

**Stroud Playing Pitch Strategy - Site Overviews**

| SDGF.38   | GL4<br>8AD   | Upton St Leonards;<br>Gloucester Fringe | <b>UPTON RECREATION<br/>GROUND</b><br>Birchall Lane, Upton St.<br>Leonards, Gloucester, | <b>Multi Sport<br/>Site</b> |
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| <b>Owner/Manager</b>  | Parish Council/Sports Club<br>Parish Council owned. Agreement is that Cricket Club controls all access to the pitch (& cricket club does all the pitch work).<br>Cricket club maintains the pitch. Parish Council the outfield. Good co-operation with Parish Council                      |   |   |                             |
| <b>Pitch sports played on this site</b>   | Cricket, football  |   |   |                             |
| <b>Pitches on this site – cricket quality</b>                                       | 1 grass pitch; 12 wickets. VQA: Good. Weeds on outfield. New artificial surface net cage. Club: Good. Parking, litter and dogs acceptable<br>Yes. Public recreation ground precludes sight screens and wheeled covers.<br>Vandalism occurs sporadically<br>1 adult football rated standard |   |   |                             |

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| <b>Pitches on this site – football quality</b>    | 1 adult football rated standard. VQA noted good grass although pitch had strange scarring of possible drainage or path running across (club explained was drainage channel) Kickabout goal behind pitch. Other than drainage issue, ground is good and meets all requirements of Northern league Division 1 (for 1 <sup>st</sup> team). However, drainage was very bad last year with 6-8 weeks lost after Christmas. Club liaised with PC who put in drainage channel – trench from 18 yd to 6 yd line, 1-2’ wide and 2-3’ deep. However, backfill has been very unsuitable and not known if it will last the season. |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
| <b>Other sports facilities</b>                    | 2 x Red and green macadam tennis courts not floodlit, fencing and nets fine, rated good. Courts refurbished 2 years ago. Access via club   |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
| <b>Changing &amp; ancillary facilities</b>        | VQA rated Good; shared between all sports.<br>Cricket Club: Good. Maintenance and cleaning acceptable. Football Club rate changing rooms good – club upgraded with extra 2 showers when team was promoted.   |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
| <b>Clubs/teams on this site - cricket</b>         | Upton St Leonards CC 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Saturday league – 9 matches each;<br>Midweek XI (5 matches)<br>USL Sunday Friendlies (3 Matches)<br>U15, u13, u11 (6 games each) midweek<br>26 adult and 18 junior<br>Plus<br>Coopers Edge – 5 matches games on a Sunday and Glos Disabled – 4 matches Sunday<br>35 adult matches + 18 junior + Focus School once a year.<br>Train on nets and outfield at home ground<br>Indoor training in closed season very difficult to find available times to book  |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
| <b>Comments on capacity – grass cricket pitch</b> | Upton St Leonards CC – 2 Saturday XI – 18 matches; Sunday teams – 3 matches, adult midweek XI 5 matches and 3 junior midweek teams – 18 matches. Plus Coopers Edge & Glos Disabled – 9 matches in total on Sundays. On rare occasions need to hire an extra pitch. Gloucester City Council facilities are not good.<br>Site being overplayed   |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
|   | Matches  | 53  | Training            | 5   | Casual/Other                    | 3   | Education                | 1 |
|   | Carrying Capacity - grass  | 60  | Community Use Total | 62  | Spare capacity through out week | 0   | Spare capacity peak time | 0 |
| <b>Clubs/teams on this site - football</b>        | Upton St Leonards FC   |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
| <b>Comments on capacity - football</b>            | Upton St Leonards FC 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI – play 15 each on a Saturday<br>U14 team – first season – 10 games?  |     |                     |     |                                 |     |                          |   |
|   | Matches  | 1.5 | Training            |     | Casual/Other                    |     | Education                |   |
|   | Carrying Capacity - grass  | 2   | Community Use Total | 1.5 | Spare capacity through out week | 0.5 | Spare capacity peak time | 0 |

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| <b>Key Findings and Issues</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Site accommodates 4 adult cricket teams, several junior teams and other representative matches and cricket activity. Site overplayed for cricket.</li><li>2. One football adult pitch rated as standard because of drainage problems which have hopefully been rectified, although new trench needs to last the season. If not for that, pitch would be rated good as it meets all the requirements of Northern League Division 1 (for 1<sup>st</sup> team) .</li><li>3. Pitch supports two adult Saturday league and one u14 team (first season) so has a little spare capacity outside of peak times.</li><li>4. Football club just focused on improving; if promoted to next level site would require fencing which would need to be passed by Parish Council (public recreation ground site)</li></ol> |
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