

## Badminton England

Hi

Thank you for giving Badminton England the opportunity to comment on your proposals for a new Leisure Centre in Winchester.

Although Winchester is not identified in our National Facilities Strategy as a priority one area for the development of additional court capacity, we would still welcome the extra courts because a 12 court hall will provide greater flexibility for tournaments and more opportunities to develop community badminton activity in a city that already has a thriving badminton scene. The upgraded ancillary facilities will also give a much improved customer experience.

We have seven affiliated organisations delivering badminton in the city and our main facility at Westgate is already operating at capacity during peak hours, so the new facility will also provide more capacity for local clubs which could free up availability at Westgate for more performance sessions etc.

It is difficult to comment on whether the new facility will fit on the proposed site, but the initial conceptual designs do not raise any concerns. We trust that the detailed design will comply with Sport England / Badminton England design guidance a copy of which can be accessed using the following link <https://www.sportengland.org/media/4169/badminton-design-guide-dec-2011.pdf> I would be happy to assist with any queries regarding the design as it progresses.

I trust this provides sufficient feedback at this stage, but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

## Basketball England

Hi

Thanks for the update and information.

I've looked at the concept drawings and the proposed indoor hall is a good size for basketball. I would like to have input into the specifics of the hall design to ensure that basketball is catered at the various levels of play proposed and to ensure flexibility within the space. For example an additional dividing curtain along the middle of the hall would provide you with 6 half basketball courts allowing badminton at one end and basketball at the other creating more affordable playing opportunities for informal activity such as 3v3 or 2v2 basketball. We have really good examples of use of space in this way at existing sites.

Please keep me updated and I'll happily advise where possible.

Best regards,

## British Canoeing

- In the proposed centre a smaller pool (25m) but with specific Canoe storage would be ideal if you need guidance we are just signing off a new Canoe in the pool facility document thanks I will be able to share.
- Currently the Canoe club use the toilets and showers in the existing centre, should there be any move away from the existing site the club would need help and support to be able to provide nearby facilities.

British Cycling

We have looked at the New Leisure Centre proposal, we note that this does not include cycling. We therefore have no comment on the proposals.

Regards,

## British Gymnastics

Good Morning

I hope you are well and had a good weekend. I apologise for the delay in getting back to you, I have been on annual leave.

Firstly, please let me introduce myself as the new Business Support Officer in Facilities for British Gymnastics. I have looked at the plans for the below and seen that there is a large sports hall area which could be extremely beneficial in increasing the number of participants involved within gymnastics activities. Have you been able to speak to any local clubs about their interests and involvement with the project?

There are currently 9 British Gymnastics registered clubs within a 10 mile radius of the site who do not have access to their own facility. Typically, these clubs may operate out of a school hall or similar space and will be at capacity with large waiting lists. They are always keen and interested in developing their club, either by moving to a bigger site where they have more access to time and / or space for their sessions or looking to run satellite sessions to increase the number of members and individuals involved within the sport. Continuously to the figure above, there are three clubs who currently have their own clubs but are interested in running further satellite classes as they have large waiting lists for their current facility.

Leisure centres may sometimes struggle to store the gymnastics equipment but I can see from the plans that you have a large area available just off the sports hall which is a bonus. Not only could gymnastics and trampoline clubs and classes be run at the centre, but also birthday parties could also be an option if the site will have the specific equipment already in place.

Please let me know if you require any further information and I look forward to hearing from you soon

## Hampshire FA

Hi

We still believe there is a need for a full size 3G in Winchester and we would prefer for this to be at Bar End with the Leisure Centre rather than at Winchester City FC as the Leisure Centre will have the necessary infrastructure to run the facility.

We would ask if we could be consulted on the planning/development stages once agreed so that we can establish the impact on the grass pitches and also if you could incorporate the following conditions for 3G pitch designs.

1. The pitch is designed in line with the FA standards as set out in the FA guidance to 3G Football Turf Pitch Design principles and Layout  
<http://www.replaymaintenance.co.uk/downloads/ftp-tech-guide.pdf>
2. The pitch is constructed to FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf – One Star/QUALITY accreditation or equivalent International Artificial Turf Standards (IATS) as a minimum.
3. The pitch should be tested every 3 years in accordance with the FA performance criteria and be registered on the FA Register for 3G Football Turf Pitches.
4. Pricing policies in place that do not deter grass roots football clubs usage, i.e. match rate at weekends similar to hiring grass pitch. This will a) ensure usage b) ensure local grass roots clubs can use the pitches
5. Ensure that sinking funds (formed by periodically setting aside money over time ready for surface replacement when required – FA recommend £25k per annum in today's market) are in place to maintain 3G pitch quality in the long term
6. A community use agreement is agreed with Hampshire FA in line with the intended usage levels of the pitch construction.

Hope this helps but if you have any queries please let me know

Regards

## LTA Brief – Barr End Development, Winchester

Many thanks for your communication regarding the consultation on this project. We would like to see 6 tennis courts as part of this plan as stated in initial discussions in 2014. There are number reasons behind this thinking. Insight leads us to the need for a community model to satisfy public demands, the lack of provision for public community tennis in Winchester and also the support and knowledge that has been built up from a wide range of successful case studies in recent years. A number of these points are covered in the sections below:

### 1) LTA / Sport England Insight

- Winchester is well served with club membership model, but has a lack of provision in community models (e.g. low cost or pay and play). Only 4 courts at River Park Leisure Centre offer this model.
- 14% of people play in clubs across GB and over 50% in park or leisure centre sites (LTA survey). The offer in Winchester is a far higher % of clubs than park / leisure facilities.
- 80% of people who don't play but would like to would go to a park or leisure site first (LTA/Sport England Active People). The latent demand for tennis in Winchester has only one choice to go and play, River Park.
- Mass participation community sites with easy access customer journey is where the bulk of people will get there first taste of tennis. We see far higher numbers of people using courts in this environment compared to that of tennis clubs. The frequency of play however will be lower and skewed towards the summer months.
- The tennis playing market is smallest in the 25 – 45 age group market – this group broadly want technology led easy booking low price tennis. Tennis clubs have broadly peaks in membership in junior age groups and 50+ categories.
- The community model and use of booking technology and casual access is more befitting to the lifestyle and experiences of the 25 - 45 market groups. Insight (LTA Survey) reports that online booking journey is very important to this age group.
- The British Tennis Strategy has a clear community strand and is committed to growth of tennis in community sites - [click here](#)

### 2) Overall view on tennis provision in Winchester

- Winchester has few public access community courts – the existing 4 are at River Park. This is far below the provision for public tennis in other South West Local Authorities.
- The long term model at the courts at River Park is unclear at this stage. If this model did change in future years it would increase the emphasis and need for having publicly accessible tennis facilities at the Barr End development.
- There is a possible risk that public tennis provision in Winchester could be reduced if River Park management model was to change and no further provision was made at Barr End development
- The LTA and Winchester colleagues are already working closely together on club and community projects – that have shown measurable growth in participation. There is an experienced group of people to help ensure any new tennis facilities were will managed and marketed to the general public.

### 3) LTA Support for project development

- We are happy to discuss this in more detail with relevant parties.
- We can support on technical specification for the building of tennis courts and the associated costs.
- Whilst we cannot guarantee any funding – there is a community based facility funding stream that is applicable to this type of project - [click here](#)
- We have further insight, knowledge and technology solutions to help an operator manage the courts to the benefit of the customer and wider public.
- There are a number of community examples where tennis is a sustainable sport. It is possible to generate income above the maintenance / sinking fund. This can be used for other development activities or working with hard to reach groups.
- The LTA South West team can support development of this project – and have experience of developing projects in the community setting.

### 4) Summary

The LTA would very much like to be part of this project development and would fully endorse tennis courts within this plan as originally discussed. South West Regional colleagues would be more than happy to attend relevant meetings to discuss this in more detail and support the development of this project.



Sama Karate

Dear

Thank you for your email.

Since our meeting in 2014 it has been good to see the progress in the proposed build. We are pleased to see that the new site will fit a lot of our criteria for a regular weekly rental and hopefully a bi monthly grading venue and maybe summer holiday courses. I was particularly pleased that the proposed floor layout is more child friendly, as to the position of the toilets and changing rooms in relation to the main hall. This we feel is better suited to a children's group.

We have had a great working relationship with the staff at River Park. A new facility in Winchester would aid our expansion in our sport. This proposed development has come at the right time for us, as we have grown in size considerably since our last meeting. We now have over 1700 local members and although we plan to stay at River Park, we have outgrown some of our existing smaller venues.

Please keep us on your mailing list and don't hesitate to contact me in the future regarding any more developments.

Kind Regards

WADAC

Thank you for your note.

Please find attached an amended Stakeholder Meeting form as requested and a separate Word Document with feedback from Winchester & District Athletics Club on the proposals for new sports facilities at Bar End, Winchester.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

**New Leisure Centre Proposal - Stakeholder Meeting**

**Date:** 23/04/14

**Time:** 10.30am

**Organisation:** Winchester and District Athletics Club

**Present:**

**Preferred location:**

North Walls – Existing site

North Walls – Tennis Courts/ATP/Cricket Field

Bar End – Garrison Ground/WCC Depot Site

Bar End – HCC land/WCC Depot Site  - club wants to protect  
open space for training &  
development/ Only on publicly owned land  
and minimal amount of Garrison Ground site

Other – (potential of KGV?)

**50m pool:**

Yes

No

**Facility Mix:** Specific facility requirements/New suggestions/Changes to proposed mix

- The club are behind regional facility and development of bigger facilities in Winchester attracting regional & national sports men & women

- indoor athletics regional, training facilities on wish list

**Notes of Meeting:**

750 Members with a waiting list of about 75 juniors. Training sessions take place on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

30 coaches and team managers

Windsor is closest regional facility for indoor athletics training facilities.

**ACTION:** Club to discuss with EA potential to develop regional facilities at Winchester.

Penguins are a popular, well supported first class club – backing their campaign for a 50m pool.

WADAC members that participate in biathlon & triathlon events would use the 50m pool for training purposes.

Clubs longer term aim is to secure indoor training facilities (for example a 60m sprint track, conditioning room, long jump & high jump facilities, a better clubhouse and trackside seating).

Potential to significantly improve membership if these new facilities were adjacent to the existing Athletics Stadium.

WADAC urge the Council to “think big” and to “think regional” to create facilities that will last long term.

#### Comments on March 2016 conceptual designs:

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#### Indoor Athletics Facilities

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6<sup>th</sup> June 2016



### **Meeting with Winchester City Council 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

#### **Attendees:**

Winchester City Council  
Winchester City Council  
Winchester & District Athletics Club  
Winchester & District Athletics Club

#### **About Winchester & District AC**

1. About 750 members with about 75 Juniors on the waiting list.
2. Created in mid 1980s catering for all disciplines of athletics.
3. Use Athletics Stadium Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.
4. Compete in 9 different Leagues.
5. Hosting 6 home matches this track & field season (excludes University matches, schools matches and use by other athletics clubs).
6. About 30 regular coaches & team managers.
7. Work closely with University of Winchester and Winchester City Council.

#### **Future of River Park Leisure Centre**

1. Fully support principal aim of providing first class sports & leisure facilities for Winchester for the next 30 to 40 years.
2. Opportunity for Winchester City Council to think big, to think long term and to think regional rather than simply replacing the facilities currently at River Park Leisure Centre.
3. Fully support proposals and aims of Winchester Fit for the Future.
4. Fully support the Penguins Club's aspirations for a 50m, 8 lane community pool as our Club's tri-athletes and du-athletes would use the pool for training and competitions, as well as the requirements of the local gymnastics clubs and netball clubs.
5. Favoured location for new leisure centre is at Bar End subject to retaining The Garrison Ground for sports & recreational use, or with minimal loss of space at The Garrison Ground.

#### **Medium Term Aims for Winchester & District Athletics Club**

1. Indoor training facilities to include:
  - a 60m indoor sprints lane
  - indoor long jump, high jump and possibly pole vault training facilities

---a conditioning room  
---a new clubhouse  
---trackside seating

2. Committed to raising funds for these facilities. Committed to paying hire charges for such facilities if they are provided by a third party.
3. Our Club will work in partnership with Winchester City Council and / or the University to develop these facilities.

### **Protection of The Garrison Ground**

1. Our Club wishes to see The Garrison Ground protected for sports & recreational use.
2. A crucial and integral part of the Athletics Stadium used for warm up, cool down and endurance training, sprints training, and fitness & conditioning on a regular basis.
3. The Garrison Ground is used as a warm up facility by athletes competing at the Athletics Stadium.
4. Used by Winchester City Flyers FC and Winchester & District Ladies Football League.

Vital for long term success of Winchester & District AC, the University Athletics Club and other sports clubs in the City.



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## Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club

Hi

Please find attached our updated response to the consultations.

Many thanks

We have waiting lists for both adults and children to enter swimming squads, as we cannot cater for them due to a lack of pool space in the City and the District. This is a problem now with the existing pool capacity and population, which will only grow as the population expands.

We have just found out we have had 10 swimmers qualify for National Finals this summer which is a fantastic achievement, but equally our provision caters for social swimmers, fitness swimmers, and children aged 2+ learning the vital life skill of swimming (through our free community lessons, in our learntoswim programme or on our swimmer development pathway).

We are finding that due to the range of provision we offer that swimmers are swimming for longer, instead of dropping out – which is positive for public health, but a challenge for allowing more people to access the sport. The club engages heavily in the community to increase the number of children and young people able to access swimming as a life skill, and to swim 25m unaided. We are finding it increasingly difficult to find water space to run these community projects, or to develop our plans to offer a full aquatics programme (including lifesaving and water polo) in order to engage more people in activity.

We run a learntoswim programme catering for some 600 swimmers on a weekly basis, providing young children with their first introductions to swimming, building confidence and increasing safety in the water. This is very much part of the club as a whole and an essential part of our operation. Not only do we run a weekly programme but we also offer holiday provision, and Novice Galas during the year for young swimmers who have never taken part in swimming competition before.

Swimming Clubs run competitive meets in order to generate opportunities for swimmers to compete, and also to generate much needed finances to support the operation of the club. We have not been able to run any meets in recent times, due to a lack of an appropriate competition standard swimming pool in the District. Our swimmers travel far and wide for competitions, and currently have to travel to Guildford for any long course (50m) training, which is needed for competitive swimmers the higher they go.

We need support now more than ever so that the appropriate range and capacity of swimming facilities are provided in the City, to ensure that we can meet the demand of all those wishing to swim, including those with the dedication and ability to compete at a high level.

### **Aquatics Facilities**

No aquatics specifications are given in the Roberts Limbrick drawings, which makes it very difficult to comment on any details.

We want to see aquatics activity grow in Winchester. The minimum specification to do this remains a multifunctional 50m 8 lane swimming pool with a boom and a moveable floor in part – referred to as a “50m community pool” by the ASA and Sport England.

The pool hall looks to be big enough to cater for a 50m community pool, which we judge necessary to support the provision of public leisure and competitive swimming in Winchester. Such a pool would facilitate a range of different users swimming simultaneously.

Our research indicates two main options for a 50m swimming pool with a boom to divide up the areas:

1. 1 transverse boom with half the pool having a moveable floor and an overall maximum depth of 2m. This allows 2x25m pools with lanes to operate at the same time, with the section with the moveable floor ensuring that swimming can be inclusive for those with physical disabilities, as well as for small children, aqua classes and less confident swimmers. This setup would also facilitate provision for competitive Water Polo which is currently very poorly catered for in Hampshire and across the South. The boom retracts to one end to allow the pool to convert to a 50m pool for long course training and competition.
2. 2 hydraulic booms with two small sections with moveable floors, one of which drops to 3.8m. This would allow for the provision of diving and synchronised swimming, in addition to leisure and competitive swimming. The booms are submersible allowing the pool to be turned into a 50m pool for long course training and competition.

The provision of swimming for young people and families is crucial and the suggestion of a 25m pool alongside a learner pool does not increase the capacity of water space in Winchester. Therefore either of the above options to divide a 50m pool are preferable due to their increased capacity and flexibility for the whole community. With a 50m swimming pool divisible into sections, a range of different users can access the pool simultaneously at most times, rather than only one group. Greater access is thus ensured for all parties to support swimming for public health, swimming as a sport, other aquatics activities, and young people and adults learning to swim as a life skill.

It is essential to have a moveable floor in half of the 50m pool in order to allow for the provision of swimming lessons for young children and other aquatic activities. Swimming lessons and/or club training can run alongside public swimming after school, thus ensuring families can take part in active leisure, whilst those wanting to develop their swimming can do so too. A movable floor is a significant advantage to a fixed height floor, as it can be changed to suit the needs of different user groups in small time frames, thus maximising the range and number of users of the facility. There is no competition standard pool in the District and we strongly believe that this new facility must be able to cater for swimming competition, alongside the increased public and leisure use, in order to support talented swimmers that live and go to school in Winchester. If we set up for swimming as a sport, then leisure use will also be well provided for:

- **Spectator Seating** : The provision of spectator seating is too low, and we would suggest an ideal capacity of 350 but a minimum of 270 spectator seats. This is just as essential to cater for the viewing of lessons and community events, as it would be for competitive swimming.
- **Pool length** : The length of the facility must be 50m plus an allowance for timing boards (usually 3cm) for a timing system.
- **Pool depth** : The depth of the pool tank should be at least 2m throughout. Specifically, the depth of the pool must be a minimum of 1.0m at the shallowest point to allow turns; the minimum depth for starts off a block is 1.2m; the minimum depth for dives and racing starts from the pool surround is 1.8m. A moveable floor with a max depth of 2m would allow for this. A depth of 3.8m in part of the pool would allow for diving from a 5m platform.

- **Pool deck** : The current pool surround is not specified but may not be wide enough for an appropriately sized pool with surrounding deck space.
- **Pool width** : Our minimum requirement is for a 19m wide pool, allowing 8\*2.25m lanes, but our ideal would be to see a 21m wide pool giving 8\*2.5m wide lanes (and providing the correct width for competitive water polo).
- **Poolside seating**: seating of 50 is far too small and should be included for a minimum of 200 swimmers. This is most easily (provided with a ledge on all sides rather than through seating as such).
- Appropriate antiwave lane ropes.
- Competition starting blocks.
- Appropriate competition standard timing system.
- Appropriate storage spaces for pool and club equipment.

The club is keen to work with the Council to inform the choice of the equipment and nonfixed assets to go in to any pool, in order to share our expertise and ensure money is well spent. We are willing to commit to a minimum weekly hire in order to guarantee usage and income for a 50m pool facility, over an extended period of time.

### **General**

Very little space is allocated to a cafe and kitchen. With the high footfall for a facility such as this, the ability to hold events and the usage by University students a good size cafe/restaurant with the provision for good quality food and beverages would be a positive addition and very well used. This would be even more so if the centre hosted competitions and events for local sport such as Park Run where hundreds of people may use a cafe after the event.

Would the provision of hydrotherapy pools be opened up for wider use? These could be used to support swimming for people with disabilities, swimming lessons for babies and very small children, and athlete rehabilitation. If so the access will need to be looked at as access is not given from a general changing area.

Site access seems limited: will this be able to cater for the significant extra demand and regularity of through traffic?

No provision seems to be made for sports clubs to be based on site. This provision should be made to increase the profile of sport in Winchester and to help the sports clubs and the operator work together more closely to ensure the centre is used to capacity.

We are supportive of the need for any new sport centre to cater for the widest possible range of sports and leisure activities in order that provision is increased. The possibility for sports to work together on crosstraining and multidisciplinary events is increased by allowing for this. This increases knowledge and helps to keep costs low for all parties. We support the need for gymnastics facilities to be included and for the sports hall to have 12 courts and enough run off to support the provision of competitive netball, basketball and other court sports.

As well as hiring the swimming pool facility the club has an interest in hiring gym and/or studio space for dry land training, using any strength and conditioning facilities included and function room space.

### **Appendix 1. Notes of 2014 meeting**

## **New Leisure Centre Proposal Stakeholder Meeting**

**Date :** 22/ 04/ 14 **Time :** 11.00am

**Organisation :** Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club

**Present :**

**Preferred location :**

North Walls – Existing site

North Walls – Tennis Courts/ATP/Cricket Field

Bar End – Garrison Ground/WCC Depot Site

Bar End – HCC land/WCC Depot Site

-Traffic congestion @ N walls is dire

-ring road situation is not good

-if new facility were to be built at existing site traffic will increase considerably on ring road – bar end allows easy access for city users and out of city users (as close to M3 without hassle of inner city traffic/ring road) to participate in sport in Winchester (this would increase revenue as both city users and out of city users can easily use the sport facilities. This will allow the sport clubs to expand, again increasing revenue and sport participation in the city.

Other \_move to have 50m pool @ Bar End rather than specific site @ Bar End

**50m pool :**

Yes (8 lane)

No

**Facility Mix :** Specific facility requirements/New suggestions/Changes to proposed mix

Multi sport needed to meet demand – ½ moveable floor

8 Lane (50m) – moveable booms x 2 to expand aquatic activities allowing multiple aquatic activities to commence AT THE SAME TIME. This could include one half of the pool being used by the public/community and the other half being used by a Club. This way neither user loses out on an opportunity to use the facility.

Increase utilisation through boom which enables public groups and swimming lessons/other activities.

**Notes of Meeting :**

1000 Members – 300 on waiting list (More pool space = reduced waiting lists, more individuals able to learn to swim and learn a valuable LIFE SKILL, and INCREASED COMMUNITY ACCESS ).

10 lane – 25m wide difficult for lessons as the swimmers will not be strong enough to swim as far (it is basically asking non swimmers/weak swimmers to start swimming 25 metres!).

8 lane – 50m pool could be built to create 3 divisions with 2 booms (moveable floor) is same as having a learner pool and 25m pool

Discussion around warmer water issues with 50m (x 3 areas within the pool), however, as there is money to fund for a hydrotherapy pool, this could be used as a learner pool also.

Diving areas with blocks – potential on wish list for 'plunge' diving pool too.

Water polo in pool – moveable floor allows development of sport, which at this moment in time in Winchester, is inadequate as no pool in the City provides the depth conditions to participate in the sport correctly.

Core – 50m x 8 lanes x 2 booms (3 areas) moveable floor, learner pool with this too could be nice addition

Multifunctionality of a 8lane, 50m pool gives capabilities for community and club participation to occur at the same time, this is something that we do not have now.

Hosting of events to generate income for the centre and the sport clubs.

Between 300 – 500 spectator seating.

Poolside space too for competitor seating – temp benches, storage for goals etc canoe clubs accessing pool.

Seating to benefit both dryside and wetside activity??

Disability access important for developing sport

**IF** only 25m pool have learner @ 20 x 10 learner and 10 lane x 25m pool

Not a good option for the centres learntoswim programme or the clubs as teaching is difficult in a 10 lane square pool facility

Too short distance if boom cuts sides across width.

Boom length & width ways of 25m x 10 lane would be expensive and would make it difficult to be used effectively by the centre and the clubs.

Club has evolved to include community and competitive element – having a 8lane 50metre pool that is capable for multiple use, helps both the Club and the community's aquatic interest grow. This can allow community sport participation to expand as the opportunity to participate in aquatic sports such as water polo, synchro, canoeing, scuba diving, swimming lessons, and competitive swimming will be allowed to flourish.

Other clubs from outside the district could hire the pool too bringing further income (this is development quickly if at Bar End site, as commute would be minimised for outer city clubs/users)

Potentially at 50m the club could hire for 10 hrs plus

8 hrs plus from other clubs on more 'awkward' hours too – at the moment going to Guildford to do long distance training.

Spaces for clubs to 'live' and be based at the centre – synergy between health, sports science & development

Can we get a group of clubs all working to improve facilities together to discuss leisure facilities in a cooperative and joined up way – future meeting to be organised?

## Winchester Fitness & Sports Club

### Morning

as promised this is WF&S Club's assessment of the proposed new leisure centre at Bar End.

1/ practically everyone I spoke to did not like it out of the City-

- difficulty in getting there not everyone has a car some walk in some cycle others use the bus which would mean catching two buses

2/ Note increased indoor courts from 8-12 but maybe difficulty in separating racket games from keep-fit classes, kids club in school

holidays. Also noted only 4 squash courts whereas 6 are needed 3/ Swimming section still awaiting decision as to 25m/50m pool 4/ Proposed tennis courts - number not stated 6 min. needed

Generally there was apathy to the scheme with many people saying it will never happen I'm afraid its the legacy of the failed Silver Hill and now the stalled Station approach development, its a case of nothing ever gets agreed in Winchester Contact me if there is anything else you want to know



Winchester Flyers

Hi

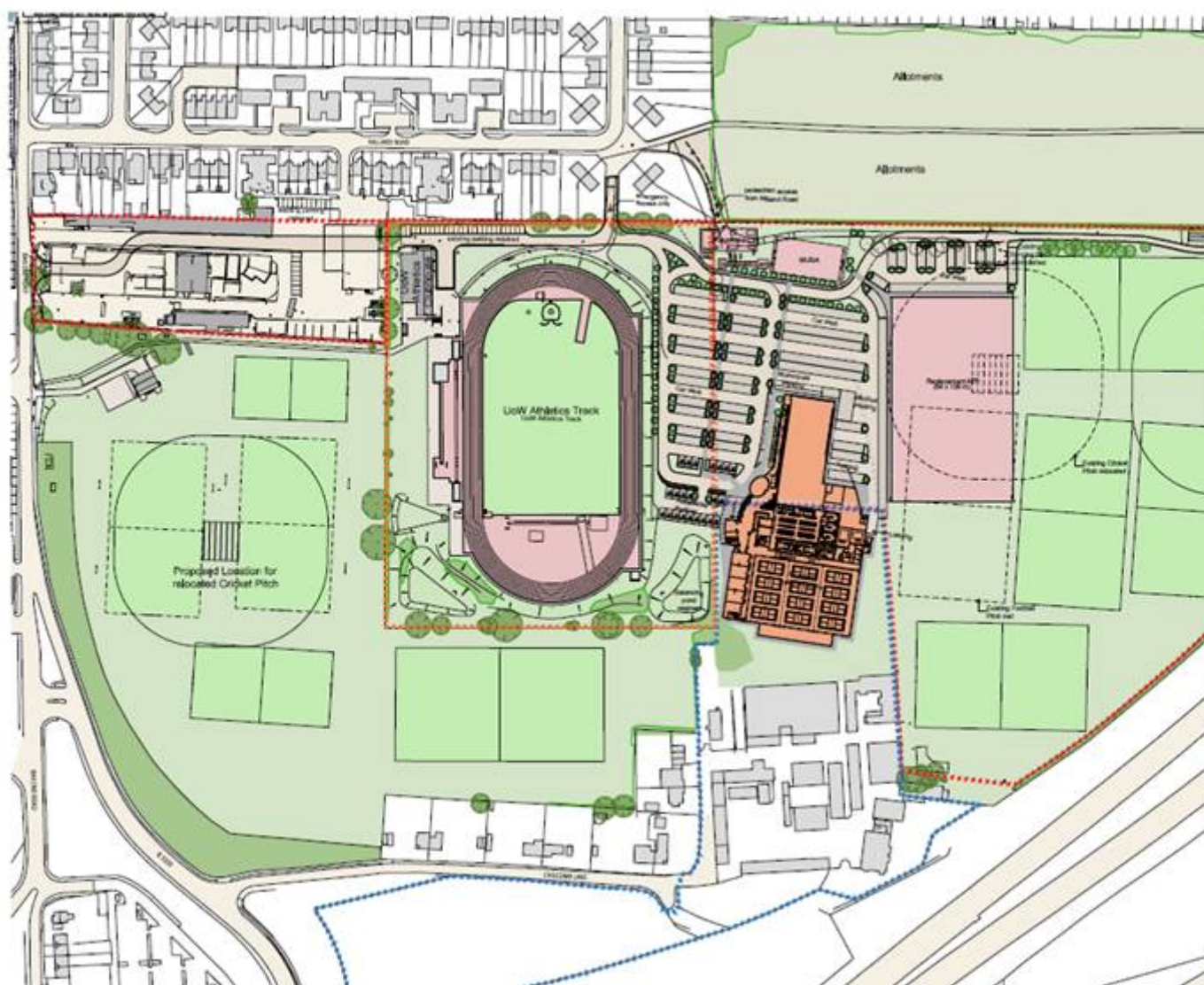
Apologies for the late reply

All looks promising, my only comment at the moment would be that this plan is proposing to relocate a cricket pitch from King Georges to the middle of the Garrison pitches (I believe)

If so have you considered the differences in the football and cricket seasons?

I know we are unable to book King Georges for football after the end of March as they are closed down to allow the Groundsmen to prepare it for the Cricket Season. This would impact on the Winchester & District Girls Football League based at the Garrison as the football season does not end until, at least, the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May although FA rules allow for matches to be played right up until the end of May.

Therefore I do not believe it is practical to have a cricket pitch in the middle of the football pitches.



Best regards

Winchester Hockey Club

Winchester City Council,

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

Dear,

**New Leisure Centre Proposal – Consultation June 2016**

Thank you for your recent correspondence requesting comments from Winchester Hockey Club, our organisation being recognised as a potential partner organisation and key stakeholder. As requested we have reviewed the early conceptual designs for a new leisure centre and we have also taken cognisance of the Cabinet Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to which you have drawn our attention.

As circumstances constantly change it may assist to summarise our Club's current position for the record. The Club Membership is based upon almost 400 juniors (Under 18 years) and over 120 senior members amounting to some 2,000 residents of the Winchester area when we consider the involvement of many of the parents and families associated with our Club. The Club was formed in 1891 and this season, we have celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of playing hockey in Winchester; we are one of the earliest hockey clubs founded in England. The Club plays hockey now for eleven months of the year with ten senior teams engaged in league hockey (September – April) ranging from the Premier League, South Leagues and Hampshire Leagues whilst during the summer months (May to July) there are four senior teams actively engaged in games every week. Many of our Junior members play for the County, Southern Region and for their Country.

The Club is currently based at Kings School in Winchester where there is just one hockey pitch. This pitch is used every Saturday and Sunday throughout the hockey season as well as four out of five evenings a week for training. There is insufficient pitch capacity at Kings for which reason the University pitch at Bar End is also used heavily by our Club. Occasionally we have to use Thornden School in Chandlers Ford as overspill, which is not convenient.

We do not have a clubhouse and for a Club our size, the lack of such a facility curtails any social networking amongst the membership and visiting teams. We remain a not-for-profit organisation.

It is worth adding at this stage that England Hockey perceive Winchester City as an excellent geographical location hub for potential investment attracting regional and national hockey where tournaments could take place. The Hampshire Hockey Association would also endorse such investment given there are no such facilities in the County of Hampshire, the

nearest being located at the moment in Bournemouth and Haslemere (Surrey); there is a double astro pitch at Southampton.

The Proposed Development at Bar End adjacent to the University Stadium is to be welcomed in principle because it has the potential to encourage different types of sports bringing together sports men and women of all ages and abilities.

The Overall Site Layout (drawing 7642 PRSK90B) has much to commend it by introducing new facilities including a much needed car park but in the opinion of Winchester Hockey Club it falls short of a second astro pitch. There would appear to be eight proposed football size pitches accompanied by just one astro pitch (albeit relocated). In our opinion this is a wasted opportunity as the amount of investment being contemplated represents an otherwise regional sporting complex capable of hosting and attracting regional sporting events from swimming, athletics and football but regrettably no hockey or in fact other sports capable of using the astro facilities.

Whilst the car parking proposals seem eminently sensible, we agree with the sentiments contained on page 5 of the Cabinet Report Appendix 2 that it would be more appropriate in environmental and planning terms to locate the car park on the nearby depot site thus maintaining greenfield land for either a grass or astro sporting activity which is far more acceptable in the countryside, on the edge of Winchester and near the South Downs National Park. It is regrettable that the existing astro pitch is to be removed to make way for the swimming complex given the investment made to date but no doubt there is a good reason? In any event, it is only the principles being debated currently and if the decision is made to continue the project then we would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the detailed design process.

Moving on to the clubhouse and social facility we have conducted discussions with the University and in time we believe that the existing changing facilities (identified on the Site Layout drawing as "University of Winchester Athletics Clubhouse") could be expanded to include appropriate clubhouse facilities to include post match teas for home and visiting teams as well as social events. Alternatively, we note there is a proposed "New Changing Pavilion" located on the northern boundary no doubt to replace the existing wooden structure situated on the north east corner of the site which appears to have potential for a clubhouse facility? If the latter were the case, we would suggest the pavilion be located at the northern end of two astro pitches; the Club would be delighted to discuss details nearer the time if and when the principles are agreed.

For the last few years, WCC has been discussing the future of the River Park Leisure Centre and whether or not it would be appropriate to relocate some or all sporting facilities to Bar End in conjunction with the University. Whilst Winchester Hockey Club has continued discussions with both City and University, we have made no secret that we continue open discussions with Kings School to build a clubhouse facility on Hampshire Education land. Our options remain open about any future investment but in the absence of any strategic decisions which may alter our current course, we look forward to hearing the direction in which the City Council might move.

Yours sincerely

Winchester Physiotherapy

Hi

Please find my amended comments on the proposed new centre and the proposed design layout.

Hope it all makes some sense and I can see this is probably an absolute nightmare for you!!

Hope it is useful.

**New Leisure Centre Proposal - Stakeholder Meeting**

**Date:** 23/04/14

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Organisation:** Winchester Physiotherapy

**Present:**

**Preferred location:**

North Walls – Existing site



North Walls – Tennis Courts/ATP/Cricket Field



(1<sup>st</sup> option)

Bar End – Garrison Ground/WCC Depot Site  
to keep city centre



(2<sup>nd</sup> Option) – important

Bar End – HCC land/WCC Depot Site  
could affect business



based customers too –

Can't afford closure so bar end

is no 2.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**50m pool:**

Yes

No

**Facility Mix:** Specific facility requirements/New suggestions/Changes to proposed mix

3 / 4 treatment rooms – extra flexibility to book further rooms if required (ad hoc bookings) to tie in with work of WCC active lifestyles scheme.

Office space

Storage Space

Independent area to keep business separate and patient confidentiality.

**Notes of Meeting:**

- client sharing with sparx not ideal as they are a different customer base
- ground floor set up ideal for ease of access for participants with mobility issues
- reception separated if possible
- links to hydrotherapy centre could be required and developed together
- health wing interest for WCC active lifestyles scheme – shared reception there could work too

### **Comments on March 2016 conceptual designs:**

Would ideally need our own reception room and waiting area to keep the business a separate entity and ensure patient confidentiality.

I think we also need to make sure the businesses are also kept separate from any WCC active lifestyles reception area since users get very confused between NHS/ WCC funded services and Privately funded services which can cause some uncomfortable situations for the users who are maybe not in a position to privately fund treatment.

We can often have 4 – 6 patients in the waiting room at any one time along with up to 4 staff members, which in our current facility is very cramped and an increase in size would be preferable for now and expansion.

Ideally we would like an office space and need a larger storage facility, since we have to legally keep patient records for 8 years after their last treatment session, and after 20 years we have already got 6 full filing cabinets of notes, despite shredding every year! The office space could be instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> treatment room if it was configured slightly differently.

Any storage facility needs to fit lots of large filing cabinets in. We can't store off site since the nature of the work is that patients come back for treatment on a "as needed basis" and usually the same or next day from calling for an appointment and therefore we need instant access to their old records.

I think we need to make sure the businesses are also kept separate from any WCC active lifestyles area since users get very confused between NHS/ WCC funded services and Privately funded services.

My preferred option is obviously one without disruption to the business but also patients all seem to want the practice and centre kept in the town location.

People will all have to drive to Bar End, take 2 buses if coming from another area of Winchester and hardly and users will be within walking distance of Bar End. Any users in working within the City will not easily be able to pop down from work in the day as Bar End is too far to walk and will take them away from the office for too long. Train commuting users I fear will not bother driving to Bar End after their commute from London since once in the car they will probably just drive home.

I guess no easy solution!!!Thanks