

Sport England Multi Criteria Pitch Quality Assessments - 2003/04

The Sport England Multicriteria Pitch Quality Assessments were first undertaken in October 2003. Key pitches were also reassessed by park managers in early 2004.

The results of the assessments and overall scores are mapped opposite and below.

Pitch surfaces are generally good but seem to be deteriorating with several, irregular, potholed pitches appearing.

Dog fouling, litter, unoffical use and surface damage appear prevalent.

The quality of sports equipment also varies considerably. Winter sports equipment (goals, corner flags and nets) scores range from poor to excellent. Investment in these facilities where there is an identified need is recommended.

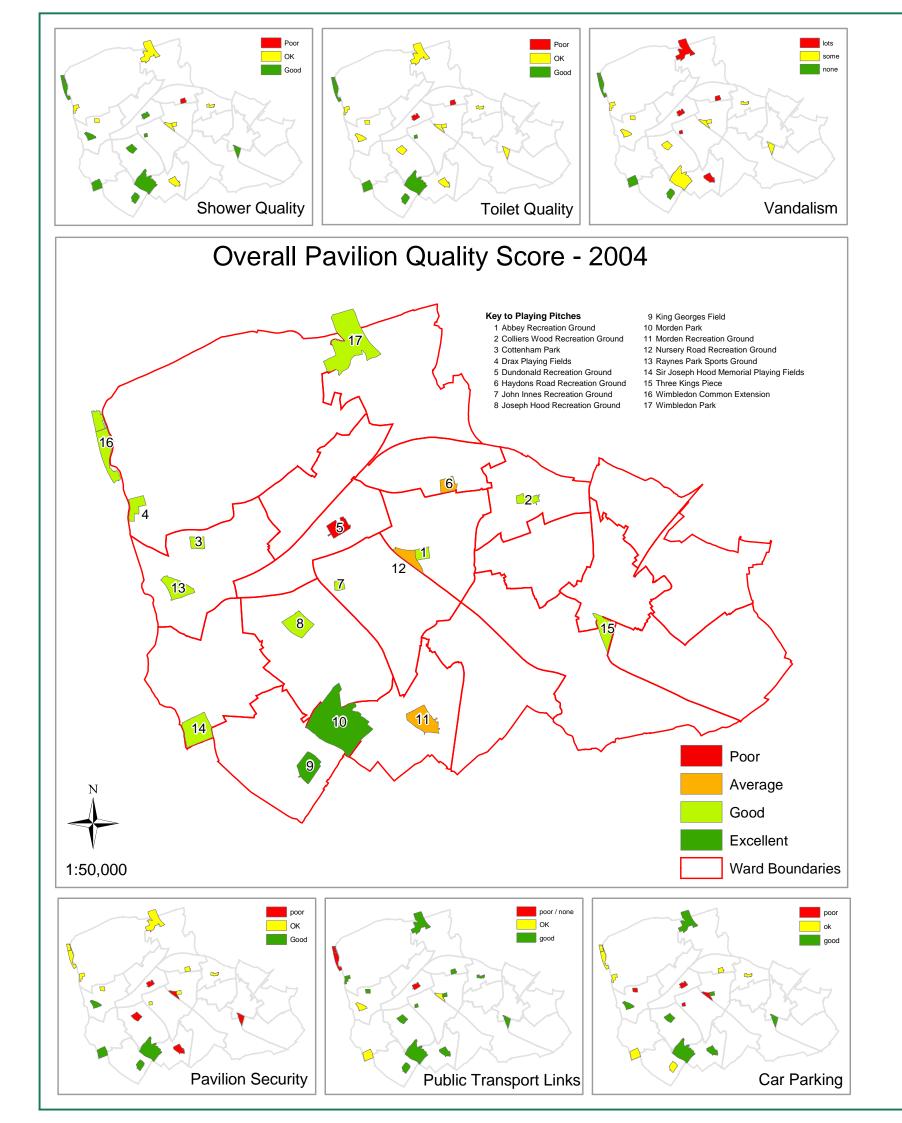
According to Sport England Playing Pitch Assessment methodology, an "Excellent" pitch is one scoring over 90%.

Haydons Road is the only ground in Merton where pitches meet this standard in 2003/4.

Most pitches are rated "good", scoring between 64-90%.



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Sport England Multi Criteria Pavilion Quality Assessment - 2004

Changing room provision varied in number and quality across Merton's Playing Pitch sites.

Allocation of changing rooms should be improved according to:

- Potential Female Users;
- Location of similar private facilities in the area.

Most pavilions suffer vandalism to varying degrees Worst affected are: Dundonald, Haydons Road Rec, John Innes, Morden Rec and Raynes Park Sports Ground.

Most pavilions include showers and toilets of fair quality. Needing toilet improvements: Dundonald, Haydons Road Rec Shower priorities: Haydons Road Rec

Car Parking priorities for improvement include: Cottenham Park, Dundonald Rec, John Innes Rec and Nursery Road Rec.

- Volume of use of grounds (number of potential pitch slots);

