

MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION STUDY: ASSESSMENT REPORT

PART 32: EDUCATION PROVISION

Introduction

32.1 A detailed summary of the main sports facilities at secondary schools appears in other sections of the report (i.e. sports halls). It is not therefore necessary to repeat any of the supply/demand information in this section. All secondary schools were visited and consulted with during this process and questionnaires were distributed to all primary schools (68% response rate). Schools have been considered both in relation to curriculum use of sports facilities and community use.

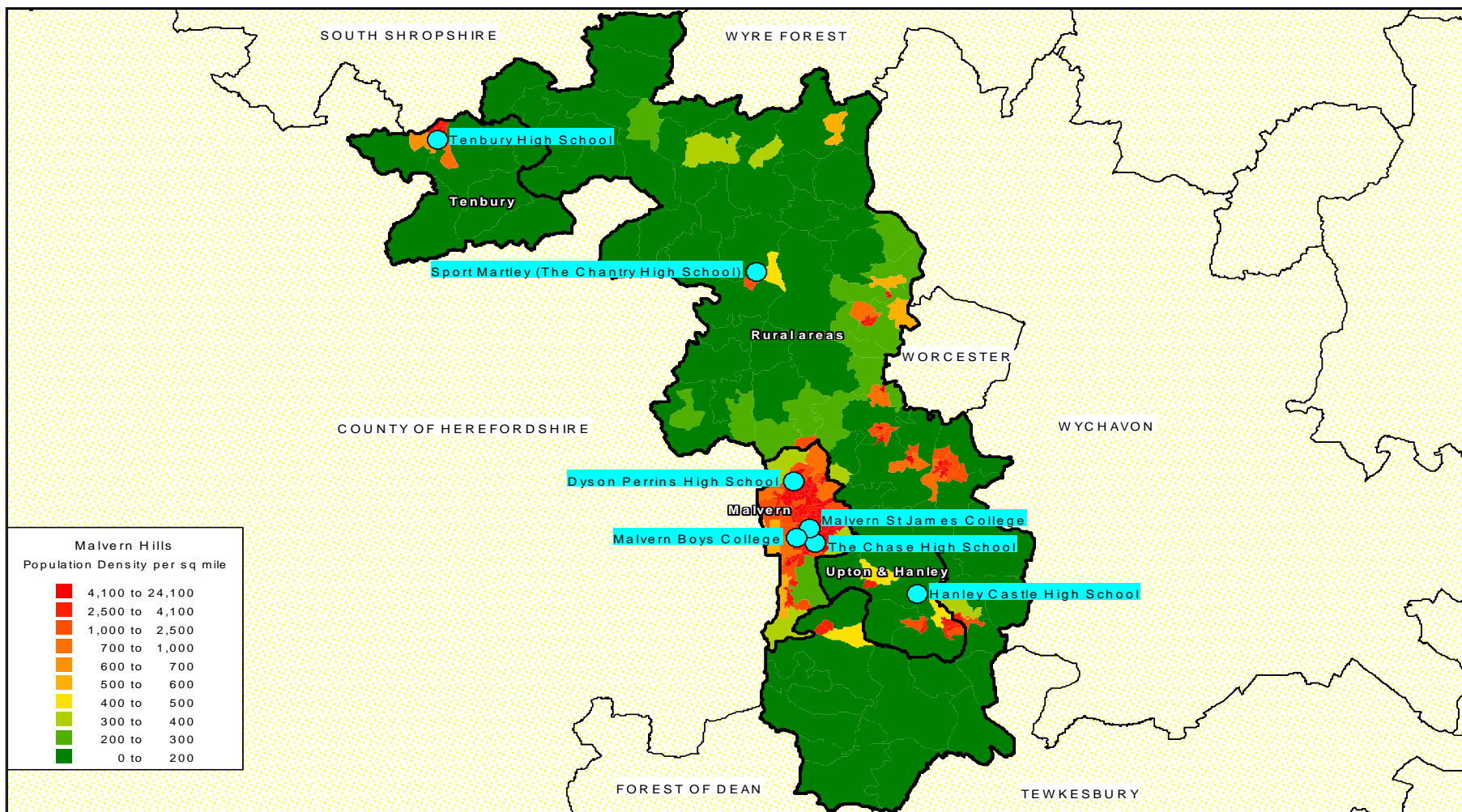
Overview of provision

- All secondary school pupils have access to a minimum four-court sports hall.
- Malvern Hills District is not due to become part of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme until 2011. Worcestershire County Council has an Asset Management Plan in place, which is completed by every school and indicates current suitability for usage and identifies priorities for improvement or upgrade. This Plan is regularly updated by the submission of quintessential condition surveys, which ensures WCC has a contemporary overview across the County and can prioritise on a County level.
- At present, there are no long-term plans to significantly improve the sports facilities at schools in the Malvern Hills District via capital investment. Tenbury High School was allocated around £950,000 of NOF funding to build a new sports hall. Dyson Perrins High School has currently undergone a £1.4m upgrade, which includes refurbishment of the sports hall, gymnasium and provision of a new fitness suite and ancillary facilities.
- The Chase High School has an ageing sports hall in need of regular remedial work. There are no changing rooms directly serving the facility.
- The Chantry High School and Dyson Perrins High School are currently managed on a dual-use agreement with Wychavon Leisure, which facilitates community access to the facilities during the evening and at weekends.



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Figure 32.1: School facility distribution mapped against population density in Malvern Hills District



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Primary school summary

- 32.1 KKP distributed, via e-mail and post, questionnaires to all 37 primary schools in Malvern Hills District. It received 25 returns, which equates to return rate of 68%. Only North Leigh Primary School has access to a dedicated sports hall; and this is a one-court size facility. It is hired by taekwando and yoga groups during the week.
- 32.2 Of the remaining schools, three do not have access to a generic hall which can be used for sports activity. These are:
- Astley Primary School.
 - Suckley Primary School.
 - St. James CE Primary School.
- 32.3 The remainder of the schools report that they do not have a specific indoor sports hall/gymnasium and that a generic/main hall is used for sports activity. For those schools using a generic hall for sports activity, 35% identify that the generic hall is insufficient in terms of space and quality to deliver the curriculum.

Education (indoor sports facilities) summary

Current provision

- All secondary schools in Malvern Hills District have access to a sports hall, and facilitate significant levels of community use.

Future provision

- The Chase High Schools requires additional changing facilities to serve the sports hall.

Other issues

- WCC has no medium/long term plans for any significant capital upgrade of sports facilities at secondary schools in Malvern Hills District.
- Three primary schools in the District do not have access to a generic hall for sport.
- There is no regular community use of any of the primary school facilities with a generic sports hall.