

APPENDIX 7: SHROPSHIRE NGB CONSULTATION – MARCH 2016
SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL: INDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES STRATEGY- NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NGB	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
INDOOR BOWLS (EIBA)	Whilst the existing facility meets some of the demand: Existing participants have a long way to travel for “Inter-Club Fixtures” and “National Competitions” Potential participants (bearing in mind that 54% of the population are over 45 and 36% are over 55) must be switched off by the fact that they have to travel a long way to even “try out the sport”	
LTA – INDOOR TENNIS	As well as the courts at The Shrewsbury Club (formerly Welti) there is now indoor court provision at Telford Tennis Centre based on the same site as Oakengates Leisure Centre in Wrockwardine Wood. There are 4 indoor acrylic courts (and 4 outdoor courts) which have been in action since 2012.	There are no plans for indoor courts within the LA area
NETBALL	There are 31 venues in Shropshire being used for netball activity. 73 outdoor courts, 20 of which are floodlit, no outdoor covered courts and 36 indoor courts. The provision of outdoor courts in Shropshire is higher than the national average. The provision of indoor courts in Shropshire is higher than the national average. 38% of the venues are based on educational sites. Nearly two thirds of the clubs believe changing facilities to be inadequate for their needs. 46% of clubs rate the condition of venues used in Shropshire as very good, with remaining given a good or average rating.	Issues and Opportunities Burton Borough - no outdoor provision. Club have previously experienced access issues and in the process of re-engaging. Ellesmere College - courts outside are in poor condition, needs new posts. Lilleshall National Sports and Conference Centre - needs outdoor courts to increase participation. Leagues and B2N sessions run out of Lilleshall. New community use consultation group formed. Moreton Hall School - great facility but some issues with restricted access. Phoenix Academy - not an approved UKCC centre. Needs floodlights to be able to increase participation. Car parking is an issue.

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	77% of clubs find it either very easy or easy to book venues for netball activity.	Under utilised. Shrewsbury High School - needs floodlights to support increasing leagues. 6 courts at school site and 2 more courts at second site. Recommended priorities for inclusion in County plans are: • Explore the potential for installing floodlights at Phoenix Academy and Shrewsbury High School. • Support the improvement of outdoor court surfaces and posts at Ellesmere College. • Investigate the potential for outdoor courts to be provided at Lilleshall National Sports and Conference Centre
BASKETBALL	Nothing to add since 2009 document	
BADMINTON	Having supported the refurbishment of Abraham Darby Leisure Centre with capital funds, the sports hall has since become unfit for purpose with a number of badminton clubs relocating due to the slippy floor, which unfortunately caused some injuries to club members. The Shropshire Junior Badminton Academy had initially planned to use Ab Dabs as a high performance venue to train the County's juniors but this is now no longer the case and junior developments in the county have been hindered due to this. It was also planned to hold Coaching and Young Leader training courses but due to the floor these have been arranged at TCAT instead.	With the ABLC issues in mind, a priority going forward would be to re-establish Abraham Darby LC as an appropriate venue for high level badminton by addressing the flooring, which has not been maintained to the appropriate standard and may need replacing or re-surfacing.

