

Sport and Recreation Audit Indoor Provision March 2017



Indoor Sports Provision

Introduction

With clear acknowledgment by the Government of the importance of indoor sports facilities it is important that an assessment is undertaken of current provision across the District. Indoor sports tend to require large buildings and are intended to generate high levels of use however community/village halls can also contribute to provision as they often provide a range of opportunities for different types of sport and recreational pastimes. Previous guidance (PPG17) suggested that the following sports facilities should be included:

- Village and Community Halls
- Swimming pools
- Sports halls
- Indoor bowls centres
- Indoor tennis centres
- Ice rinks

However, since East Lindsey does not have any ice rinks, and they are a very particular facility which requires a high level of demand to be viable, these have been omitted from the study. Indoor squash courts have been added as an alternative as these are a sports facility which does exist within the District.

The data for the audit was initially based on information collected through the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership County Sports Facilities Assessment (2005); however, this information has been revised following further assessment work in both 2016 and 2017.

This document has been produced solely for the purpose of providing evidence for the East Lindsey Local Plan, it does not set a framework for future provision nor does it place an obligation on the Authority to provide facilities where a deficiency in provision is found.

Demand

Sport England's Active Lives Survey 2015-16, published January 2017 suggests that 19.1% of the residents of East Lindsey undertake less than 30 minutes sport and physical activity including gardening per week (compared to 22% nationally). Across East Lindsey 13% of residents undertake between 30 and 149 minutes of sport or physical activity per week and 67.8% undertake more than 150 minutes, nationally the figures are 12.6% and 65.4% respectively.

Looking specifically at indoor provision, anecdotal evidence from Council run facilities shows indoor sports facilities remain popular across the District. Nationally the picture is similar with 14.3% and 11.6% of those over the age of 16 taking part in Fitness and Gym sessions at least twice within the 28 day period the Active Lives Survey 2015-16 was undertaken. The only activity recorded as having a large participation than both these predominantly indoor activities was that of running. Participation in swimming remains high across the country with 11.0% of those over the age of 16 attending swimming pool at least twice in the last 28 days.

Methodology

In analysing indoor sports facilities the three standard subdivisions of quantity, quality and accessibility have been investigated; however in addition to these, demand has also been considered where possible. The method followed for each element is outlined below.

Quantity

Quantity of provision has been assessed by considering the number and size of facilities in the district in comparison to the population. For the sports halls and village halls, the size has been based on the usable space, and converted into the number of badminton courts which could be accommodated within. Swimming pools have been assessed on their length to establish whether or not they are full-length (25 metres). Quantity has been assessed for both the whole district and for individual sites or areas in order to assess areas of deficiency and surplus. Included in the analysis are facilities located outside the district since they are in some cases the most accessible to some residents.

Accessibility

Accessibility has been assessed by considering the distance residents travel to a facility, whether it is within or outside the district. It has been assumed that residents will travel to their nearest facility unless a larger or a higher quality site is located nearby. The distance that residents travel has been analysed by considering the population within a 20-minutes walking, cycling and driving distance, for those coming under the latter, public transport has also been considered. 20-minutes walking, cycling and driving distance has been taken to be 1.2km, 3.2km and 15km respectively based on straight-line

measurements. However, allowances have been made where the route is straight or there are footpaths or bridleways which improve access. Further considerations with regards to access include opening hours, particularly for those which are dual use.

Quality

No information as of yet in relation to indoor sports provision.

Demand

Demand has been assessed alongside quantity in order to judge whether or not current provision is sufficient. The information for this has been gathered through both the Sport England Sports Facilities Calculator and usage figures for East Lindsey owned facilities. The former provides a minimum figure for quantity of facilities based on the population of the district, while the latter provides an indication of increases or decreases in demand.

Hierarchy of Provision

It cannot be expected that every settlement in a predominantly rural district such as East Lindsey will have a dedicated sports facility of each type. At their most comprehensive, these facilities are expensive to provide and maintain and need to be staffed. Clearly, every small village cannot have its own sports hall and swimming pool; they simply would not be financially viable.

The hierarchy of provision used to reflect the local circumstances with which impact on the level of other community facilities, equally applies to sport and recreation. Previous guidance has indicated that facilities can be divided into Strategic Provision, Medium Order Provision and Local Significance. The description of these tiers would, for East Lindsey, relate well to Towns; Large Villages and Other Villages in terms of our settlement pattern. In terms of sports hall and swimming pools, the following hierarchy has been developed:

Facility	Strategic Significance	Medium Order Significance	Local Significance
Sports Hall	Specialist sports hall with multiple facilities	Village/community or sports hall marked out for sporting activities e.g badminton, basket ball	Village/community hall
Swimming Pools	25m long indoor specialist pool	Any Pool	N/A

Sports Halls

Introduction

Sports halls are defined as specialist buildings which provide the opportunity for a wide range of sporting activities in all-weather conditions. Research has shown that Sports Halls remain one of the most popular locations for sports, particularly by the young adult population. However in a district like East Lindsey, where the average population age is above the national average, it could be suggested that demand is less.

This study for completeness includes school halls which are open for public use, those located within leisure centres and individual stand-alone halls, as well as village/community halls that fulfil a similar role. In particular, in a rural district such as East Lindsey where the population is quite scattered the role of a village hall is important in providing indoor sports facilities for communities.

Quantity

Current Quantity

To qualify as a sports hall, the facility must, as a minimum, have a hall marked out for one or more types of sport. The study has identified 12 sports halls in the district. These are set out in table 1 overleaf.

Table 1: East Lindsey Sports Hall provision.

Settlement Type	Settlement	Facility	No. Halls	Size (No. Badminton courts)
Towns	Alford	Alford Sports Hall	1	4
		Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	1	1
	Coningsby/Tattershall	None	0	0
	Horncastle	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	1	4
		Horncastle Bannovallum School	1	4
	Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton	Station Sports & Leisure Centre	1	3
	Louth	Louth Monks Dyke Sports Hall	1	5
		Meridian Leisure Centre	1	4
	Skegness	Skegness Sports Centre	1	5
	Spilsby	Franklin Hall	1	1
Large Villages	Manby	Tedder Hall Gym	1	1
	Stickney	Stickney Youth Centre	1	1
	Wragby	Wragby Sports Centre	1	2
Totals			12	35

There are a total of 35 courts in the district which equates to 0.25 courts per 1000 population. If the school sites, which have limited hours of access, are taken out of consideration, this only leaves 6 halls and 12 courts, so only 0.087 courts per 1,000 population.

The majority of the sports halls are located in the towns. All of the towns (apart from Coningsby/Tattershall) have at least one sports hall and collectively they contain 75% of the total number of halls in the district and 88% of the courts. In comparison, only three of the large villages contain a sports hall.

Current Supply and Demand

Using the Sport England Facility Demand Calculator (SFC) to assess demand across the District as a whole, given its population profile indicates that there is demand for 35.69 courts and 8.92 sports halls. Whilst the SFC has no spatial dimension to the model it gives a broad indication of the level of demand likely to result from the area's population profile. The Council recognise there are situations for example where the level of provision is over that with which the SFC indicate but it may be in the wrong location, of poor quality or simply subject to limited opening hours which therefor necessitates increased provision over and above demand.

At present using the figures derived from the SFC, the District has sufficient sports halls to meet the needs of its resident population but is short of 0.69 courts. However, this calculation does not take into account the location of the facilities, nor does it take into account the fact that many of our sports halls have dual use with schools and are on school campuses with reduced hours. If these sites are removed from consideration, the District is 0.92 halls short and 14.69 courts short.

Table 2: Accessibility

Cluster	Facilities	Court
Alford	2	5
Coastal North	1	3
Coastal South	1	5
Coningsby/	0	0
Horncastle	2	8
Louth	3	10
Northern Parishes	0	0
Southern Parishes	1	1
Spilsby Area	1	1
Western Parishes	1	2

As highlighted previously, the majority of sports halls within East Lindsey are located within the towns, however, the whole of the District is within a 20minute drive of either one of these sports halls, a sports hall in a neighboring district or in the case of the some of the southern and western parishes, they have access to local facilities such as those provided in the large villages of Stickney and Wragby respectively. Approximately 73.6% of the District is within a 10 minutes' drive of a Sports Hall.

Towns

Within the rural towns, it should be expected that access on foot should be possible for the majority of people.

In the case of Alford, 93% of the town's population is within a 10 minute walking distance of a sports hall, the area outside this distance being that beyond the Co-op on East Street. All residents within Alford are within a 20 minutes walking distance of a sports hall, as are many of the areas of potential expansion for the town in the near future. However, both the facilities in town are on school sites so are only available outside of school hours or during school holiday periods.

In the case of Louth, 28% of the resident population are within 10 minute walking distance of a sports hall. If community access to Cordeaux School could be arranged, this percentage would increase to 46%. Approximately 77% of residents are within 20 minutes walking distance of a sports hall. The areas without such access are the north eastern part of the town towards the north of Keddington Road, and to the North West off North Holme Road. If community access were guaranteed at Cordeaux School, this would provide an accessible facility for the majority of the town. However, any future growth of Louth to the south, along Legbourne road, would be extending out of the 20 minute walking distance to a sports hall.

In Horncastle, 68% of people are within 10 minutes walking distance of the sports halls, the areas to the east of the town fall out of the catchment. The majority of the town is within 20 minutes walking distance of the sports halls apart from a small area to the north east of the town around Low Toynton Road. However, both facilities in the town are on school sites so are only available outside of school hours.

Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea have one sports hall. The linear nature of the town means that people are always going to have to travel where there is only

one such facility. Approximately 23% of residents are within a 10 minute walking distance of the sports hall and approx 49% are within 20 minutes of the hall. The former Tennyson High School also has facilities which could provide a public use however currently the site remains closed awaiting a future use. None the less this would only marginally increase residential access to 36% and 53% respectively. The main gap in accessibility is in Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea, where there are very good quality halls which provide for a wide range of community and low key sporting activities, but where there is no dedicated sporting facility for court based activities such as badminton.

Within Skegness there is one dedicated sports hall with only 10% of the residents being within a 10 minute walk and 51% within 20 minutes' walk of it. The gaps in provision particularly affect the area south of the town centre and to the north around Winthorpe.

Spilsby does not have a designated sports centre with a full range of sports facilities, however, the Franklin Hall is available for sporting activities and is marked out for sports use. Franklin Hall is within 10 minutes walking distance for 84% of the town's population. As Franklin Hall is fairly central, it is the peripheral areas, in all directions that fall outside this catchment. All of Spilsby's residents are within a 20 minutes walking distance.

Large Villages

The sports hall at Manby is within 10 minutes walking distance for all Manby residents and within 20 minutes walking distance for approx 55% of the residents of Grimoldby a neighboring settlement as well.

Within Stickney, 50% of the village is in 10 minutes walking distance of the Youth Centre and 85% is within a 20 minute walk, those that are not are the outlining farms and small groups of dwellings. If the school is added into this (there is no indication the schools facilities are open to the public) the figures increase to 67% and 93% respectively.

85% of the residents of Wragby are within 10 minutes walking distance of the sports centre, and the whole village is within a 20 minute walking distance.

Fulstow Village Hall is also used for a number of sporting activities, but this is not a dedicated sports hall and is used by many other clubs and societies meaning that it is not always available for Sport.

Summary

- All residents are within 20-minutes' driving distance of a facility.
- Towns
 - The best access is in the towns where the majority of residents are within 20-minutes cycling or walking distance of a sports hall.
 - Alford, Horncastle and Spilsby provide the best access with all residents being within a 20 minutes walking distance of a sports hall.
 - Mablethorpe and Sutton provides the lowest level of access of the towns with any form of provision – due to its linear nature; however access to village/community halls is best in comparison to the other towns (see village halls analysis).
- Large Villages
 - For those large villages with their own sports halls, the majority of their populations are within a 20 minute walking distance.
 - Average access is 8.3km (the furthest distance being 13.8km and the shortest 4km)
- Medium and Small Villages
 - Residents are all within approximately 12km of a sports hall.
- Access is hindered by the restricted opening hours of nearly three quarters of the facilities, particularly in the South of the district.

Setting a Standard

Sports Halls are generally one of the most expensive sport and recreation facilities to provide and as such they require a larger threshold for them to be viable. As a result, it is generally expected that residents will travel further for such facilities. Guidance by Sport England indicates that people are prepared to travel up to 20 minutes. Residents in a town may be able in most instances walk to a facility, while residents of rural villages will generally have to drive.

Based on the evidence above, the following local standard of provision has been set:

Standard	One 3-badminton court sized sports hall per 15,000 residents within 20 minutes driving time.
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing levels of provision equate to one sports hall per 11,492 people (This includes halls with limited access). • The adopted countywide standard for sports halls is one four court sized facility per 22,000 people – Lincolnshire Sports Facilities Framework (2008). • Whilst the County standard is for the provision of a four court sized facility the dispersed nature of residents across the district does not make this a viable standard to follow. • The importance school facilities have in providing access to residents across the district is recognised by the Council. Whilst opening times are limited their contribution to the overall level of provision none the less is essential.

Village Halls

Introduction

Village halls provide an important service in a rural district such as East Lindsey. Their potential for a range of uses means that they are a practical facility in a rural area where it is not viable to have a number of purpose built facilities catering for the various sport and recreational past times of residents.

Village halls can be used by all age groups; for toddlers and children they provide the potential for a play group, for teenagers they provide the facility for a youth group, while for adults and old age pensioners' there is the potential for exercise classes and social groups. Additionally, village halls provide an alternative to a sports hall for many residents; in many cases village halls can be used for badminton or similar sports.

The locations of many community halls are their strength. Their position in villages aids accessibility since residents are not required to travel to the towns for indoor facilities. Their multi-use and use by all age groups means that their potential for use is more frequent, therefore allowing a smaller village to justify such a facility.

This study defines a village hall as a building for hire within the community. It encompasses village, church and community halls in all settlement types; however it excludes town halls as these are usually hired for more formal uses rather than sport.

Village Halls need to be analysed with consideration for indoor sport facilities, since they can provide a more local provision for sporting activities. They help to support the role of the sports halls while they may generally be less well-equipped or smaller in size; they still provide space for indoor sport, which can be fundamental in a village.

Quantity

Current Quantity

The study indicates that the district currently contains 137 village and community halls located in 94 different settlements. Collectively the halls total an area of 14114sq.m or 1.4ha, which equates to 98.5sqm or 0.01ha per 1000 population.

Table 3: Number of halls by settlement type.

Settlement Type	Population	Total No. Halls	% of Settlements within category with a Village Hall	Population per Hall	Halls per 1000 Population
Towns	68546	37	100	1853	0.54
Large Villages	36467	34	100	1073	0.93
Medium Villages	15556	32	78	486	2.1
Small Villages	7264	22	71	330	3
Hamlets	9388	12	16	782	1.28

The table indicates that the current number of halls per settlement is highest in the larger settlements; all of the towns and large villages contain at least one hall, while the villages contain fewer. Despite this however, in comparison to population, the number of halls per 1000 population is greatest in the small villages.

The average size of each individual hall in a village is often low suggesting that there are a high percentage of smaller halls across the district, which raises the question of usability, since 81.74sq.m is required for just one badminton court. Table 4 outlines the number of halls of at least 81.74sq.m, or the size of one badminton court, in each settlement type.

Table 4: Number of halls of at least 81.74 sq.m

Settlement Type	No. halls of at least 81.74sq.m	% of halls at least 81.74sq.m	Large Halls per 1000 Population
Towns	14	37.8	0.20
Large Villages	17	50	0.47
Medium Villages	11	34.3	0.71
Small Villages	4	18.2	0.55
Hamlets	3	25	0.32

Across the district only 35.7% of the halls are large enough for a badminton court. The greatest proportion of those which are over 81.74sq.m are located in the towns and large villages. Despite the large villages containing the highest number of large halls looking at the number per 1000 population shows that at a medium village level provision is per capita actually much higher, 0.71 compared with 0.47.

Summary

- Across the district as a whole there is 98.5sqm or 0.01ha of village hall floor space per 1000 population.
- All of the towns and large villages contain at least one hall, although only 37.8% of those within the Towns and 50% in the large villages are over 81.74sq.m in size.
- When considering population numbers, supply is greatest in the small villages.

- The larger halls are found in greater numbers in the larger villages and towns.
- Of the 137 village and community halls only 49 are large enough for a badminton court (35.8%).

Accessibility

Current Access

Access to a hall has been assessed below in table 5 for the towns, large, medium and small villages along with hamlets. Where a location does not have a hall for the purposes of table 5 the default has been to give a zero percent result in terms of residents walking and cycling to a facility. It however is accepted that due to the proximity of some villages etc to one another a hall may be accessible within these defined parameters although just in a nearby village or hamlet for instance. Use of neighboring facilities has been assessed later on.

Table 5

Settlement		(Parish) Population	No. Village Halls within Settlement	% Within 20 minutes walking distance	% Within 20 minutes cycling distance
Towns					
	Alford	3459	5	100	100
	Coningsby	3864	1	97	100
	Tattershall	2834	1	96	100
	Horncastle	6815	3	99	100
	Louth	16419	9	96	100
	Mablethorpe, Sutton and Trusthorpe	12531	13	100	100
	Skegness	19579	3	74	100
	Spilsby	3045	2	100	100

Large Villages					
	Binbrook	892	1	100	100
	Burgh le Marsh	2340	3	99	100
	Chapel St. Leonards	3384	2	98	100
	Grainthorpe	749	1	100	100
	Grimoldby/Manby	1754	1	56	100
	Friskney	1563	1	62	100
	Hogsthorpe	908	1	100	100
	Holton le Clay	3691	3	100	100
	Huttoft	585	1	100	100
	Ingoldmells	2059	2	85	100
	Legbourne	644	1	100	100
	Mareham le Fen	944	1	100	100
	Marshchapel	704	1	100	100
	North Somercotes	1732	1	98	100

North Thoresby	1068	2	100	100
Partney	237	1	100	100
Saltfleet	543	1	100	100
Sibsey	1979	2	92	100
Stickney	1127	1	95	100
Tetford	464	1	100	100
Tetney	1725	1	100	100
Wainfleet All Saints	1604	1	100	100
Woodhall Spa	4003	3	87	100
Wragby	1768	1	100	100

Medium Villages				
Addlethorpe	333	0	0	0
Alvingham	256	1	100	100
Bilsby	487	1	100	100
Bucknall	364	1	100	100
Covenham St Bartholomew	192	1	100	100
Covenham St Mary	135	0	0	0
Croft	851	1	100	100
Donington on Bain	368	1	100	100
East Barkwith	373	1	100	100
East Keal	366	0	0	0
East Kirkby	303	1	100	100
Eastville	257	1	100	100
Fotherby	482	1	100	100
Frithville	568	1	100	100
Fulstow	522	1	100	100
Hagworthingham	359	0	0	0
Halton Holegate	475	0	0	0
Hemingby	232	1	100	100
Hundleby	395	1	100	100
Kirkby on Bain	295	1	100	100
Ludborough	191	0	0	0
Ludford	460	1	100	100
Maltby le Marsh	342	1	95	100
Mumby	447	1	100	100
New Bolingbroke	310	1	100	100
New Leake	323	0	0	0
New York	174	1	100	100
North Cotes	724	1	100	100
Saltfleetby	568	1	83	100
Scamblesby	228	1	94	100
Skendleby	174	1	100	100
Theddlethorpe All Saints	165	0	0	0
Theddlethorpe St Helen	525	1	90	100
Toynton All Saints	443	2	100	100
Utterby	293	1	100	100
Wainfleet St Mary	1025	0	0	0
West Ashby	252	1	100	100
West Keal	327	1	100	100
Willoughby	592	1	100	100
Withern with Stain	380	1	98	100

Small Villages				
Aby	196	1	100	100
Anderby	382	1	100	100
Baumber	223	1	100	100
Belchford	255	1	100	100
Burgh on Bain	172	0	0	0
Candlesby with Gumby	129	1	100	100
Conisholme	65	0	0	0
Goulceby	135	0	0	0
Great Carlton	136	1	100	100
Great Steeping	297	0	0	0
Hainton	114	0	0	0
Hatton	200	0	0	0
Horsington	242	1	100	100
Langrick	368	0	0	0
Little Steeping	212	1	95	100
Minting	286	1	100	100
Old Bolingbroke	338	1	100	100
Orby	353	1	97	100
Raithby	190	1	100	100
Revesby	243	1	100	100
Sausthorpe	305	1	100	100
South Elkington	243	1	100	0
South Reston	156	0	0	0
South Willingham	160	1	100	100
Stickford	497	1	100	100
Swaby	180	1	97	100
Tattershall Thorpe	245	0	0	0
Thimbleby	258	1	100	100
Toynton St Peter	256	1	98	100
Welton le Marsh	212	1	100	100
Welton le Wold	216	1	100	100

Hamlets				
Ashby	179	1	100	100
Asterby	159	0	0	0
Aswardby	41	0	0	0
Authorpe	174	1	100	100
Beesby	258	0	0	0
Belleau	20	0	0	0
Benniworth	193	0	0	0
Brackenborough	78	0	0	0
Bratoft	143	1	100	100
Brinkhill	172	0	0	0
Burwell	214	1	100	100
Calcethorpe	70	0	0	0
Carrington	234	1	92	100
Claxby	43	0	0	0
Claxby St Andrew	39	0	0	0
Claythorpe	21	0	0	0
Cumberworth	128	0	0	0
Dalby	41	0	0	0
Edlington	134	0	0	0
Elkington	243	0	0	0
Farlesthorpe	64	0	0	0
Firsby	278	0	0	0
Fulletby	92	0	0	0
Gautby	61	1	100	100
Gayton le Marsh	155	1	99	100
Gayton le Wold	40	0	0	0
Grainsby	152	0	0	0
Great Sturton	43	0	0	0
Greetham	167	0	0	0
Hallington	78	0	0	0
Haltham	122	0	0	0
Hameringham	50	0	0	0

Hannah cum Hagnaby	71	0	0	0
Harrington	42	0	0	0
Haugh	9	0	0	0
Haugham	33	0	0	0
High Toynton	69	0	0	0
Irby in the Marsh	187	1	87	100
Keddington	158	0	0	0
Langton	34	0	0	0
Langton by Spilsby	65	1	100	100
Langton by Wragby	92	0	0	0
Little Carlton	129	0	0	0
Little Cawthorpe	163	0	0	0
Low Toynton	187	0	0	0
Lusby	87	0	0	0
Maidenwell	62	0	0	0
Mareham on the Hill	133	0	0	0
Markby	67	0	0	0
Market Stainton	43	0	0	0
Mavis Enderby	67	0	0	0
Midville	153	0	0	0
Muckton	42	0	0	0
North Cockerington	182	0	0	0
North Ormsby	87	0	0	0

North Reston	223	0	0	0
Raithby cum Maltby	90	0	0	0
Ranby	48	0	0	0
Rigsby	18	0	0	0
Roughton	644	1	100	100
South Cockerington	245	0	0	0
South Somercotes	231	0	0	0
South Thoresby	128	0	0	0
Stixwold	104	1	100	100
Tathwell	127	0	0	0
Thorpe St Peter	320	0	0	0
Tumby	203	0	0	0
Ulceby	147	0	0	0
Well	93	0	0	0
West Fen	102	0	0	0
West Barkwith	58	0	0	0
West Torrington	76	0	0	0
Westville	48	0	0	0
Withcall	59	0	0	0
Wood Enderby	186	0	0	0
Wyham cum Cadeby	32	0	0	0
Yarburgh	158	1	98	100

Overall table 5 indicates that all residents within a settlement with a hall are within 20-minutes cycling distance of this facility. It further suggests that in all areas containing a village hall over half of residents living within them are within a 20 minute walking distance. Access is lowest in the area of Grimoldby and Manby where some 56% of residents are within a 1.2km walking distance of the village hall. As is often the case especially with expensive facilities such as village halls, facilities are often centered as to offer residents in neighboring areas access. Table 6 below highlights the access residents in locations without a village hall have; highlighting both the number of residents in walking and cycling distances of a facility along with the closest facility to that area.

Table 6

Settlement	Nearest Facility location	(Parish) Population	% Within 20 minutes walking distance	% Within 20 minutes cycling distance
Addlethorpe	Ingoldmells	333	2	100
Covenham St Mary	Covenham St Bartholomew	135	100	100
East Keal	West Keal	366	30	100
Thornton le Fen	New York	328	0	0
Hagworthingham	Raithby	359	0	0
Halton Hologate	Spilsby	475	6	98
New Leake	Eastville	323	100	100
South Reston	Withern	156	0	100

Theddlethorpe All Saints	Theddlethorpe St Helens	165	95	100
Wainfleet St Mary	Wainfleet All Saints	1025	40	100
Langrick	Frithville	368	0	0
Burgh on Bain	Donington on Bain	172	0	0
Conisholme	Grainthorpe	65	0	100
Great Steeping	Little Steeping	297	0	100
Ludborough	North Thoresby	191	0	100
Tattershall Thorpe	Tattershall	245	0	100
Asterby	Scamblesby	159	0	100
Aswardby	Sausthorpe	41	0	100
Beesby	Maltby le Marsh	258	0	100
Belleau	Aby	20	0	100
Benniworth	South Willingham	193	0	100
Brackenborough	Fotherby	78	0	100
Brinkhill	South Ormsby	172	0	100
Calcethorpe	Welton le Wold	70	0	100
Claxby St Andrew	Willoughby	39	0	100
Claythorpe	Aby	21	96	100
Cumberworth	Mumby	128	0	100
Dalby	Langton by Spilsby	41	0	100
Edlington	Thimbleby	134	0	100
Farlesthorpe	Willoughby	64	0	100
Firsby	Irby in the Marsh	278	0	100
Fulletby	Belchford	92	0	100
Gayton le Wold	Donington on Bain	40	0	100
Goulceby	Scamblesby	135	0	100
Grainsby	North Thoresby	152	0	100
Great Sturton	Baumber	43	0	100
Greetham	Horncastle	167	0	0
Hainton	South Willingham	114	2	100
Hallington	Louth	78	0	100
Halham	Roughton	122	1	100
Hannah cum Hagnaby	Sutton on Sea	71	0	100
Harrington	Sausthorpe	42	0	100
Hatton	Minting	200	0	26
Haugh	Aby	9	0	100
Haugham	Burwell	33	0	100
High Toynton	Horncastle	69	0	100
Keddington	Louth	158	0	100
Langton	Thimbleby	34	1	100
Langton by Wragby	Wragby	92	0	100
Little Carlton	Great Carlton	129	35	100
Little Cawthorpe	Legbourne	163	0	100
Low Toynton	West Ashby	187	0	100
Lusby	Old Bolingbroke	87	0	3
Maidenwell	Scamblesby	62	0	0

Mareham on the Hill	Horncastle	133	0	100
Markby	Bilsby	67	0	100
Market Stainton	Donington on Bain	43	0	98
Mavis Enderby	Raithby	67	0	100
Midville	Eastville	153	0	100
Muckton	Authorpe	42	0	100
North Cockerington	Alvingham	182	0	100
North Ormsby	Utterby	87	0	100
North Reston	Legbourne	223	0	100
Ranby	Hemingby	48	0	0
Rigsby	Alford	18	0	100
South Cockerington	Grimoldby	245	4	100
South Somercotes	North Somercotes	231	0	100
South Thoresby	Aby	128	0	100
Tathwell	Louth	127	0	0
Thorpe St Peter	Wainfleet	320	0	99
Tumby	Tattershall	203	0	100
Ulceby	Skendleby	147	0	80
Well	Alford	93	5	100
West Barkwith	East Barkwith	58	0	100
West Torrington	East Barkwith	76	0	70
Westville	Frithville	48	0	100
Wood Enderby	Moorby	186	0	100
Wyham cum Cadeby	Utterby	32	0	10

Small Villages

The tables above indicate that of the 31 small villages, all residents in 18 are within walking distance of a hall; while all residents in 22 of the small villages are within cycling distance. Of all the small villages access is most limited in the settlements of Langrick and Burgh on Bain where all residents are required to travel further than 3.2km to reach their nearest facility.

Medium Villages

Of the identified 40 medium villages in East Lindsey a total of nine lack a village hall facility. Of the 31 settlements with a hall 26 are accessible to 100% of residents within a 20 minute walking and cycling distance. Of the settlements with a hall access is most limited within Saltfleetby where a total of 83% of residents are within walking distance of the hall; all residents are however within cycling distance.

Large Villages

Of the 25 identified large villages within East Lindsey, 100% of residents in 15 of them are considered to be in a 20 minutes walking and cycling distance of a village hall. Access is most limited in Grimoldby/Manby where some 56% of residents are within walking distance of a village hall, all remain inside a 20minute cycling distance however.

Town

All residents in the towns are within walking or cycling distance of a village/community hall. The best access however is in the towns of Alford, Spilsby and Mablethorpe/Sutton on Sea where all residents are within 20 minutes walking distance; this level of accessibility is not seen in either Louth or Skegness.

Summary

- Whole District
 - Wide spread provision of halls across the district.
 - The majority of residents can access a village hall by cycling.
 - The majority of areas further than 20-minutes cycling time of a hall are within 9km, or 12 minutes drive.
- By Settlements
 - Outside of the towns access is best for residents within the Large Villages where all residents are within 20 minutes cycling distance of a village hall. Similarly over 62.5% of residents in all the large villages are within walking distance of a village hall.
- Large Halls
 - Access to the halls which are at least 81.74sq.m, or one badminton court, is best for residents in the towns and large villages where all residents are within walking or cycling distance.
 - However, in all other settlements residents can access the larger halls within approx 12 minutes driving time (9km).

Setting a Standard

In setting a standard it is important to remember the similar roles of the sports and village halls. In the towns the number of village halls is low in comparison to the population and the size of the area, while the number of sports halls are higher than in the villages; consequently residents are more likely to use the sports halls for indoor sporting activities rather than the village halls. As such the standard set ensures that residents are within a reasonable distance of either facility.

Based on the evidence above, the following local standard of provision has been set:

Standard (Towns)	One village/community or sports hall of at least 81.74sq.m per 3,000 residents within 20 minutes driving time
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing levels of provision equate to one indoor village hall of 81.74sq.m per 2,814 people.• When the 12 recognised sports halls open to public use are included the existing level of provision is 2261 persons to one facility.• The adopted countywide standard for village halls is one facility per 2,000 people – <i>Lincolnshire Sports Facilities Framework (2008)</i>.• Whilst not large enough to accommodate a badminton court, across the district there are a further 88 village halls which provide a service to local residents.• While many residents are within walking distance of a village or sports hall it would not be viable for all residents of the district to be within sustainable travel distance of a large hall.

Swimming Pools

Introduction

This study includes swimming pools available for public use; it encompasses council owned facilities, private owned pools which are open to the public and school facilities which again are open to the general public. Despite the title of this document this section is not strictly limited to indoor swimming pools, but also includes outdoor facilities.

Quantity

Current provision

The study has identified a total of nine indoor swimming pools in the district, as well as an additional two outdoor pools. Although Kenwick Park pool has been identified as shown in the table below due to membership fees it has been removed from all further analysis. As a total for the district the total number of indoor pools (8) equate to 0.06 pools per 1000 population or 17,238 residents per pool.

The facilities are listed in table 7 below.

Table 7: Swimming Pools within East Lindsey

Location	Facility	Length	Indoor/Outdoor
Alford	Alford Queen Elizabeth Grammar Swimming Pool	18m	Indoor
Horncastle	Horncastle Swimming Pool	25m	Indoor
Louth	Kenwick Park	20m*	Indoor
Louth	Meridian Leisure Centre	25m	Indoor
North Somercotes	Lakeside Holiday Park	25m	Indoor
Skegness	Embassy Swimming Pool	25m	Indoor/Outdoor
Skegness	Richmond Leisure Complex	25m	Indoor
Skegness	Southview Hotel	20m	Indoor
Woodhall Spa	Jubilee Park Swimming Pool	25m	Outdoor
Wragby	Wragby & District Swimming Pool	15m	Indoor

* Available to leisure club members

The table shows that of the ten swimming pools excluding Kenwick Park, seven are at least 25 metres long, the minimum length for competitive swimming. This therefore means that the district contains 0.051 full length pools per 1000 residents or that there are 19,700 residents per pool.

In addition to the supply of swimming pools in the district, residents are also able to benefit from supply in neighboring districts. In North East Lincolnshire there are two swimming pools, one at Cleethorpes Leisure Centre and Grimsby Pool on Scartho Road. In Boston there are a further two pools, firstly the Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex pool and then the one at the Princess Royal Sports Arena. All have 25 metre pools except that at the Princess Royal Sports Arena which measures 15m by 6.5m.

Settlement Type	Facility
Town	8
Large Village	2
Medium Village	0
Small Village	0
Hamlet	0

Cluster	Facilities
Alford	1
Coastal North	0
Coastal South	4
Coningsby/Tattershall	0
Horncastle	1
Louth	3
Northern Parishes	0
Southern Parishes	0
Spilsby Area	0
Western Parishes	1

Demand

Using the Sport England Facility Demand Calculator (SFC) to assess demand across the District as a whole, given its population profile indicates that there is demand for 6.50 swimming pools. Whilst the Council acknowledges the SFC has no spatial dimension, it does provide a broad indication of the level of demand likely to result from the area's population profile. The Council recognise there are situations for example where the level of provision may be over that with which the SFC indicates but it may be in the wrong location, of poor quality or simply subject to limited opening hours which therefor necessitates increased provision over and above demand.

Within the district there are currently 10 swimming pools accessible to the general

public which would suggest the district has a sufficient provision on pools for the current population of the district. Of these ten pools seven are full length facilities of 25m.

Summary

- Total of eleven swimming pools, nine of which are indoor swimming pools (Although access to Kenwick Park pool is limited to members only)
- Five of the recognised indoor pools within the district are at least 25 metres long, the minimum length for competitive swimming.
- Four further accessible pools have been highlighted in neighboring districts.

Accessibility

Current Accessibility

This study has identified that the majority of swimming pools within East Lindsey are located in the towns with the remaining provision being located in the large villages, with eight of the 10 pools (excluding that of Kenwick Park) being located in the towns and the remaining two in the large villages.

Table 8 below indicates that the largest towns in terms of population contain the greatest number of pools, although there are no facilities present in either Spilsby or Mablethorpe. The number of pools per settlement diminishes the further down the levels of settlement type with no publically accessible swimming facilities being recognised within the medium and small villages nor hamlets.

The location of four publically accessible pools in Louth and Skegness aids access for residents in the outlying villages due to the existence of a number of bus services to these settlements, although services tend to be more regular in the larger settlements.

Of all the towns access is most limited in those of Spilsby, Coningsby/Tattershall and

Mablethorpe, since there are no swimming pools within their boundary. However the existence of a bus service to settlements such as Louth, Alford and Skegness mean that whilst residents are not within a walking distance of a facility, public transport aids accessibility for those residents without the use of a private transport.

The concentration of swimming pools predominantly in the larger settlements means that all residents in four of the 8 towns are within 3.2km of a swimming pool. This is outlined below in table 8.

Table 8

	% of residents within walking distance	% of residents within cycling distance	Nearest facility if outside settlement
Towns			
Alford	87	100	
Coningsby	0	0	Woodhall Spa
Tattershall	0	0	Woodhall Spa
Horncastle	70	100	
Louth	51	100	
Mablethorp/Sutton and Trusthorpe	0	0	Alford
Skegness	47	100	
Spilsby	0	0	Alford
Large Villages			
Woodhall Spa	68	98	
Wragby	100	100	

Access is generally most restricted in the small and medium villages, however this can be attributed to the lack of any form provision in this tier of settlement; provision begins in the large villages where there are two pools with a further eight within the towns. Despite this however, the majority of residents in the remaining tiers of settlements are within 20 minutes driving time of a swimming pool.

A further consideration for accessibility concerns opening hours. Some of the pools in the district are limited by their dual use; this is outlined in the table below.

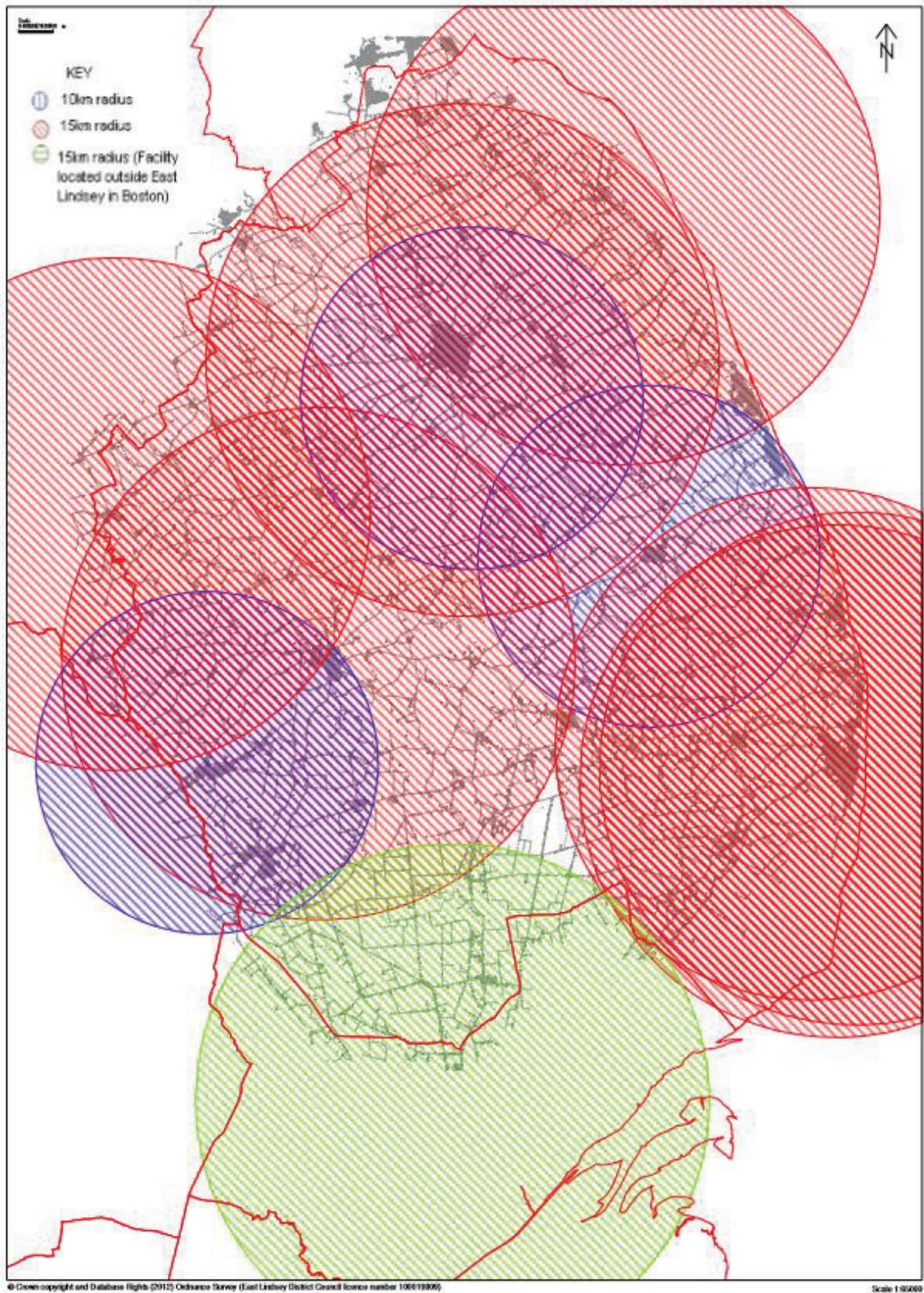
Table 9

Facility	Restrictions
Alford Queen Elizabeth Grammar Swimming Pool	Duel use – open on a Thursday night only during school term time. Open six days a week during the school holidays.
Embassy Swimming Pool	None other than standard opening times
Horncastle Swimming Pool	None other than standard opening times
Kenwick Park	Membership is required
Meridian Leisure Centre Pool	None other than standard opening times
Lakeside Holiday Park	-
Wragby & District Swimming Pool	None other than standard opening times
Jubilee Park Swimming Pool	Open May – September only
Richmond Leisure Complex	-
Southview Hotel	-

The table indicates that there is limited access to three facilities within the district, one of which is a school facility, one an outdoor and therefore limited by the seasons and one members only. The pools at Alford Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and Jubilee Park are the most restricted since they are open for only short periods of time during the year.

Based on these findings map 1 overleaf shows all of the pools in the district with a buffer around them representing a travel distance. The pools that are 25m long and open during the day and all year round have a 15km buffer, whilst those with limited access or are smaller facilities have a 10km buffer.

Map 1



The map indicates that essentially all areas on the district are within a 20 minute drive of either a full length indoor swimming pool, with no opening restrictions; or roughly 13 minutes drive of a smaller or restricted access pool. Provision in the south of the district is provided as shown above by the Geoff Moulder facility located in Boston, were this facility removed from analysis a number of the

southern parishes including those of Sibsey and Stickney for example would fall outside of a twenty minute drive time of a swimming pool.

Summary

- The majority of East Lindsey residents are within 20 minutes travel time of a swimming pool if facilities in the neighboring district of Boston are taken into consideration.
- The majority of facilities are located in the larger population centres such as towns and large villages.
- The greatest level of access is in Wragby where 100% of residents are within a 1.2km walking distance of a pool. Access within 3.2km is also possible to all residents within Alford, Horncastle, Louth and Skegness.
- The most limited access is in the villages to the south of the district.
- Access is restricted at Alford Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and Jubilee Park Woodhall Spa due to opening hours.

Setting a Standard

Based on the evidence above, the following local standard of provision has been set:

Standard	One indoor swimming pool facility per 30,000 residents within 20 minutes driving time.
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing levels of provision equate to one indoor pool of 25m per 27,580 residents. • The adopted countywide standard for indoor swimming pools is one facility per 30,000 people. • Since the Lincolnshire Sports Facilities Framework was adopted the identified deficiency of a pool in the Louth area has been addressed through that opened at the Meridian Leisure Centre. • Sport England’s Market Segmentation data suggests that given the demographic profile of the study area, demand for indoor swimming pools is in line with the national average.

Indoor bowls centres

Introduction

This study includes all indoor bowls centres which are open to the public. For a specialist sporting activity, such as bowls, large number of facilities are not a necessity. It is however anticipated that a facility should be accessible within a 20 minutes driving time.

Quantity

Current Quantity

The study has identified a total of four indoor bowls centres within the district. These are outlined below in table 10.

Table 10

Facility	Location (Area)	Size (No. Rinks)
Addlethorpe Indoor Bowls Club	Coastal South	2
Horncastle & District Indoor Bowls Club	South West	5
Louth & District Indoor Bowls Club	Louth	5
Skegness Indoor Bowls Club	Coastal South	6
TOTAL		18

The table indicates that the facilities vary in size from between two and six rinks with 18 in total being recorded across the district. This means that across the district there is 0.13 rinks per 1000 population, or a rink per 7,661 residents.

Using Sport England's Sports Facilities Calculator to give an indication of the number of rinks and centres required to serve the population of East Lindsey suggests a need for 13.71 rinks and 2.29 bowling centres. With 4 bowling centres and a total of 18 rinks current provision outstrips the demand for such facilities based on the population numbers and structure within East Lindsey.

However, the majority of the indoor bowling facilities are located towards the central and coastal areas of the district, with only the facility in Louth providing access for residents in the North of East Lindsey.

In addition to the facilities within the district, there are facilities in Boston and North East Lincolnshire which are accessible to residents living within East Lindsey; these are outlined below in table 11.

Table 11

Facility	District	Size (Rinks)
Grimsby Leisure Centre	North East Lincolnshire	4
Boston Indoor Bowling Ltd	Boston	6
Total		10

Approximately 90% of East Lindsey's residents are within 20 minutes drive time of an indoor bowls facility. The gaps being around Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea, Alford and Wragby area.

Quantity analysed by each facility in the district is outlined in table 12. It has been assumed that residents will use the facilities contained within their particular cluster area, although it is accepted that due to the specialist nature of indoor bowls some may travel further afield to a preferred facility.

Table 12

Facility	Cluster	No. Rinks	Cluster Population	Rinks per 1000 population
Skegness Indoor Bowls Club	Coastal South	6	33030	0.24
Addlethorpe Indoor Bowls Club		2		
Horncastle & District Indoor Bowls Club	Horncastle	5	9508	0.53
Louth & District Indoor Bowls Club	Louth	5	25743	0.19

The table indicated that quality is generally between 0.19 and 0.53 rinks per 1000 residents, with the facilities at Skegness and Horncastle providing the greatest supply. Whilst Addlethorpe is the smallest of all the indoor bowls facilities, due to its close proximity to Skegness it further contributes to the overall provision available to those living within the coastal south area.

Summary

- Total of four indoor bowls centres within the district.
- Total of 18 rinks.
- Further accessible facilities available in Boston and Grimsby providing an additional 10 rinks.
- Quantity is generally between 0.19 and 0.53 rinks per 1000 population.

Accessibility

Current Accessibility

The distribution of indoor bowls centres aids accessibility since, with the exception of Addlethorpe and Skegness, the sites are generally spread across the district rather than clustered.

Of the four facilities in the district three are located within the towns, therefore potentially aiding access for both residents within the settlement and the rural residents since the towns are generally more accessible via public transport.

Table 13 below outlines the level of access in the towns,

Table 13

Town	% of residents within 20 minutes walking distance	% of residents within 20 minutes cycling distance
	1.2km	3.2km
Alford	0	0
Coningsby	0	0
Tattershall	0	0
Horncastle	80	100
Louth	43	100
Mablethorpe, Sutton and Trusthorpe	0	0
Skegness	32	98
Spilsby	0	0

The figures indicate that access to an indoor bowls centre is best for the residents of Horncastle, where over three quarters of residents are within walking distance of a facility and all are within a cycling distance. Access is also good in Louth where almost half of all residents are within walking distance of a centre and all are again within a twenty minute cycling distance. However the lack of an indoor facility in Alford, Coningsby, Tattershall, Mablethorpe/Sutton/Trusthorpe and Spilsby mean that access is very limited for the residents of these settlements with all residents being required to drive to a nearby facility or use public transport where available.

Map 2 overleaf illustrates access to the four facilities covering the whole district. It shows a 15km buffer around each site in order to highlight the proportion of the district which is within 20 minutes driving time of an indoor bowling facility.

Map 2



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Map 2 would suggest to that a large percentage of the districts residents are within a 20 minute or 15km driving distance of an indoor bowls centre. The exceptions appear to be the settlements in the far North – specifically Holton le Clay and North Cotes. Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and parts of Sutton on Sea in the East also fall outside a 15km radius of a facility. Access is however most limited to the South of the district where settlements including those of New Leake, Eastville, Frithville, Sibsey, Langrick, Gypsey Bridge and Langrick all fall outside of a 15km radius of a facility contained within the district itself. However provision to the South in the neighboring district of Boston may alleviate partially some of this perceived deficiency.

Summary

- The majority of residents are within 20 minutes travel time of one of the four indoor bowls centres contained within the district.
- Access is generally good in the towns. In two of the districts towns all residents are within walking or cycling distance of a facility.
- Access is best for the residents of Horncastle – over three quarters of residents are within walking distance of a facility, while the rest of are within 20 minutes cycling time.
- Access is poor for the residents of Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea – with all of Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and parts of Sutton on Sea falling outside a 20 minute drive time (15km radius) of the nearest facility.

Setting a Standard

Based on the evidence above, the following local standard of provision has been set:

Standard	One indoor bowls facility per 50,000 residents within 20 minutes driving time.
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing levels of provision equate to one indoor bowls facility per 34,475 residents. • The adopted countywide standard for indoor bowls is one facility per 50,000 people. • The Lincolnshire Sports Facilities Framework identified no deficiencies in the provision of indoor bowls within the study area. • Sport England’s Market Segmentation data suggests that given the demographic profile of the study area, demand for indoor bowls facilities is in line with the national average.

Squash Courts

Introduction

This study analysis all squash courts open to the general public within the East Lindsey area.

Quantity

Current Quantity

The study has identified a total of four squash court facilities in the district, these are outlined in the table below.

Table 14

Facility	No. Courts
Alford Squash Courts	2
Horncastle Squash Club	2
Skegness Squash Club	2
Wragby Sports Centre	2
Total	8

The facilities each contain two courts, creating a district total of eight courts. This suggests that the district supplies 0.06 courts per 1000 population.

In addition to the facilities within the district, there are a further five facilities located in neighboring districts, all of which are accessible to a number of East Lindsey residents. These facilities are outlined in table 15 below.

Table 15

Facility	Location	No. Courts
Cleethorpes Leisure Centre	North East Lincolnshire	2
Grimsby Leisure Centre	North East Lincolnshire	4
Grimsby Tennis Centre	North East Lincolnshire	1
Peter Paine Sports Centre	Boston	2
Boston Squash Rackets Club	Boston	5
Metheringham Squash Rackets Club	North Kesteven	2
	Total	16

The inclusion of the facilities in table 15 above brings the total number of sites within a 20 minute drive time for residents living in East Lindsey to ten, with a combined total of 24 courts.

Summary

- There are four squash courts in the district.
- Total of eight courts

- There are a further six squash facilities with a total of 16 courts located outside of the district. All are within an accessible distance for residents of East Lindsey.

Accessibility

Current Accessibility

Due to the location of those facilities outside the district and the general centralized location of those facilities within the district overall coverage is good.

Access to a squash court is generally good across the district, since a large proportion of settlements are within 15km of a court. This therefore suggests that a large number of residents are within 20 minutes driving time of a squash court.

Access is good in the far North of the district where a number of facilities in North East Lindsey are within 20 minutes driving time. In addition access is good across the central parts of the district where facilities can be accessed in less than 20 minutes.

However, in the Louth area access is generally poor, the lack of a facility in the Northern half of the district means that residents in Louth and surrounding areas are located further than 20 minutes driving time from a squash court, thus meaning approx 20,000 residents are located outside of a twenty minute driving time of a facility. However this problem could be overcome by the opening of private facilities to the public, for example the courts at Kenwick Park and Louth Golf Club, which unlike the facilities in Alford and Horncastle cannot be hired or used by non-club members.

Summary

- Approximately 85% of residents are within 20 minutes driving time of a squash court.
- Access is aided by provision outside of the district.
- Access is most limited to those living in and around Louth.
- Access could be improved through the opening of private facilities at Kenwick Park and/or Louth Golf Club, but as is the current situation all of Louth falls outside a 15km radius of a squash facility.

Setting a Standard

Based on the evidence above, the following local standard of provision has been set:

Standard	One squash court per 20,000 residents within 20 minutes driving time.
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Justification

- Existing levels of provision equate to one squash court per 17,238 residents.
- The adopted countywide standard for squash is one court per 15,000 people.
- The Lincolnshire Sports Facilities Framework identified no deficiencies in provision for squash within the study area.
- Access to facilities in neighboring districts complements that already within the district and aids access to residents in the North and the South of East Lindsey.