

Key comments for football in the Central and Western Sub Area

This sub area is defined by thirteen wards. It forms the urban core of the Borough as well as the more rural western fringe.

Population

The total population of 86,030 can be broken down by each ward (based on ward based mid year estimates) is as follows.

Ward Name	All Ages	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
Roseworth	7305	411	435	540	560	469	417	371	476	579	541	471	486	326	321	270	236	224	172
Hardwick	6827	506	472	475	520	522	397	377	444	515	497	334	361	298	265	302	263	150	129
Newtown	7393	597	500	600	650	556	524	439	509	555	514	449	402	273	234	213	146	117	115
Parkfield and Oxbridge	6956	507	471	403	504	749	570	467	524	502	451	408	333	294	206	175	173	116	103
Hartburn	6913	286	315	419	417	368	284	315	450	497	486	491	518	623	434	367	337	189	117
Fairfield	6235	238	284	337	458	356	320	294	376	456	476	427	490	419	357	340	277	176	154
Grangefield	6947	321	386	524	514	368	271	363	510	603	567	479	385	383	324	314	283	206	146
Stockton Town Centre	6425	425	376	398	454	629	480	453	462	467	366	400	327	313	251	220	165	109	130
Norton North	6913	464	410	449	485	471	391	421	466	497	495	400	398	383	326	309	272	146	130
Norton South	7736	416	354	404	437	776	812	650	540	551	536	453	453	345	319	249	193	129	119
Norton West	6446	303	256	333	370	329	280	345	405	448	463	498	570	529	347	345	302	201	122
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	6706	334	316	362	419	395	366	385	489	485	501	472	534	433	331	312	255	175	142
Western Parishes	3228	146	178	207	190	149	108	140	258	258	251	230	235	276	193	129	105	64	111
	86030	4954	4753	5451	5978	6137	5220	5020	5909	6413	6144	5512	5492	4895	3908	3545	3007	2002	1690

Teams

The following teams play in the area.

Ground	Club	Senior Teams	Junior Teams	Ladies Teams	Girls Teams	Mini Teams	League
The Education Centre, Junction Road	Malleable	1					Stockton Sunday League
Norton Teeside Sports Complex	Norton & Stockton Ancients Rosegale	1					Stockton Sunday League
Stockton Sports Centre	Hardwick Social Club	1					Stockton Sunday League
Darlington Back Lane	Fairfield Athletic	1					Stockton Sunday League
Stockton Sports Centre	Georgia Browns	1					Stockton Sunday League
Grangefield School	Stockton Grangefield	1					Langbaugh Sunday league
Grangefield Youth & Community Centre	Coulby Newham	1					Teeside League
Stockton Sports Centre	Perrys	1					Stockton Sunday League
Norton School	Norton George & Dragon	1					Stockton Sunday League
Norton School	Norton Unicorn	1					Stockton Sunday League
The Education Centre, Junction Road	The Sheraton	1					Stockton Sunday League
Stockton Sports Centre	Lord Nelson	1					Stockton Sunday League
Grangefield Recreation Ground	Stockton Arms	1					Stockton Sunday League
Darlington Back Lane	Sun Inn Athletic	1					Stockton Sunday League
Grangefield Youth & Community Centre	Fairfield Sports & Social Club	1					Stockton Sunday League
Grangefield Recreation Ground	Penny Black	1					Stockton Sunday League
Primrose Hill Playing Field	Newtown & Primrose Hill	1					Stockton Sunday League
Norton Teeside Sports Complex	Norton & Stockton Ancients Wanderers	1					Sunderland and District Sunderland Catholic Club Over 40s League
Grangefield Youth & Community Centre	Elm Tree Social Club	1					Stockton Sunday League

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Primrose Hill Playing Field	Primrose Hill		1			2	Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Our Lady & St Bede School	Stockton Town Over 35's	1					AJM Pat Testing Over 35 League
Grangefield Youth & Community Centre	George & Dragon	1					AJM Pat Testing Over 35 League
Norton Teeside Sports Complex	Norton & Stockton Ancients	2					Northern League, Teeside League
Grangefield Youth & Community Centre	Stockton Rangers		3			2	Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Stockton Sports Centre	Stockton West End	1	7			1	Stockton Sunday League, Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Norton Teeside Sports Complex	Norton & Stockton Womens			1			Durham County Women's League
Norton Teeside Sports Complex	Norton & Stockton Ancients Juniors		8		1	3	Teeside Junior Football Alliance
Our Lady & St Bede School	Stockton Town	1	7		2	6	Teeside League, Teeside Junior Football Alliance, Cleveland Youth League, Russell Forster Youth League

Team Generation Rates (TGRs)

TGRs can be defined as the number of people it takes within a given population to generate a 'team' based on information available about local teams and population. They can help to plan for future needs as will be explained later. The TGRs are generalised to allow for comparison across the various sub areas, and to provide as much consistency as possible with current and future population estimates. Broadly, they are provided to cover the following age groups: 11-44 years (from which the bulk of participation is derived); and, mini soccer (6-9 years). Sport England advocates more detailed breakdowns covering both male and female age groups. However, these cannot be produced for the individual sub areas, due to the absence of population estimates/projections which fit the age groups used by the governing body. **Appendix 4** does however provide an estimate of these more detailed TGRs at local authority level to enable comparison with information from similar studies in other local authority areas.

Within the sub area the TGRs for 10-44 years is 1 team per 1,632 persons; and, for minsoccer (6-9 years) 1 team per 339 persons. These rates are broadly 'middle ranking' when compared with those in the other sub areas, as can be seen below.

Sub area name	TGR minisoccer	TGR full size football
Billingham & North Stockton	245	1000
Central & Western	339	1632
Eaglescliffe & Yarm	211	1538
South East	504	1740

The **Map 3** 'Sites in the Central and Western Sub Area' shows the location of 'football venues' and their availability based on Sport England Categories (A1, A2, A3, B). Category C sites are not listed on accompanying table because of lack of space, although their reference numbers are shown on the map. The Category C sites are largely primary and private schools, which have very little or no community use.

Times of demand and net/supply demand

The **Appendix 6** chart 'Sub Area Central and Western' shows the temporal demand for junior and adult football. The former is mostly played on Sunday mornings, with the remainder on Saturday mornings. The latter is largely played on Sunday mornings (almost three quarters) with the remainder being played on Saturday am/pm (including female football). The chart also shows the net supply of pitches relative to provision based on peak time calculations advocated by Sport England's Playing Pitch Assessment Method (PPAM). Only those pitches that are in secure community use (A1, A2, A3) have been included in the calculations, as advocated by the PPAM. The bar chart shows that there are currently sufficient pitches to meet peak time needs for adult football, but that there is a deficiency in junior pitches at the peak time (Sunday AM). This is largely accounted for by the fact that some games are played on adult pitches (notably at the Grangefield Youth and Community Centre). Another issue is that the Our Lady and St Bede School caters for junior community teams but pitches are not in secure community use and are marked out as adult size.

Many mini-soccer teams will be sharing the same playing surface as older full-sided teams, the practice being that mini-soccer teams tend to play on the least worn parts of the surface, and their pitches are marked out with temporary lines and portable goals or on smaller bits of land adjacent to the main pitch. It is therefore unreasonable to apply the PPAM to assessing the adequacy of mini soccer provision. Mini soccer teams also tend not to use changing facilities as the preference is to change at home. They have little requirement for many of the ancillary facilities needed by the older age groups. For all these reasons mini-soccer's need for space and facilities is far less demanding than that of the older age groups.

Borough Council perspective

As a manager of resources the Borough Council's perceptions of the key issues in the sub area are:

- A shortfall in junior pitches and apparent surplus of adult pitches together with a significant number of full size pitches not in secure community use.
- Facility quality is mixed and a number of public sites lack any changing facilities (The Map 'Sites in the Central and Western Sub Area' reinforces this point) .
- Better access to school pitches seems to be the priority together with an improvement in quality and a consideration of rationalisation to consolidate use on a

- smaller range of better equipped multi pitch sites.
- Opportunities include - securing community use of school sites. Blakeston is a Sports College but its 2 pitches are poor have open access and there is no community use. With fencing, improved drainage and remarking the site could be more intensively used and be available for community use. Improving the quality of pitches and facilities at the Tilery.
- There is felt to be scope to rationalise pitch provision if more pitches were brought into public use and lesser quality small (single pitch) sites with no facilities such as at Yarm Road, the Education Centre (Junction Road), and Darlington Back Lane for other open space uses or, where appropriate, for development.
- Planned residential development at North Shore will increase the demand for pitches in the medium to long term and s106 should be used to secure appropriate improvements/enhancements to existing facilities and/or new provision.

The future

Due to the absence of very localised populations projections it is impossible to model future demand for pitches based on natural changes in the 'football playing age groups'. However, within the Borough as a whole a major determinant of demand will be any population increase in an area brought about by planned change. The **Map 4** 'Sub Area Central and Western Access and Growth' shows proposed development already or likely to be sanctioned. This includes the following sites, that either have planning consent, are allocated, or are identified as part of the Borough Council's 'Preferred Option':

Name	Site capacity (not yet built)
Land bounded by Easington Road, Elwick Close and Embleton Close, Hard	20
St James Church, High Newham Road	21
Former Roseworth Hotel, Redhill Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 9BX	21
Bowesfield Park, Bowesfield Lane, Preston Industrial Estate	23
Bowesfield Farm, Bowesfield Lane, Preston Farm Industrial Estate	24
Millfield House And 90-96 Dovecot Street Stockton-on-Tees	30
Darlington Back Lane, Elm Tree	33
Plot J, Bowesfield Farm, Stockton on Tees	36
Blakeston School	39
Norton School	46
Bowesfield Farm, Bowesfield Lane, Preston Industrial Estate	47
Land Off Queen Elizabeth Way, Bowesfield, Stockton	51
Former CL Prosser Site, Parkfield Rd	60
Harpers Garden Centre, Junction Road	74
Parkfield Redevelopment Phase 1	77
Northern Machine Tools Engineering, Land at Boathouse Lane, Stockton	118
Parkfield Foundry	128
Land At Boathouse Lane	202

Name	Site capacity (not yet built)
Bowesfield Riverside Phase 1	210
Parkfield Phase 2	216
Ashmore House, Richardson Road (KVAERNER site)	220
Chandler's Wharf	220
Bowesfield Riverside Phase 2	232
Land and buildings adjoining A66	354
Corus Pipe Mill, Portrack Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 2NF	375
North Tees Hospital	393
North Shore	480
Land Off Norton Road, Stockton On Tees	550
Hardwick Redevelopment	563
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This comes to a projected 4,800 + dwellings.

Assuming a) an occupancy rate of 2 persons per dwelling; b) that 45% of the new occupants fall within the age range 10-44 years; and c) that all new occupants are effectively 'new' to the sub area, new development would result in 4320 residents between the age range of 10-44 years generated. Based on the existing TGR for the sub area this would generate approaching three additional full size football teams. If the 'best' sub area TGR (Billingham and Stockton North) is used it would generate an estimated 4.8 full size football teams. This scale of development would therefore create an additional demand for pitches (between 2 and 4 pitches, assuming there needs to be at least two teams to generate sufficient demand to justify an additional full size pitch). New provision could be made in an accessible location, but developer contributions could also be collected to help towards the improvement/expansion of facilities elsewhere and within convenient reach. Existing facilities at Stockton Sports Centre and Primrose Hill are close to some of the major development sites, as is the former Blakeston School (currently the existing North Shore Academy). The latter does not have any known community use by outside teams currently, but is well related to major potential development, and could be a candidate for improvement (the pitch quality is rated as poor). In return for improvements the school might be expected to enter into secured community use agreements relating to grass pitches, and changing accommodation. The proposed new North Shore Academy campus at the Tilery is also well placed in relation to major potential development areas and its planning and design might be influenced to facilitate community use for football- a 3G pitch might be an appropriate form of provision for widest possible utility. There are proposals to provide a number of junior pitches on this new campus. A desirable and longer term solution would be the development of a multi-pitch adult site within Norton or Central Stockton (within the Central and Western Sub Area) to compliment multi-pitch junior provision at the New North Shore Academy site.

The **Map 4** 'Sub Area Central and Western Access and Growth' also shows a notional 10 minute walk catchment centred on existing football venues in secure community use. Although the defined catchments are a guide only it can be seen that there may be several parts of the sub area not within convenient walking distance of such a venue- notably large parts of Hardwick, Roseworth, Hartburn and Fairfield areas. In practice many team members will continue to drive to matches. However, good and easy access by foot (and bike) is especially important for young people. Future planning should seek to lessen this imbalance in access across the

sub area through providing new sites and/or else securing access to existing sites through community use agreements.