

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 27 January 2022

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs P Hayre, L Keeble, Mrs K Mandry and
R H Price, JP

Also Present: Councillors M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley, Ms S Pankhurst,
Mrs K K Trott and I Bastable



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence given at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 18 November 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that she attended the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 18 January 2022 where an item on the agenda provided a presentation which outlined the provision of burial plots in the Council's cemeteries. A copy of the slides for the presentation have been forwarded to all members of the panel for information.

The Chairman also welcomed members of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel who were in attendance for item 7 on the agenda.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Pilot

There were no questions or comments in respect of this item.

7. IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE HIRE OF SPORTS PITCHES

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Mrs Hockley, Mrs Trott and Ms Pankhurst addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel received a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which provided members with an overview of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the hire of Council owned sports pitches across the Borough and the effect on bookings since the return to normal of pitch hire availability. The presentation also provided members with information on the recently adopted Playing Pitch Strategy. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Members discussed the possibility of providing facilities for additional types of sport, such as athletics, cycling and petanque. The Public Spaces Operations Manager advised that additional facilities can be considered but would be

subject to community demand, the availability of suitable land and the appropriate level of funding being available.

Members also discussed the Section 106 contributions that developers often make in lieu of providing sporting facilities as part of a new planning application. Concerns were raised that even if funding is provided to meet the increased demand for facilities, the Council does not have large areas of land that it can make available to provide them.

The construction of 3G sports pitches in the Borough was discussed by the Panel and concerns were raised in respect of the impact the plastic material used in their construction may have on the environment. The potential environmental impact of any new facilities on Fareham Borough Council land will be considered as part of any proposals brought forward to the Executive for decision.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

8. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members considered and discussed the scrutiny priorities for the Streetscene Panel and noted that at the next meeting there would be a presentation to provide an update on the roll out of the new Garden Waste Strategy. There will also be information and discussion on the implications of the new Environment Bill.

RESOLVED that the Priorities for the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.05 pm).

Covid Impact on Sports Pitch Bookings and Update on the Playing Pitch Strategy

APPENDIX A



Covid Impact on football



Bookings stopped between mid March and May 2020



Bookings stopped for 1 month during November 2020



Bookings stopped for 3 months from January to March 2021



Football season extended for 6 weeks from May to mid June

2018/19 Football Data

LAST FULL SEASON

- Mini Soccer 229 games (£5,267)
- Junior 572 games (£19,734)
- Adult 163 games (£14,344)
- **Total income £39,345**



2019/20 Football Data

POTENTIAL LOST INCOME/MATCHES

- Mini Soccer games 42 (£924)
- Junior games 154 (£5,082)
- Adult games 42 (£3,486)
- **Total 238 games £9,492**



2020/21 Football Data

POTENTIAL LOST INCOME/MATCHES

- Mini Soccer games 60 (£1,380)
- Junior games 286 (£9,867)
- Adult games 86 (£7,568)
- **Total 432 games £18,824**



Covid impact on cricket



Affected the 2020 season



Season start delayed from April/May to Mid July



9 weeks play lost



40 games cancelled (27 adult and 12 junior)



Income lost **£2,807**



2021/22

No loss of matches so far



- Demand for Football and Cricket has returned to normal levels
- 119 Cricket matches played in summer 2021 (75 adult, 44 Junior)
- Football up to end of December 2021- 687 matches played (122 Mini Soccer, 379 Junior and 186 Adult)

Fareham Borough Playing Pitch Strategy

- Document forms part of the Local Plan
- The purpose of the study is to ensure that a sufficient quantum, type and spatial spread of sporting facility enhancements and new opportunities are provided for in the new Local Plan.
- The assessment considered the adequacy of provision across the Borough as a whole, but also subdivides provision into five sub areas,

5 Sub Areas

- Fareham Wards
- Portchester Wards
- Stubbington and Hill Head Wards
- Titchfield Wards
- Western Wards

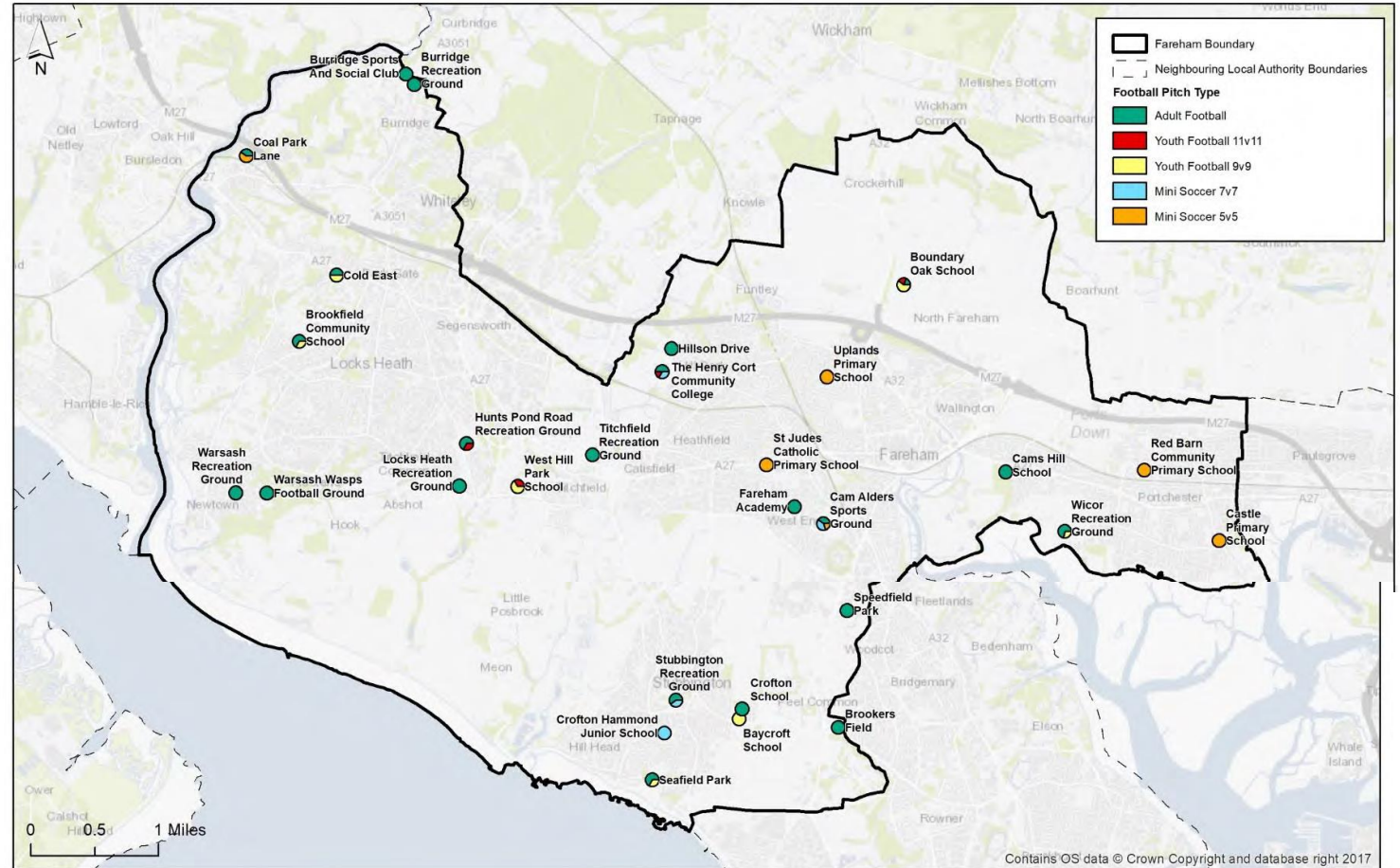
Seven Sports Appraised

- Football - 67 football pitches available for use
- Cricket - 18 grass squares and 8 non turf wickets
- Rugby Union – 6 pitches for community use
- Hockey – 2 artificial pitches
- Bowls – 5 greens (2 artificial grass)
- Tennis – 41 courts
- Netball – 47 outdoor courts (23 for community use)

Football

Key Issues

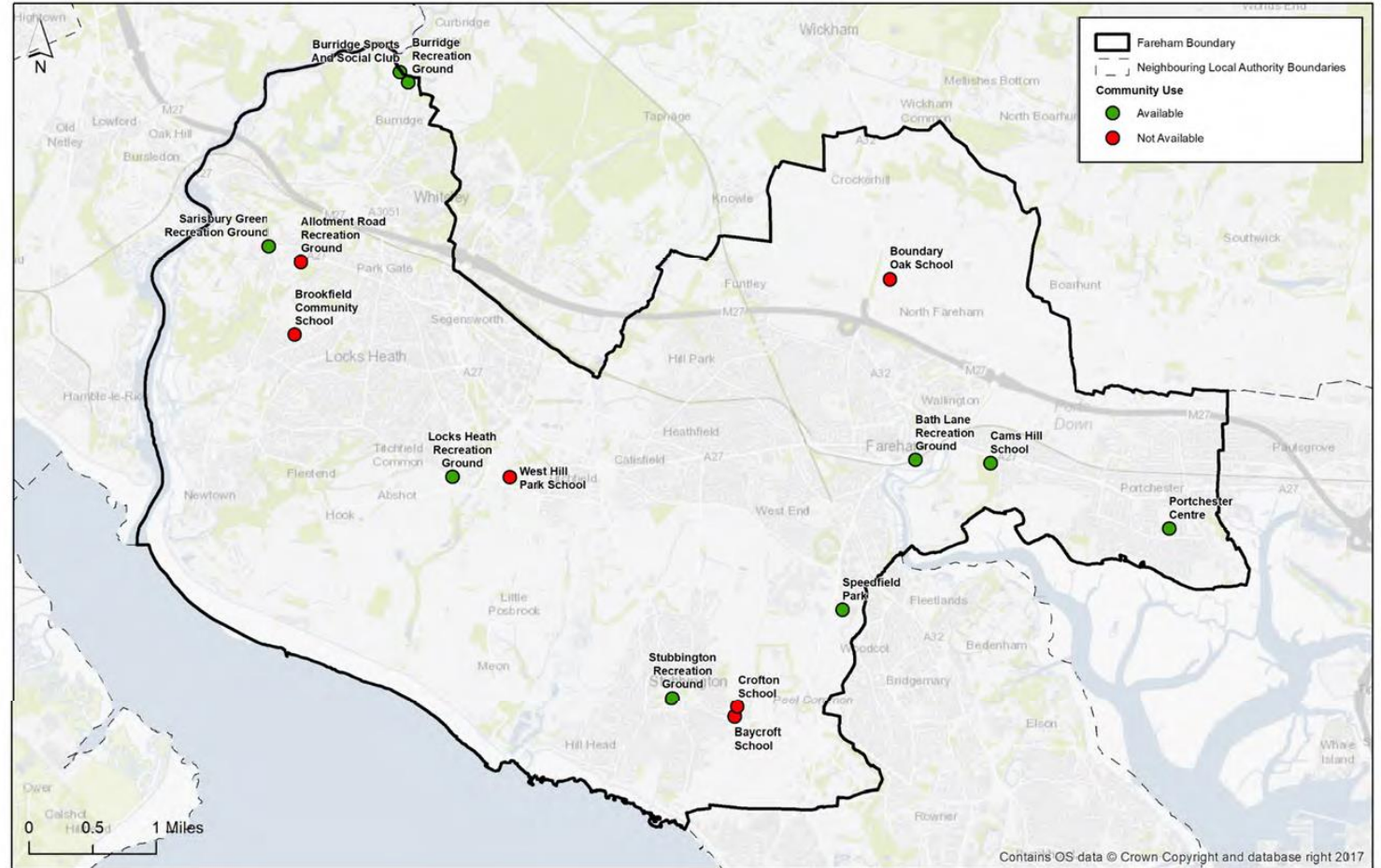
- 190 football teams
- 75% of sites are not secured for community use
- There are no full sized floodlit 3G Artificial Grass Pitches
- deficiencies of youth, 9v9 and 5v5 pitches
- Predicted population growth in Fareham is expected to generate an additional 29 teams



Cricket

Key Issues

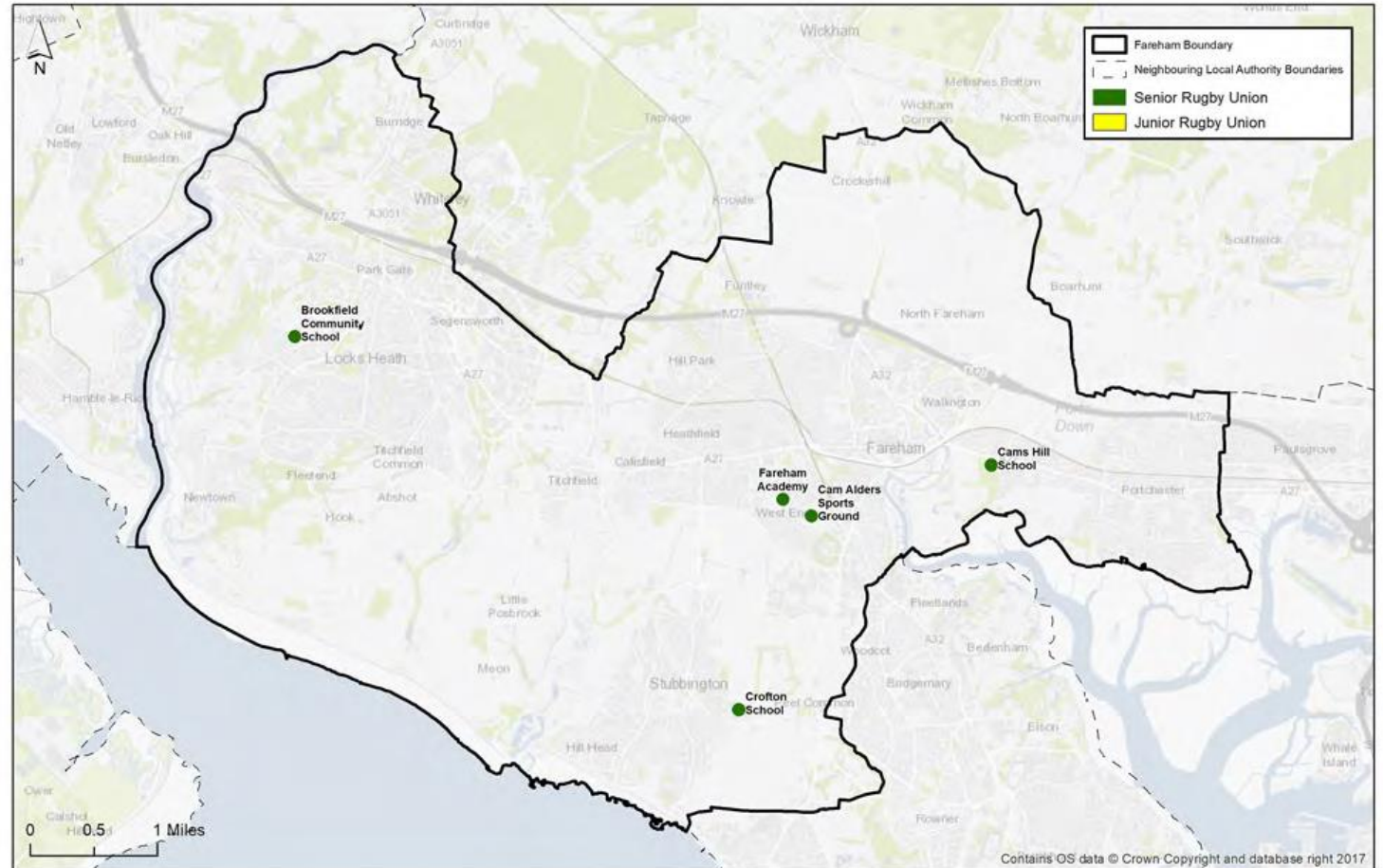
- 6 clubs with 45 teams
- There is enough current capacity for cricket little scope to increase participation in cricket with current pitch provision
- High demand and some over use of pitches in the Western Wards.



Rugby Union

- **Key Issues**

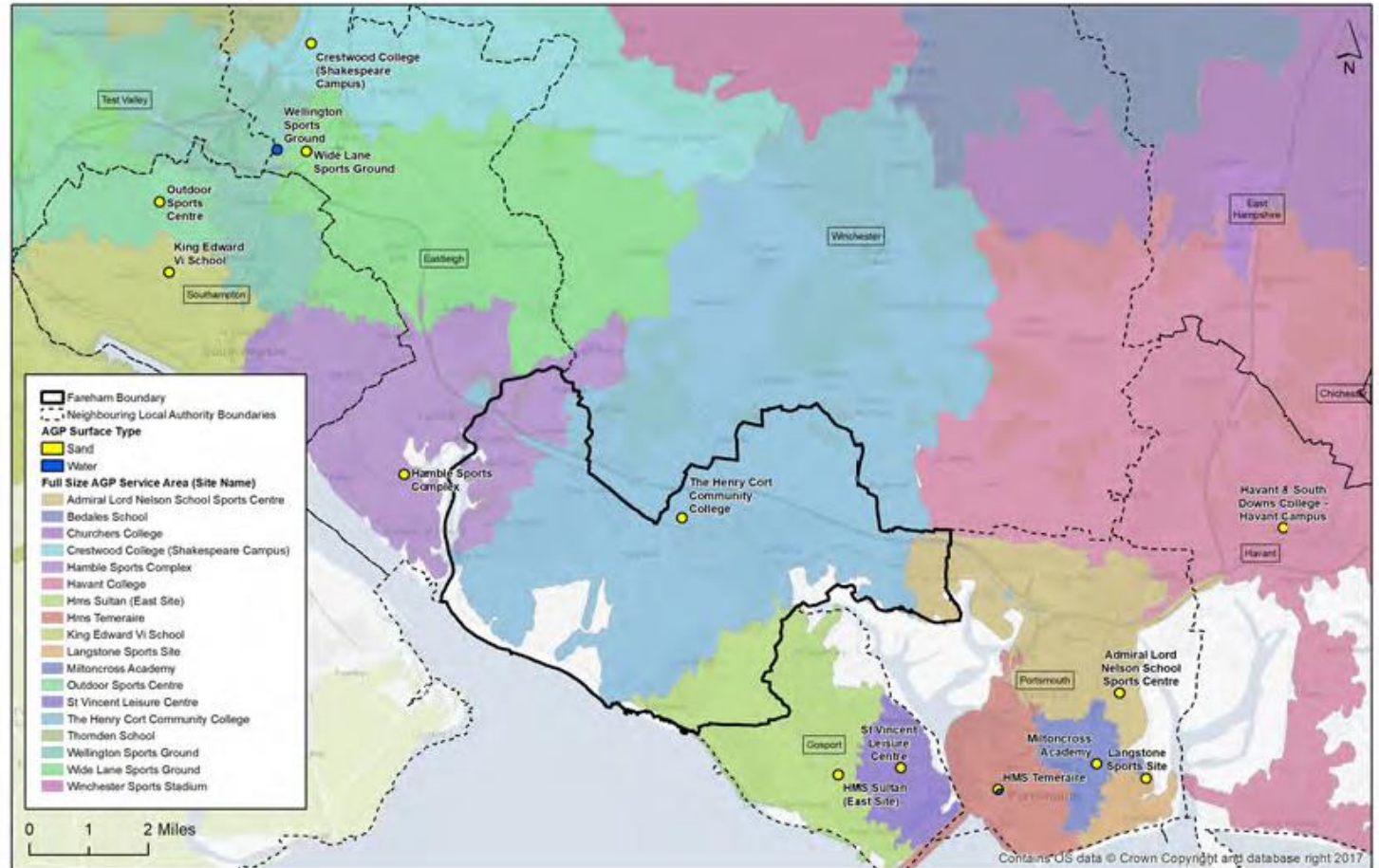
- 2 clubs with 5 senior, 1 colt, 4 junior and 17 mini teams
- Cams pitches overplayed
- Locks Heath Pumas RFC are forced to operate across several sites due to no secure home ground.



Hockey

Key Issues

- Only 1 club (Fareham Hockey Club) based at Henry Cort Community college
Also use HMS Collingwood but not secured
- Little capacity for further growth

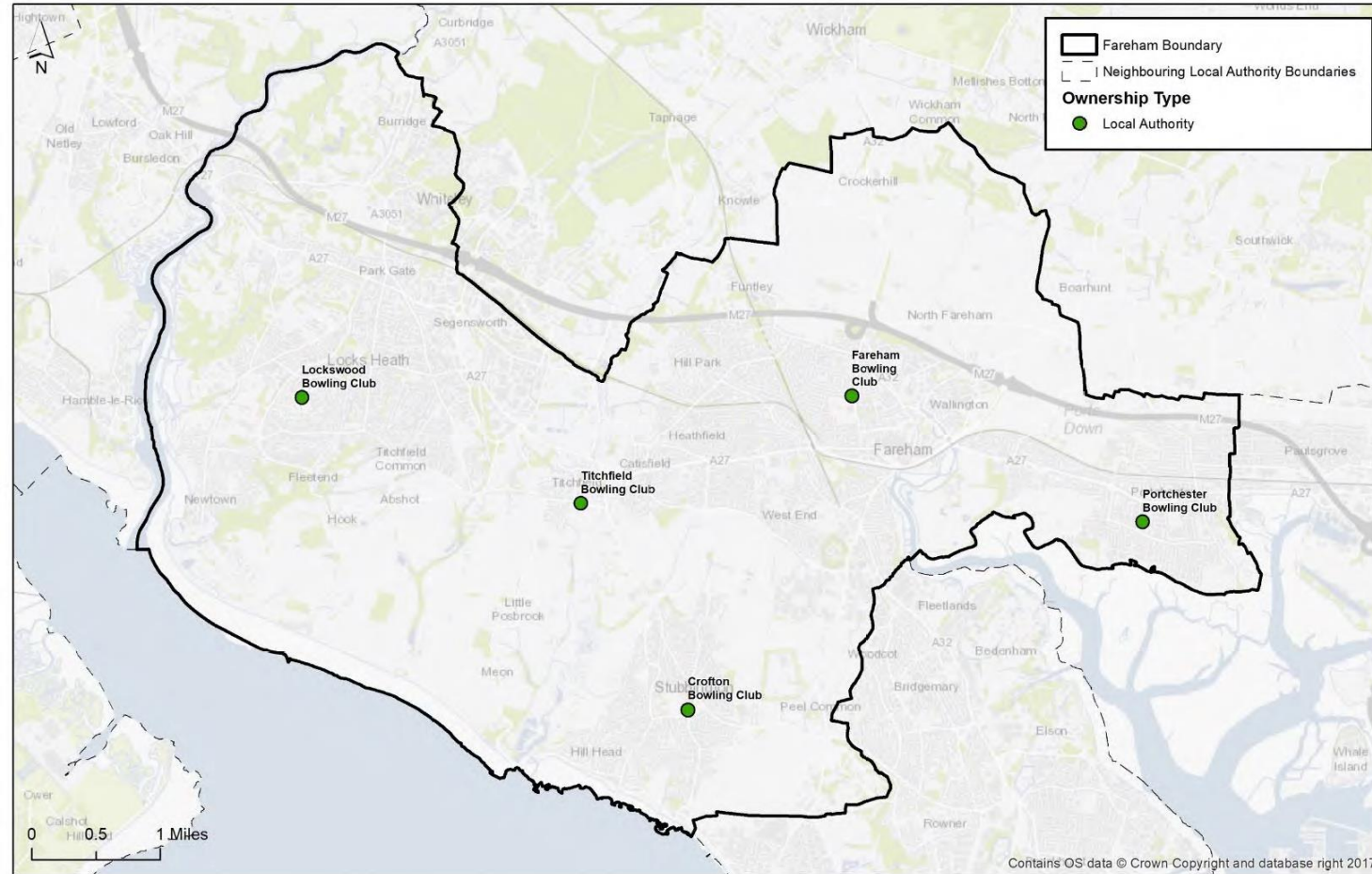


Bowls

Key Issues

- All sites considered excellent or good
- Most sites have spare capacity except Crofton
- Good volunteer or community run participation

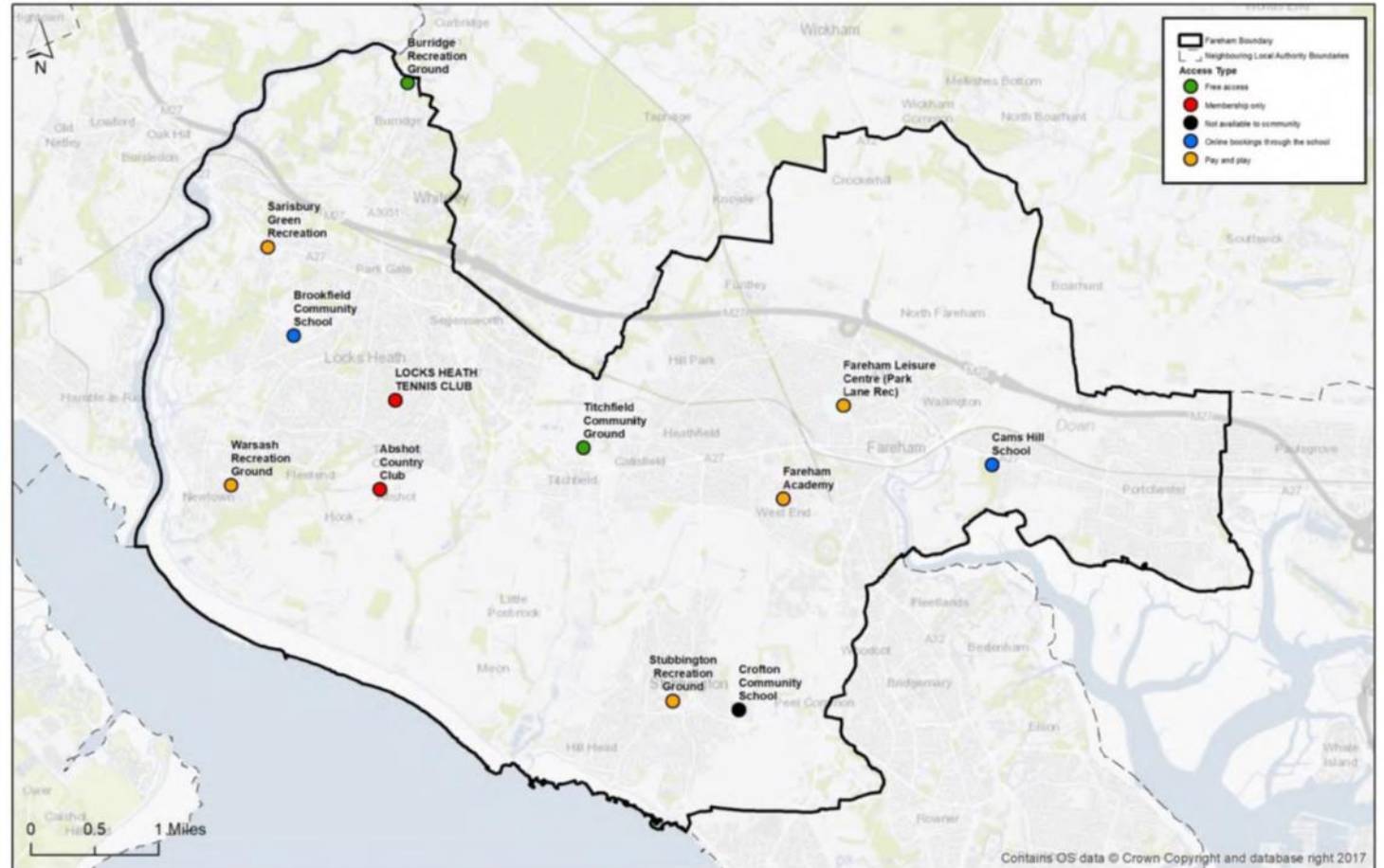
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Tennis

Key Issues

- Good coverage across the Borough
- Lack of non-club-based community courts with pay and play technology
- No covered courts
- No online booking systems
- Shortage of provision for community courts



Netball

Key Issues

- All based in educational sites
- Indoor facilities used for community use, no demand for outside use
- Outdoor courts used for PE and inter-school matches

Does not typically use outdoor facilities for community activity and therefore, no new community accessible outside courts are considered to be required to meet new demand

Summary

- Shortfall in some current provision for football and rugby and also predicted future demand for these sports and some others.
- Funding gap for new provision
- Some shortfall will be met with potential new developments (Wellborne/Newlands/Down End)
- Clubs working with FBC will need to seek funding from their sports governing bodies to assist with facility improvements.

