

**ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B:**

**MEETING THE BSN DEVELOPMENT'S SPORTS NEEDS**

**1.1 Introduction**

This section sets out existing project proposals for sports facilities projects in Bishop's Stortford and examines the extent to which they might address the needs of the BSN development.

**1.2 Current project proposals**

<b>Project promoter</b>	<b>Proposed development</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>	<b>Potential funding sources</b>	<b>Needs addressed</b>	<b>Risks</b>
Herts and Essex High School	New sports complex on 2 sites at Beldham's Lane including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sports hall.</li> <li>• A 25m pool</li> <li>• Health and fitness</li> <li>• Dance studio/ancillary hall</li> <li>• '3G' football turf pitch(es)</li> <li>• Tennis/netball courts</li> <li>• Grass football pitches</li> <li>• (Athletics training facility)</li> </ul>	£7,700,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Funding Authority</li> <li>• Sport England</li> <li>• Football Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the facilities proposed would meet identified needs arising from the BSN development.</li> <li>• Potential to accommodate club needs including BS Judo Club, BS Netball Club, BS Running Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding yet secured.</li> <li>• Land purchase required for part of the proposed development.</li> <li>• Planning consents.</li> </ul>
Bishop's Stortford Sports Trust	New facilities at the Trust's Cricketfield Lane site, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sports hall.</li> <li>• 1.5 synthetic turf pitches for hockey</li> <li>• New pavilion</li> <li>• Health and fitness</li> <li>• Cover for 2 tennis courts</li> <li>• Convert 3 outdoor tennis courts to artificial clay</li> <li>• 1 Youth football pitch</li> </ul>	£3,375,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport England (£500,000 secured)</li> <li>• LTA (£70,000 secured)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most proposed facilities would meet identified needs arising from the BSN development (no clear case for 0.5 hockey pitch or covered tennis courts).</li> <li>• Close proximity to the BSN development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning consents for floodlights in the Green Belt.</li> <li>• Proposed loss of allotment land.</li> </ul>
Birchwood High School	New facilities at the School's adjacent detached playing field site, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 '3G' football turf pitch.</li> <li>• A 1km closed road circuit for cycling and running.</li> <li>• New pavilion with</li> </ul>	£7,750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport England</li> <li>• Football Foundation</li> <li>• British Cycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the facilities proposed would meet identified needs arising from the BSN development.</li> <li>• Potential to accommodate club needs including BS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding yet secured.</li> <li>• Planning consents.</li> </ul>

	<p>conference facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancillary hall for BS Judo Club.</li> </ul>			Judo Club	
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Herts County Council	<p>New secondary school sports facilities on the BSN development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sports hall.</li> <li>• Health and fitness</li> <li>• 2 dance studios/ancillary halls</li> <li>• Tennis/netball courts</li> <li>• 5.5ha of grass football and cricket pitches</li> </ul>	Unknown	Developer contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities designed to serve education needs (BB98) but could be enhanced for community use.</li> <li>• Potential to accommodate club needs including BS Judo Club, BS Netball Club, and possibly BS Community FC.</li> </ul>	No obvious risks
Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club	<p>Improved provision at the Silverleys Trust/BSRFC site, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting 2 football pitches to rugby pitches and improving drainage (depending on BS Swifts FC relocating).</li> <li>• Extended changing and catering facilities.</li> <li>• Longer term plan for a new 2-storey pavilion.</li> </ul>	£365,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S106 funding from Fire Station site</li> <li>• Club fundraising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would solve current pitch capacity problems and facilitate team expansion.</li> <li>• Close proximity to the BSN development.</li> </ul>	Contingent on BS Swifts FC moving to new pitches at the BSN development.
Bishop's Stortford Swifts FC	Relocation to two grass football pitches and changing pavilion provided by the BSN developers.	Unknown	Developer contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would solve current pitch capacity problems and facilitate team expansion.</li> <li>• Part of the BSN development.</li> </ul>	No obvious risks
Bishop's Stortford Community FC	<p>Two '3G' pitches and a clubhouse at a single site to meet all the pitch needs of BS Community FC at one of the following sites (in order of preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land south of Beldham's Lane (same</li> </ul>	£2,000,000	Football Foundation (potentially £500,000)	Would solve current pitch capacity problems and enable the club to operate from a single site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding yet secured.</li> <li>• Land purchase required at one site.</li> <li>• Planning consents.</li> </ul>

	site as Herts & Essex HS proposals). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobbers Wood playing fields.</li> <li>• Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre.</li> <li>• Birchwood High School (with addition to the existing '3G' pitch at the site.</li> </ul>				
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Bishop's Stortford Judo Club	Establishment of a permanently matted hall for the club (and other local martial arts clubs) with dedicated storage and catering capacity, as part of a wider facilities complex.	Unknown	Club (£40,000 raised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would enable the club to develop and expand.</li> <li>• Designation as a Centre of Excellence for the Home Counties North.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No obvious risks.</li> <li>• Several other project proposals include provision for ancillary halls.</li> </ul>
Bishop's Stortford Canoe Club	Clubhouse extension and new water access pontoon.	Unknown	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deficiency with current facilities.</li> <li>• Improved disabled access.</li> </ul>	No identified funding sources.
BMX track	Provision of a formal BMX track at Ash Grove at a site used informally at present.	Unknown	Unknown	Provision for young people.	No identified funding sources.
Bishop's Stortford Town Council	Provision of a formal BMX track at Sworders Field.	£70,000	Unknown	Provision for young people.	No identified funding sources.