

Stroud Playing Pitch Strategy - Site Overviews

SDSV.33	GL5 4AQ	Stroud; Stroud Valleys	STRATFORD COURT PLAYING FIELDS Stratford Road, Stroud	Shared site – football, cricket
				
				
Owner/Manager	Local Authority			
Pitch sports played on this site	Cricket Football			
Pitches on this site – cricket quality	Square evident but not cut. No cricket on site for past 2 years. Redundant artificial strip. Average condition changing. Would not take much to reinstate.			
Pitches on this site – football quality	Large pitch site with variety of markings; important pitch site area for town. Site contains 1 x adult pitch; 1 x 9v9; 1 x 7v7; 1 x 7v7 o/m with 2 x 5v5s and another 7v7 o/m with a 5v5. Standard to good rated quality. Flat and well drained. Stroud Utd said pitch quality overall good; maintenance overall acceptable.			
Changing & ancillary facilities	VQA: Adequate Football Club said overall changing was good; no officials changing.			
Clubs/teams on this site - cricket	No cricket on site for 2 years. Previously 2 cricket squares and home to Woodchester CC			

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Clubs/teams on this site - football	Stroud Utd 1 st XI, Rodborough & Cainscross Old Boys 2 nd XI, Minchinhampton Youth (2 x U12s); Rodborough Youth (7 junior and mini teams, girls and boys) SGS use pitches in week for College enrichment							
Comments on capacity – adult football pitch	Stroud Utd 1 st XI – Saturday – 11 matches; Rodborough & Cainscross Old Boys 2 nd XI – Saturday – 14 matches. With education use in week, being played to the level the site can sustain?							
	Matches	1	Training		Casual/Other	0.5	Education	0.5
	Carrying Capacity - grass	2	Community Use Total	2.0	Spare capacity throughout week	0	Spare capacity peak time	0
Comments on capacity – junior 9v9 pitch	Juniors: 4 X U12, u14 – all Saturdays, 10 games apart from u12 girls (Sunday). Pitch overused slightly, no spare capacity.							
	Matches	2	Training		Casual/Other	0.5	Education	
	Carrying Capacity - grass	2	Community Use Total	2.5	Spare capacity throughout week	-0.5	Spare capacity peak time	0
Comments on capacity – mini = 3 x 7v7 pitches	Minis : U7, U8, U9, U10 – all Saturday, each plays 7 games. Potentially able to accommodate more but exacerbated by fact that minis are overmarked on 9v9 pitches.							
	Matches	2	Training		Casual/Other	0.5	Education	
	Carrying Capacity - grass	12	Community Use Total	2.5	Spare capacity throughout week	9.5	Spare capacity peak time	4
Key Findings and Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cricket square evident but not cut. No cricket on site for past 2 years. Redundant artificial strip separate to cricket square. Would not take much to reinstate. 2. Important playing field site in the town, currently accommodating 1 adult pitch, 1 9v9 and 3 x 7v7 pitches, with various overmarkings for 5v5 pitches. 3. Adult pitch is being played to the level it can sustain; junior pitch is being overplayed slightly and there is a little spare capacity on mini pitches. 4. Changing facility is acceptable; but any intensification of use would benefit from enhanced facilities including officials' changing. 5. Pitch alignments could be changed and configurations could vary – but positioning of redundant artificial wicket restricts possibilities. 6. Little on site parking. 7. Various proposals advanced for this site in the past. Strategy considers maintaining as a cricket site but removing separate redundant wicket and considering basing all Rodborough Youth FC teams here. 							