

Stakeholder Consultation - June 2016

Sports Clubs and National Governing Bodies of Sport

Summary of Responses

Badminton England –

- Winchester not identified as a priority area in their National Facilities Strategy. They welcome the extra courts in the proposed sports hall as this will provide better capacity for tournaments and more badminton development opportunities.

Basketball England –

- Commented that the proposed hall is a good size for basketball. Would like to have input on the specifics as the project moves forward to ensure flexibility within the space. Can offer really good examples of use of this size of space at existing sites.

British Cycling –

- Noted that the plans did not include cycling therefore had no comment on the proposals. VC Venta Cycling club train and hold events at the Winchester South Park and Ride.

British Gymnastics –

- BG Identified that the large sports hall will be beneficial in increasing the number of participants in gymnastic activities. BG advised us to speak with local clubs regarding their involvement with this project. There are 9 registered gymnastic clubs within a 10 mile radius of this site who will be at capacity with large waiting lists. They will all be interested in developing their club and moving to a larger site or running satellite sessions at a centre which can offer access to more time and space. It was noted that there is a large area planned for sports hall storage which is essential for gymnastics equipment. The proposed centre will be good for gymnastics, trampolining and birthday parties.

Hampshire FA –

- There is a need for an additional 3G full size pitch in the city of Winchester. Hampshire FA would prefer this to be at Bar End linked to the new leisure centre which will have the necessary infrastructure to run this type of facility.
- Hampshire FA would like to be involved in the planning and development stage of this facility so that they can establish the impact on existing grass pitches in the city. They have provided an outline specification for the design of the 3G pitch.

Lawn Tennis Association –

- Disappointed that tennis courts are not present on the plans as 6 courts were discussed in 2014. They believe that there are a number of justifications for this:
- Winchester is poorly served for public access community courts. Nationally 50% of people who play tennis participate in a park or at leisure centre site. 80% of people who don't play tennis would like to play at a leisure centre first. The British Tennis Strategy is committed to growing tennis at community sites. The 4 exiting

courts at North Walls is far below the provision for public tennis courts compared to other local authorities in the region.

- They would like to discuss in more detail and can provide technical support to develop the proposal. There is a community based LTA funding stream which may be applicable to support this type of project.

Sama South West Karate –

- Pleased to see the progress so far. The new site will fit a lot of their requirements for regular weekly bookings. The venue will also be suitable for bi monthly grading events and summer holiday courses. The proposed floor layout is child friendly as changing and toilets are near to the hall. The new facility would aid the expansion of this sport. They have grown since the last meeting in 2014 and currently have 1,700 members. Would like to be consulted further as the facility develops.

Winchester District Athletics Club –

- The club would like to see an indoor athletics training facility as part of the new development. – to include a 60m sprint facility, a high jump, long jump, changing rooms and conditioning suite. Funding contributions may be available from England athletics and the club for this facility.
- The club currently has 900 members with use existing facilities at Bar End on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The club would like plenty of parking with safe vehicular access. The site would require relocation of 3 of the club's storage containers. They would also like a spectator viewing facility or grandstand for the track and are keen to retain the Garrison ground as an open space as they use this for training.
- Would like Winchester to become a centre of excellence for athletics.

Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club –

- The club has grown significantly since the consultation in 2014 and has waiting lists for both adults and juniors due to lack of pool space. They run a learn to swim programme which caters for 600 swimmers each week. Cannot hold swim meets at the current centre as it is not competition standard. It was difficult for the club to comment on the conceptual plans as there are no specifications for the pool in the drawings. They would like a multi functional 50m 8 lane swimming pool with a boom and a moveable floor as in the Sport England and ASA guidance.
- They propose 2 options for the 50m pool – option one for a traverse boom with half the pool having a moveable floor with overall maximum depth of 2m and option two with 2 hydraulic booms with 2 smaller sections with moveable floors, and one which drops to 3.8m for diving and synchronised swimming. These booms are submersible to allow for 50m long course swimming.
- They feel that a 25m pool alongside a leaner pool does not increase the capacity of water space in Winchester.
- The pool must cater for competition swimming in order to support talented swimmers in the district. Spectator swimming should be between 270 and 350 seats. The 50m pool should be 1m at the shallow end and 2m at the deep end. They require a pool width of 19m for 8 x 2.25m lanes.
- Other clubs from outside the district would hire this pool generating extra income.

- The club would hire the pool for 10 hours plus each week at 50m length.
- Would like to be consulted further.

Winchester Fitness and Sports Club (existing over 60's club based at current facility) –

- Members did not want the facility to move out of the city. Not all of the members have a car. They would need to walk, cycle or catch 2 buses.
- Noted that the increase of badminton courts from 8 to 12 may cause difficulty separating racket sports from classes. 6 squash courts are needed and 6 tennis courts are needed which are not mentioned.

Winchester City Flyers Football Club –

- The facility looks promising but concern over relocation of cricket pitch to the Garrison Ground. They require this facility until May each year for football bookings. Cricket would prevent this.

Winchester Hockey Club –

- The club has 520 members and plays hockey for 11 months of the year. The club is based at Kings School where there is also an all weather hockey pitch. The club would like a clubhouse to be located by 2 new all weather Hockey pitches at this site.
- They welcome the development of a new facility at Bar End and they commend the layout.
- The club would like a second Hockey all weather pitch at the new facility. They believe that an otherwise regional sports facility justifies more all weather pitches than proposed.
- They believe that the car park should be located on the depot site.
- The Hockey club are also in discussions with Kings School to possibly base a club house at the school site.
- The club would like to be involved in the detailed design process.

Winchester Physiotherapy -

- Would like 4 treatment rooms for their business at the new centre to include office and storage space. Ground floor set up ideal as have customers with mobility issues. Require a separate reception and waiting area - to avoid confusing between NHS and private services.
- Would like the centre to remain in the city as it is difficult for patients to travel to Bar End especially by train.

Winchester Rugby Club –

- The club require additional green space as they have over 1,500 members with 500 juniors playing on Sundays. They are keen to know what the plans are for the green space around the site.