAST	SOUTH EAST	SOUTH WEST
<u>CURRENT ASSESSMENT</u> Surplus / deficiency in pitches	Mini Soccer	-3	-3	-2	+1	0	-2
	Youth Football	0	0	-3	+8	-3	-3
	Adult Football	+37	+5	+6	+7	+9	+7
<u>FUTURE ASSESSMENT</u> Surplus / deficiency in pitches	Mini Soccer	-12	-5	-2	-1	-3	-3
	Youth Football	+1	-5	0	+5	-3	0
	Adult Football	+36	0	+5	+11	+12	+6
<u>QUALITY ASSESSMENT</u> %of pitches rated as 'good' or 'excellent'	Mini Soccer	14%	0%	80%	0%	0%	20%
	Youth Football	23%	30%	14%	28%	20%	0%
	Adult Football	22%	41%	42%	23%	6%	17%
	All Football	20%	33%	42%	22%	61%	16%

Quantity deficiencies are most significant in the North and South West areas. In these areas there is a deficiency in provision across Mini Soccer and Youth football pitches despite the spread of demand across several periods. For example in the South West peak demand only equates to 43% of demand identified – despite this there is a deficiency. The **most significant deficiencies when modelling potential future growth are recorded in the Central area.** There is projected to be a 'net' shortage (i.e. even after potential re-designation). This is a result of significant population growth attributed to housing projections and very little additional supply realised as a result of the BSF programme. Map 16a, 16b and 16c provides an overview of current assessment results.

Quality: Overall there are significant deficiencies in quality across the Borough. **Overall 4 out of 5 pitches were rated as 'average', 'below average' or 'poor'.** More specifically only 1 in 7 (14%) of mini pitches were rated as 'good', and less than a quarter of junior and adult pitches fall into this category. This is despite pitches being audited at the end of the playing season and in some cases after re-seeding and essential maintenance works have been completed. In part poor quality scores are attributable to a lack of changing room facilities. There is also a significant quality variance across the 5 areas assessed – whereas nearly half of all pitches in the North area were rated positively, only 1 in 6 pitches in the South West were rated as 'good' or 'excellent'.