

The information on pages 92 and 93 of their report (pages 198 and 199 in the pack) appears to be factually inaccurate. Within Donisthorpe village itself there are playing pitches at 2 locations, correctly listed as site IDs 1 and 25; ID 65 does not exist, it seems to be a spurious repeat of ID 1 – it gives the misleading impression that there is a surplus of playing pitches within the village, when the exact opposite is actually the case.

ID65 has been removed from the report. ID65 was recorded as disused so it has not had an effect on the current / future supply demand figures.

The overall lack of provision in the wider area actually leads to competition amongst clubs for the scarce resource.

The report does show there is a current shortfall of pitches in the Measham area which will increase with future population growth (as shown on the table at page 90 of the KKP report).

On page 67 it is stated that the Town Council manages the 3G pitch in Hood Park. This is not the case. It is managed by NWLDC.

This has been amended.

KKP comment that ID 25 is “without ancillary provision” but then fail to recommend that the 2 playing pitches at the Donisthorpe Memorial Gardens be provided with changing facilities. This lack of basic provision is fairly unique around the District and seems in stark contrast to other parts of KKP’s recommendations eg a Community Hall for Ashby, a Leisure Centre for “the North”, enhanced Sports provision for Ashby. Why not some changing rooms for Donisthorpe?

Identifying the need for changing facilities is generally not within the scope of a Playing Pitches and Outdoor Sports Strategy as these focus on grass pitches and not ancillary facilities such as changing and parking provision. If guided by National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB’s), consideration may be given to them, but this would only be for larger scale sites with multiple facilities. Assessment of the suitability of these elements and, if pertinent, an evidence base, to support the need for enhanced ancillary facilities would be highlighted through the Football Foundation’s Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP). Council officers will contact the Football Foundation to endeavour to ensure inclusion within the most recent version of the LFFP.