

SUMMARY of views to the question Is there anything else that you think might be of concern?

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Access and use of the previous leisure centre site on Gordon Road. I live very locally to the area and would not want this area to be used for more housing developments, encroaching on/sacrificing the sports fields and very newly created skatepark. It does not seem to make much sense to build a centre in Bar End when the complementary rugby club, tennis courts, sports fields and skatepark are located in Gordon Road - this makes me concerned about their future.

Concerns over the future development of the former River Park site, as a result. Fears of possible housing development on the site

I am concerned about what is going to happen to the existing centre site and do not want it to be more house! Think it should be used to serve the community with better children's play park, tennis courts and football courts to stay and recreation site for the community

I am very concerned about what happenes to the exsisting site - and really won't be happy if it's sold off for more new housing where they cram as many houses into the site as possible and have tiny floor plans!

I think the exsisting site should be developed to contain recreational place for the community ie tennis club, better children's play park, skate park and open space NOT more housing!!!!

I am very concerned about what the Council does with the River Park site. If you move to Bar End I want them to be very clear that the old site will be repurposed as leisure facilities too. It all seems like a nice way to generate a bit of revenue byselling off a prime city centre site to developers. We all lose out by losing our green space and leisure facility in the city centre. BE RESPONSIBLE!

I think it's a good location but I would be very concerned about what replaced it in the North Walls park

I would also be concerned about how the existing river park site will be redeveloped, as the area surrounding river park is a hugely attractive, widely used and valuable part of our city which would not be enhanced by a large new insensitive house building project (which again would likely also result in a further increase in town centre traffic congestion).

I would miss the old leisure centre which is in a good location serving local people.

I would be concerned about what would be built in the location of the obsolete old leisure centre and its impact on a part of town I like very much. I often walk to the current leisure centre and the surrounding park on my way to town.

I would worry about what will become of the nice fields at the North Walls site. Without the leisure centre there to protect them, I worry they could be developed.

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Serious concern about what is proposed for the River Park site. How about having a swimming pool at Bar End and maintain the studio/gym/class based sports facilities at River Park?

What will happen to the fields at River Park? These are a wonderful, essential facility that are in constant use for sport, recreation and, of critical importance, socialization and should be preserved at all costs.

Plans for the conversion of the existing leisure centre will be of concern, as I am guessing that area will just become another high density housing development to the further detriment of the central town area (in terms of attractiveness, traffic and general busyness).

I am also concerned that if the leisure centre went at river park we would lose this lovely green space as I'm sure there would be some greedy housing developers ready to jump on the site . Besides this area being potential flood areas , if houses were built on the old site it would impact on the whole look/ feel of the Hyde area .

that the community would lose the play area at Bar End which is so important to local children

Ensure allottments are protected to the high standard they already are.

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"Concerned" is unfortunately ambiguous. I might be concerned to ensure that there is enough car parking for me to be sure I can park, or concerned that there is no additional car parking because I want it to be well serviced by public transport and don't want people to be encouraged to drive there.

I am worried that placing the new facility at Bar End will increase the number of people who go to it by car, especially those from outside the District. We should not be providing sport facilities to would-be Olympic athletes from other parts of the county.

Additional parking would be required.

As a pedestrian and non-car owner, I am concerned that far too many people use cars to access leisure centres. For the current centre, I know people who live within 1 mile yet still drive there. By putting the new centre further out of town, I fear that there will be a similarly selfish and blinkered sense of entitlement amongst many car owners, and this will affect traffic and parking. Please do all you can to discourage people from coming by car unless it is necessary for mobility reasons or for distance.

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As long as proper event planing is done for an event where a greater influx of people are anticipated to attend an event then this could be managed through the existing park and ride facilities around Winchester and notification provided to appropriate authorities in a timely manner.

Bar end would mean that many more users would need to drive to the centre, so the roads would need to be improved and make sure the car park is big enough. If people experience not being able to park, this would be a huge incentive not to use the centre and people would park in Highcliffe, creating a real parking nuisance for those residents.

Car parking - so long as park n rides are utilised and users are strongly encouraged to use them.

car parking charges

Congestion getting in and out - with the extra traffic and associated issues with parking.

Definitely important to ensure enough parking as that is often an issue at the current site I will most likely drive to a new Bar End facility with my children due to safety, and time pressure. I would prefer not to, but the reailty is that many will and so the volume of traffic and parking requirements will increase if located to the new site.

I am assuming Car parking will be available and easier at Bar end compared to River Park

I presume that car parking would be provided on site for those using the facilities.

Bar End just needs decent parking as road access already set up

Just to clarify - very concerned there will be adequate car parking.

My main concern would be ensuring good traffic management and adequate car parking on site. If using the park & ride car park is being considered to provide anything more than extreme peak time over-spill parking then i would be against it.

My only concern would be that enough car parking was created as this venue should attract users from the wider district too and should be offered as a regional centre for sport where there is provision for coach parking when teams arrive. Bar End has great access from the motorway and it is so much more preferential than encouraging more traffic into the town centre.

Parking should be free for people using the facilities - perhaps charge for others to discourage people using it to park and walk into town, but certainly free for people using the facilities.

Parking space at the existing Leisure Centre is inadequate, as there are times when there is no space to park, meaning that I have to go home which is an utter waste of time and resources.

Please see previous note re parking.

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Provision of car parking/transport would need to be future proofed, and have the ability to expand or use satellite car parks if the leisure centre held large scale events i.e. athletics and swimming meets, community events, football festivals, university sport

Really important to make good use of existing car park facilities at St Catherine's and Barfield, and not simply create a new duplicate spaces at the centre. If necessary, Barfield could be decked over.

Sufficient parking space as there is no alternative parking unlike the North Wall location where you can always use the next available car park in case of overflow

The car park needs to be big enough and easily accessed off the main road. Don't want lots of gueues forming with people unable to turn into the car park easily

The centre will need adequate parking facilities, or to be within easy walking distance of the current park and ride car parks.

The use of any car park by commuters making it harder for users to park near the centre (which is a major problem at North Walls as most locals have worked out it is the cheapest place to park in Winchester!)

Use of car park by people not using the Leisure Centre.

Would need to ensure that adequate parking is provided and not used as commuter parking or P&R overflow

Would only be concerned about car parking if it's used as a revenue raiser for council pension funds. People should be encouraged to use the facility, and having high parking rates is counter productive.

3) I would also worry about parking (if inadequate or pay & display). People are already parking on roads in area in evening/weekends to avoid payment, then doing shopping etc... this includes Quarry Road, Garnier Road and many other, this includes Sundays and eveings as some roads are permit only.

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20mph speed limit down Milland Road would need enforcing greater.

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Congestion getting in and out - with the extra traffic and associated issues with parking.

Reduced usage due to no longer being possible for people to fit in a lunchtime trip to the pool etc as a quick outing from work

Crossing the bar end road from the car parks especially when a large event takes places. A Pelican crossing would be essential.

Definitely traffic congestion issues, think it would be much more difficult to get to weekly swimming lessons. Would be too far for most people to walk.

How long it will take me to get there...

I am concerned that this whole servey only asks about Bar End and not generally or other options. This would cause an increase in traffic over the mill bridge and narrow streets. Improved public transport to any location would be beneficial.

I live at the opposite side of town and would be farther to travel. More traffic coming through town. There is not a huge need for a 50m pool, just a small membership of Penguin swimming club.

I would be very concerned that, given the additional journey time, usage would drop off Increased car travel across city

My concern is about access by road to via Bar End Road, the narrow and winding Garnier Road into Bull Drove or from the M3 motorway. The latter being at a standstill from the South too frequently especially near commute times.

New direct route from harestock to winnal would be ideal. Travel via A34 and city centre is proving traffic nightmare.

Options for older children travelling there without parents.

Public transport links.

Safe pedestrian and cycle routes

these elements would need to be updated to take care of the additional road users and pedestrians

traffic

Travel and traffic! Winchester is mayhem!!

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Yes whole area would need improved with increased traffic:

- 1) access to Bar End Road is already dangerous with fast traffic, for example to East Hill Road, in-fact I had an accident due to traffic and speed.
- 2) Also other roads/access would incur greater traffic, for example Garnier Road, which at time is already a battle with traffic calming and people jumping turns/tail-gating etc... the whole road would need re-thinking.
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A facility of this nature should be in the centre of the City.

Ability to get there from town without driving

Access difficulty

Access due to traffic through Winchester

Access for the older person. Access for community physio to work in the facilities to bring community patients in to execise and older persons classes

Access from both sides would be ideal

Access from North Winchester and increased traffic congestion in city centre.

Access from places like the Worthies, Littleton, Harestock etc.

Access to current athletics facilities could be improved.

Access to other facilities

Access. As I have said before. Its s long way from town.

Access. Safe cycle access from all parts of town should be encouraged in order to prevent people driving a short distance.

Accessability to all of Winchester. It is not central

Although I drive, I would want to cycle/walk/run to the Bar End facilities. I live in Teg Down and normally cycle/run/walk now. With the increased distance for me, I would want a safer route through the City.

At its River Park location people coming in from all areas of Winchester have the option to walk or get there using one bus, as well as travel by car. If you move the leisure centre out to Bar End then most people will have to travel through the centre of Winchester by car to get there as it would be a 2 bus journey with the resultant increase to them in bus fares, time taken to get there and only limited evening bus services available. It would be too far to walk for most people.

It would also limit access to those without cars or with mobility issues.

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Bus service around Winchester is prohibitively expensive for families - providing a service to the park and ride or a similar shuttle service would reduce traffic and encourage more people to take advantage of the new facility.

Traffic - this comes back to good promotion of access outside the city centre and good cycle routes

Complicated to get to so I would probably not go as often. Hence the reason to look for another centre.

Connectivity with the city centre. It would be good if the pedestrian / cycle route to Barr End from the centre could be made more pleasant

Definetely traffic through town and what will happen to the North wall site ???

Distance from the town.

Distance of pedestrian access from town.

distance to where I currently live (train station)

Don't have it at Bar End, refurnish the current leisure center because Bar End is too far away from the center of Winchester and would be a nightmare to get to.

Easy accessfor those without a car

Traffic impact assessment beyond the local area - the effect of more cross-town journeys, rat-running etc.

For many city centre residents the current leisure centre is accessible on foot, there should be a full impact assessment done on how a new Bar End facility may increase traffic.

General accessibilty for people accessing it from city centre.

Having to drive there as too far to walk/cycle

How long it will take me to get there...

I am concerned about the location on the outskirts of Winchester which will make this more difficult of access.

This would cause an increase in traffic over the mill bridge and narrow streets. Improved public transport to any location would be beneficial.

My consequent concern is that by moving to Bar End there will be a loss of members who find the current location convenient to work and home. There are now, of course, a number of alternative facilities in the City Centre to which they can turn.

I am mostly concerned about the site moving out of the town centre making it less likely to be used in lunch times and for ad hoc visits.

i am really llike the location of the old leisure center. very close to the city centre. great park around and easy access.

Without considerable changes the journey to Bar End is not feasible.

We need the Centre in the heart of the city. I live in the centre and walk to the current site so, if it closes, I'll have to go to a private gym instead. I would greatly regret that.

I should expect to take my car and park at my usual gym time (before 7 a.m.), but to take a bus on the odd occasions when I go in later.

I think many people will feel this is not a good substitute for location as it is not central to Winchester

I think the Council needs to think about making a good dedicated pedestrian/cyclist link from the town centre to the leisure centre to encourage regular use by as many different members of the community as possible.

I think the leisure centre would lose a lot of customers as they wouldn't be able to get there so easily from the town centre.

I think this is a terrible location. The current location is ideal, very central, easy access, beautiful surroundings.

i would be concerned about traffic as coming from oram arbour i like river park as can go on foot - bar end would mean 1 way system or cutting through garnier rd which is not built to handle extra traffic

I would not use any facility at Bar End as it would be out of town and therefore not eco friendly.; I would join a more convenient Gym

If it moves to Bar End I will probably use a gym closer to me where I can walk:

I just feel its not the right place in Winchester. ... the site has not got much else going for it in regards access and convenience and I think it will suffer because of this.

Increasing traffic going through the city centre. No longer walkable from north winchester (Weeke area). Not nearly as accessible by teenagers from all over the city who use the skate park and park with bike trails.

Isolation of venue and safety for children travelling there by themselves to go swimming with their friends.

It is not easy to get to if you don't have use of a car.

It would be less accessible to those without cars. Would certainly make traffic even worse.

It would no longer be possible to access it during the work hours if it moved out of the city.

It's going to be hard to get to if you have no transport and extra expense with a bus journey. I wouldn't go that far out of town. It will put a lot of people off

However, it seems unfair and illogical that the proposed site is not central - away from the station, central bus stops, easy access by bike or on foot.

Its miles away from the city centre!

lack of integration with community. Trips to it become sports only.

Less accessible

Location is not convenient. Too far out of town

Moving the leisure centre to Bar End will make it inaccessible to people without cars, rendering its community function useless. It would also increase the environmental footprint of the leisure centre.

My ability to get there; I live on the station side of town in Teg Down, so this is significantly further than North walls. during the run up to christmas town was gridlocked, so my option is to go via St Catherines Hill, which is also not great as it is single traffic at points.

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No, a new leisure centre at Bar End would be ideal and easy access off the M3 would make it nicely accessible to all those who would like to use the facility but are put off by travelling through the city centre.

Not a good location at all.

The existing location in the town centre is far better for drivers, pedestrians and bus users to get to. I would not find the proposed site at Bar End as easy to visit or make use of, and it would deter me from going.

Not an appropriate venue for our sports facility . being near the town means you can go shopping before or after using the gym

Not as accessible as in town

Not convenient for customers working in Winchester, ie the prison, Hants county council or city council. At present they are able to walk to Riverpark in their lunch hour.

Not having a town centre / easy access facility.

Not walking distance from the town

Only that its current location is very handy if, like me, you live in the city centre. Can't help thinking that a location at bar end would mean the centre would only be viable to people who drive.

Park and rides are close by.

Pedestrian access from town

People exercising will not want to use the Bar End Park & Ride as an overflow facility - they want easy access & exit.

PUBLIC ACCESS WITH THOSE THAT DON'T OWN CARS! Too much of a trek.

Public transport / bus route

Public transport links.

River park is in a good central location within the city centre but by moving the leisure centre to bar end it will drastically affect local families who can currently walk to use the facilities .

Safe and covered cycle racks monitored by cctv

That it is too far away from the city centre

The ability to access the centre conveniently which now can be used in conjunction with a trip to town and lunch or dinner out.

The difficulty for non-drivers to access the facilities which are currently easy to get to in North Walls

The facility in the current location is centrally placed. A move to Bar End would be less accessible to many users and therefore would likely be less used.

The hurendous journey around the one way system every time I would go to the leisure centre and no option to cycle there safely with my three young children.

The present leisure centre ... is accessible by all either by bus, foot or car - not up to scratch for cycling but some do. Working people in Winchester are able to go in their lunch hours or before and after work. Other users have the convenience of shopping in the town before or after their exercise. If it was out of the way at Bar End it would be really difficult to access from the outskirts of Winchester.

It would just attract people from outside the town coming via the motorways and not be a local community facility at all

There are no buses to Bar End and I can't see how the Leisure Centre traffic per se will change that. This means that everyone will travel by car and use by office people on their way to or from work will be restricted.

the existing Leisure Centre, which is so conveniently placed for a number of current residents (and for the new Barton Farm estate) and the North Walls park facilities. Bar End is not very central so more people will need to drive to it, thus increasing the traffic in the centre of Winchester.

Too far away from central Winchester

Too far for much of the city to reach easily and would increase Winchester's overdependence on the car. As a non driver I would be excluded from using it.

Very inconvenient location.

Why move to a less populated area of Winchester City. Keep the leisure centre in a central location for easy access especially with the new developments happening at Pitt & Barton Farm.

Winchester needs a larger swimming pool and this is a large site with great road access

Would not use Bar End - I can fit in shopping and fitness three times a week at current location. Bar End is a waste of time.

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As previously stated, a safe entrance and exit onto the already busy and narrow Bar End Road would be required; possibly could be added to the slip road up onto the M3?

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Road safety crossing from Bar End park and ride. It is dangerous for running track users and would be worse if the number of users increased significantly.

road safety for pedistrians

Road safety for users / children

Safe access across bar road for cyclists and pedestrians.

Safe and covered cycle racks monitored by cctv

Safety for for example women and children to get there when it is dark in the winter....It is just to far out of town.

Safety of cyclists and pedestrians around the site must be improved. The current provision is inadequate. There is no pedestrian crossing to the current Bar End site, putting childrens lives at risk.

Safety of pedestrian traffic would be a large concern as the footpaths are narrow, possibly need widening somehow?

Security

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The car park needs to be big enough and easily accessed off the main road. Don't want lots of queues forming with people unable to turn into the car park easily. I think it will be important to have good lighting and good security 24 hours to ensure it is safe for people using the centre early in the morning or late at night - this is a problem at North Walls currently. Also need to ensure no vandalism of new equipment.

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All of the above will need to be assessed prior to any build, and, I assume, taken into account when planning permission is sought.

As for 'views' I would hope the buildings involved in the new development would have architectural meritand enhance winchester... and 'fit in' to the location and be appropriate to winchester's character and heritage.

The debacle that's taken place over the hideous and inappropriate Silver Hill proposals must be avoided at all costs.

Bar end is my preferred option for expansion.

Bar end is not a nice place

Capacity would need to be built in for future developments and the ability for Winchester to host large scale sport/community/leisure events on the site. I'm concerned that it will be a lost opportunity if we just replace what exists already on a new site as this doesn't help increase opportunities for anyone.

Cost of the building and transparency of the whole process. No trust in Winchester council.

Decent equipment in the gym

Environmental impact of the new build and sustainability of the new development. There is a real opportunity here to intelligently build a world class facility that leads the way in eco building. This could show how public buildings can save councils money in the long run.

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I am strongly in favour of the leisure centre remains in its current location, not Bar End.

i assume it will be an opportunity to increase the membership costs. There are also a number of competitive gyms within the area so i would be concerned that you may loose long term members as they will become more appealing.

Also i already completed one of these surveys 2 years ago and you did not publicise the feedback well so felt like a waste of time. My preference was the option to build an improved centre on the tennis courts at north walls

I do not think it should move!

I hate to point it out, but the residents of Bar End and Highcliffe have to put up with the odour from the sewage farm when the wind blows in the wrong direction. Siting a leisure centre in a smelly area smacks of a hidden agenda to sell of the existing North Walls site as prime real estate. Why can't Winchester residents continue to enjoy to delightful and perfectly located North Walls site, where the Leisure Centre acts as a hub for outdoor sports and social gatherings? Bar End would become a utility but would struggle to be the excellent facility that a properly redesigned North Walls site could be.

I oppose the idea of the Bar End location, the leisure centre belongs to central Winchester, close to the shops and amenities.

I think rather than issues Bar End offers a better solution than the current location of River Park....River Park should be retained as a green leisure area

Bar End just needs decent parking as road access already set up

If it is a fabulous facility - people will forgive the negatives

Impact on local residents.

It is not a good use of space to build the leisure centre in the small area behind Gordon .avenue, it should be nearer to BarEnd road.

It will add to air pollution in the town as no one will be able to walk to it: every user (apart from a few at Bar End) will either access it using a car or bus.

Also, why is it that building on a green-field site at Bar End is acceptable when the option of expanding the footprint of the current leisure centre onto a few square metres of green-field site was unacceptable? Are the green fields at Bar End less valuable to Winchester than those at Hyde? Or is it just that there are more middle-class NIMBYs in Hyde than Bar End...?

It would be the perfect site!

It's in the wrong place - keep it at River Park!

It's not sustainable and encourages car use and therefore less exercise and reduced health benefits. Read 'An Urban Renaissance' which gives advice on creating sustainable cities.

just don't want gym to move

Just like to take the opportunity to remind that it is beneficial to the environment and our money to install low light polution lighting.

http://www.britastro.org/dark-skies/index.php

Lack of zebra crossing on main road is dangerous right now. Drainage would have to be sorted, as the surrounding fields get very waterlogged when the rain falls.

Locals may have a concern but Bar End already on the motorway. Views and noise pollution already an issue so new leisure centre can't make it much worse

Location

Losing our facilities at WADAC

Loss of free to use outdoor recreation spaces

Make sure it's not in a flood plain

Need to know what the plans are for cars before commenting

No

No need for a 50m pool.

No opinion

Not at all, I think it is a very exciting proposal for the local area and would greatly improve Winchester's sporting facilities.

Not enough investment in total infrastructure to drive up full utilisation.

Not sure there would be a noise impact.

Nothing

Peripheral landscaping and external management. Capacity in management contracts to quickly deal with excessive rainwater/ leaf fall/ winter frost/ lighting maintenance etc

and trespass by unauthorised parking eg travellers/ haulage/ overnight stopping

Really important to create a pleasant environment with lots of natural light; a cafe serving good quality & good value hot & cold food including healthy children's options & a grassy area outside;. Are you considering an outdoor pool? This could massively increase your numbers in the summer if combined with a good cafe, splash pool, & grassy areas to sun bathe & play

Should keep light pollution down

Sited too near motorway really - noise and traffic pollution to affect outdoors.

Need non-artificial surfaces.

Not so easy to go on "nice" walks from the centre.

Surely the existing site at River Park would be better as it is a known quantiry. Also it has adjacent open space leisure facilities and easy access to the countryside.

That Bar End is a rubbish choice of location.

That the building should sustainably built using green materials and produce green energy and it should be able to reduce Winchester's carbon footprint.

The council doing this badly and on the cheap is a concern. As is them spending the next 15 years faffing about and not getting it done, like Silver Hill. Get David Lloyd to do it... and do it NOW... get on with it.

The design of it. It would need to be a flagship building for the expanding city.

The development would have to take into account protection of the excellent walking opportunities provided by the Itchen and the surrounding beautiful countryside.

The fact you are considering Bar End at all. Please keep all facilities at River Park and redevelop there. I would rather pay more rates for that. More use to me to have CENTRAL facilities.

The ground is often waterlogged

The location

The surrounding land currently owned by Tesco is not protected for continued recreational and sports activity and could be developed.

This is an already busy area as an entrance into and out of the city. To have more traffic that is turning off will further increase to, lets face it, already highly conjested city

This is not a concern for me as I do not live in Winchester -

Would the settlement be a catalyst for future development which may upset the local community. What safeguards are in place?

This survey appears to assume the Bar End project will proceed. I use River Park at least 2-3 times per week with my family. I do this because I walk to the site. If t moves to Bar End I will use it much less. This survey appears to me to be slewed to elicit apparent enthusiasm for Bar End. It reads very much like a marketing survey rather than a public consultation document. Who prepared and authorised it? It doesn't ask the questions I want to give the answers to. I don't feel that I want to contribute to an apparently already weighted discussion.

Times of use. Current location enables impromptu use during the day.

Totally different point:

With the continued expansion of Winchester City and the surrounding districts I do question whether there is some value in retaining fitness facilities within the Centre of Town (your questionnaire does rather assume we're all in support of an out of town facility). I appreciate the existing facility is reaching the end of it's economic life, and I agree that a modern facility in Bar End will be a big positive for the area, but I do feel that removing all fitness facilities from a core residential area, which is easily accessible to a large number of homes on foot is a mistake. Maybe a further review of the existing facility could be carried out to establish what elements could be retained for fitness and mothball the rest, with a view to providing a smaller fitness facility in the future, as and when funds permit.

Traffic is part of a wider problem which Winchester has - though the recent Christmas events have attracted huge numbers through that particular area so I would think the much lighter traffic to and from a centre could be managed, if bus and cycling routes are improved. Lighting and noise pollution must be considered and planners sensitive to the local residents and wildlife, however lighting could enhance the area.

Underuse.

We need the current site of the leisure centre as green space and lungs for winchester and it clearly floods - NO HOUSEBUILDING - that is a huge concern that keeps us awake at night

What will happen to the old site? Can there not be two separate centres for different activities? I am worried that the old north walls site will be sold off for housing.

Will sit there empty during the day as located on the outskirts of town - will not get passing trade like the existing leisure centre does.

There will probably will be no bike path as you will run out of money building the new centre

A large percentage of the population will not be able to afford to go there - not addressing health inequalities

Many people will be intimidated by the proposed size of the facility - the current leisure centre has a friendly inviting feel to it.

As mentioned the centre will be dominated by Winchester University and Penguins - water temperature will have to be lower for competitive swimming.

When it gets old you will tear it down - waste of tax payers money!

All of the Councils Leisure budget will go to building this new centre

This is a complete mess! How many times have you put this out to Consultation. It really is an embarrassment to Winchester City Council. I would advise you to liaise with Eastleigh Borough Council on their development of Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Save the Rec have also highlighted that WCC have badly managed River Park Leisure Centre and not maintained the facility properly since 2008. I have read the Decision Notice from the Information Commissioner. You need to be more TRANSPARENT WCC! How on earth can the residents of Winchester trust you to get this right.

Will there be any issues around the availability of the facilities if the new centre is being shared with the university. Who gets first refusal on things like football pitch bookings?

Wow. This looks like the bar end option has already been decided. What a total waste. Not one specific question relating to the refurbishment of the existing leisure centre, but three referencing a new centre at Bar End. How odd.

All 224 'Concerns' Comments.

Although I drive, I would want to cycle/walk/run to the Bar End facilities. I live in Teg Down and normally cycle/run/walk now. With the increased distance for me, I would want a safer route through the City.

As previously mentioned, the location is further away from the centre so safety might be an issue. I normally walk home on my own from the leisure centre and in the winter after my class it is very dark. Walking further through a more isolated part of town would deter me from going and I wouldn't want to have to drive to my local leisure centre - I really value being able to walk there.

As previously stated, a safe entrance and exit onto the already busy and narrow Bar End Road would be required; possibly could be added to the slip road up onto the M3?

Drainage and pedestrian safety.

Isolation of venue and safety for children travelling there by themselves to go swimming with their friends. As the current location is easily accessible, children arrange to meet with their friends to go swimming etc.

Lack of zebra crossing on main road is dangerous right now. Drainage would have to be sorted, as the surrounding fields get very waterlogged when the rain falls.

Road safety crossing from Bar End park and ride. It is dangerous for running track users and would be worse if the number of users increased significantly.

road safety for pedistrians

Road safety for users / children

Safe access across bar road for cyclists and pedestrians.

Safe and covered cycle racks monitored by cctv

Safety for for example women and children to get there when it is dark in the winter....It is just to far out of town. We all think Bar End is a bad alternative that should only be developed if there is no other option.

Safety of cyclists and pedestrians around the site must be improved. The current provision is inadequate. There is no pedestrian crossing to the current Bar End site, putting childrens lives at risk. The council are aware, yet do nothing.

A leisure centre at Bar End could only improve leisure facilities in Winchester.

Safety of pedestrian traffic would be a large concern as the footpaths are narrow, possibly need widening somehow?

Security

The area feels less connected to the rest of town and would encourage me to drive rather than walk/bike. May make feel some feel unsafe if walking to / from gym.

The car park needs to be big enough and easily accessed off the main road. Don't want lots of queues forming with people unable to turn into the car park easily. I think it will be important to have good lighting and good security 24 hours to ensure it is safe for people using the centre early in the morning or late at night - this is a problem at North Walls currently. Also need to ensure no vandalism of new equipment.

"Concerned" is unfortunately ambiguous. I might be concerned to ensure that there is enough car parking for me to be sure I can park, or concerned that there is no additional car parking because I want it to be well serviced by public transport and don't want people to be encouraged to drive there.

I am worried that placing the new facility at Bar End will increase the number of people who go to it by car, especially those from outside the District. We should not be providing sport facilities to would-be Olympic athletes from other parts of the county.

20mph speed limit down Milland Road would need enforcing greater.

A facility of this nature should be in the centre of the City. It is absurd to even consider building an alternative premises at Bar End. There is nothing wrong with the existing building and it would be much cheaper to upgrade the existing premises than to build a new one at Bar End. Once the council dispose of the existing site it will be lost forever and that loss will be severe so far as the citizens of Winchester are concerned,

A waste of public money when the Leisure centre is already very good - if more is needed it should be refurbished/extended. Very opposed to building a new leisure centre. It is fit for purpose.

Why aren't you asking the question "should we build a new leisure centre at Bar End?" my answer = no.

Ability to get there from town without driving

Access and use of the previous leisure centre site on Gordon Road. I live very locally to the area and would not want this area to be used for more housing developments, encroaching on/sacrificing the sports fields and very newly created skatepark. It does not seem to make much sense to build a centre in Bar End when the complementary rugby club, tennis courts, sports fields and skatepark are located in Gordon Road - this makes me concerned about their future.

Access difficulty

Access due to traffic through Winchester

Access for the older person and facilities for the older person. Access for community physio to work in the facilities to bring community patients in to execise and older persons classes

Access from both sides would be ideal

Access from North Winchester and increased traffic congestion in city centre.

Increased charges likely with new build.

Access from places like the Worthies, Littleton, Harestock etc.

Access to current athletics facilities could be improved.

Access to other facilities

Access. As I have said before. Its s long way from town.

Access. Safe cycle access from all parts of town should be encouraged in order to prevent people driving a short distance.

Accessability to all of Winchester. It is not central

Additional parking would be required.

All of the above will need to be assessed prior to any build, and, I assume, taken into account when planning permission is sought.

An increase in traffic travelling through the centre of Winchester.

At its River Park location people coming in from all areas of Winchester have the option to walk or get there using one bus, as well as travel by car. If you move the leisure centre out to Bar End then most people will have to travel through the centre of Winchester by car to get there as it would be a 2 bus journey with the resultant increase to them in bus fares, time taken to get there and only limited evening bus services available. It would be too far to walk for most people.

An out-of-town centre would increase traffic.

It would also limit access to those without cars or with mobility issues.

Few people would be motivated to travel there by public transport.

As a pedestrian and non-car owner, I am concerned that far too many people use cars to access leisure centres. For the current centre, I know people who live within 1 mile yet still drive there. By putting the new centre further out of town, I fear that there will be a similarly selfish and blinkered sense of entitlement amongst many car owners, and this will affect traffic and parking. Please do all you can to discourage people from coming by car unless it is necessary for mobility reasons or for distance.

As for 'views' I would hope the buildings involved in the new development would have architectural meritand enhance winchester... and 'fit in' to the location and be appropriate to winchester's character and heritage.

The debacle that's taken place over the hideous and inappropriate Silver Hill proposals must be avoided at all costs.

As long as proper event planing is done for an event where a greater influx of people are anticipated to attend an event then this could be managed through the existing park and ride facilities around Winchester and notification provided to appropriate authorities in a timely manner.

Bar End feels like the middle of nowhere as compared to the current location, and I would not like it moved from the city centre at all.

Bar end is my preferred option for expansion.

Bar end is not a nice place

Bar end is too far out of citycentre

Bar End road by East Hill scares me in a car; on a bicycle I would be taking my life in other peoples hands; not a ride I would like to do in good light and good weather let alone anything inclement or dark

Bar end would mean that many more users would need to drive to the centre, so the roads would need to be improved and make sure the car park is big enough. If people experience not being able to park, this would be a huge incentive not to use the centre and people would park in Highcliffe, creating a real parking nuisance for those residents.

Bus service around Winchester is prohibitively expensive for families - providing a service to the park and ride or a similar shuttle service would reduce traffic and encourage more people to take advantage of the new facility.

Capacity would need to be built in for future developments and the ability for Winchester to host large scale sport/community/leisure events on the site. I'm concerned that it will be a lost opportunity if we just replace what exists already on a new site as this doesn't help increase opportunities for anyone.

Car parking - so long as park n rides are utilised and users are strongly encouraged to use them.

Traffic - this comes back to good promotion of access outside the city centre and good cycle routes

Views - good landscaping shouldn't make this an issue. Perhaps use a grass roof design?

Lights - properly designed lights shouldn't create an issue. I see current floodlights and it doesn't bother me. After all it's a facility available for public use. There has to be give and take on both sides.

car parking charges

Complicated to get to so I would probably not go as often. Hence the reason to look for another centre.

Concerns over the future development of the former River Park site, as a result. Fears of possible housing development on the site

Congestion getting in and out - with the extra traffic and associated issues with parking.

Reduced usage due to no longer being possible for people to fit in a lunchtime trip to the pool etc as a quick outing from work

Connectivity with the city centre. It would be good if the pedestrian / cycle route to Barr End from the centre could be made more pleasant

Cost of the building and transparency of the whole process. No trust in Winchester council.

Crossing the bar end road from the car parks especially when a large event takes places. A Pelican crossing would be essential.

Decent equipment in the gym

Definetely traffic through town and what will happen to the North wall site ???

Definitely important there is plenty of parking.

Definitely important to ensure enough parking as that is often an issue at the current site

Definitely traffic congestion issues, think it would be much more difficult to get to weekly swimming lessons. Would be too far for most people to walk.

Distance from the town.

Distance of pedestrian access from town.

I very much value the 'Park run' on a Saturday morning. Would the park still be available for this? This is a very popular venture and a real asset to the leisure centre - particularly access to coffee/drinks afterwards.

distance to where I currently live (train station)

Don't have it at Bar End, refurnish the current leisure center because Bar End is too far away from the center of Winchester and would be a nightmare to get to.

Easy accessfor those without a car

Environmental impact of the new build and sustainability of the new development. There is a real opportunity here to intelligently build a world class facility that leads the way in eco building. This could show how public buildings can save councils money in the long run.

Financial viability if current users, like me, stop using the centre.

Traffic impact assessment beyond the local area - the effect of more cross-town journeys, rat-running etc.

Impact on town centre. At present you can attend a session at the centre and then make a visit to the town centre (shopping, see friends etc). The Bar End option would mean a separate journey which will not happen, to the detriment of the vitality of the city.

For many city centre residents the current leisure centre is accessible on foot, there should be a full impact assessment done on how a new Bar End facility may increase traffic. Winchester already suffers from high traffic volume, as a city centre resident I will most likely drive to a new Bar End facility with my children due to safety, and time pressure. I would prefer not to, but the reailty is that many will and so the volume of traffic and parking requirements will increase if located to the new site.

General accessibilty for people accessing it from city centre.

Having to drive there as too far to walk/cycle

How long it will take me to get there...

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I am assuming Car parking will be available and easier at Bar end compared to River Park I am concerned about the location on the outskirts of Winchester which will make this more difficult of access.

I am also concerned about the lack of opportunity to support the alternative option of refurbishment.

This is an unfair and prejudiced consultation.

I am concerned about what is going to happen to the existing centre site and do not want it to be more house! Think it should be used to serve the community with better children's play park, tennis courts and football courts to stay and recreation site for the community

I am concerned that this whole servey only asks about Bar End and not generally or other options. This would cause an increase in traffic over the mill bridge and narrow streets. Improved public transport to any location would be beneficial.

I am greatly concerned that the Council would appeared to have been swayed against a new facility adjacent to the existing site at North Walls by the misleading campaign of local residents. I attended the consultation meeting at the Guildhall that was high-jacked by these objectors using arguments that unfairly misrepresented the true facts and issues. It would not have been difficult to refute their suggestions had the meeting given a balanced opportunity to have done so.

My consequent concern is that by moving to Bar End there will be a loss of members who find the current location convenient to work and home. There are now, of course, a number of alternative facilities in the City Centre to which they can turn.

I am mostly concerned about the site moving out of the town centre making it less likely to be used in lunch times and for ad hoc visits.

i am really llike the location of the old leisure center. very close to the city centre. great park around and easy access.

I am strongly in favour of the leisure centre remains in its current location, not Bar End.

I am very concerned about what happenes to the exsisting site - and really won't be happy if it's sold off for more new housing where they cram as many houses into the site as possible and have tiny floor plans!

I think the exsisting site should be developed to contain recreational place for the community ie tennis club, better children's play park, skate park and open space NOT more housing!!!!

I am very concerned about what the Council does with the River Park site. If you move to Bar End I want them to be very clear that the old site will be repurposed as leisure facilities too. It all seems like a nice way to generate a bit of revenue byselling off a prime city centre site to developers. We all lose out by losing our green space and leisure facility in the city centre. BE RESPONSIBLE!

i assume it will be an opportunity to increase the membership costs. There are also a number of competitive gyms within the area so i would be concerned that you may loose long term members as they will become more appealing.

Also i already completed one of these surveys 2 years ago and you did not publicise the feedback well so felt like a waste of time. My preference was the option to build an improved centre on the tennis courts at north walls

I do not think it should move!

I feel very strongly that leisure centre facilities need to be for the residents & those living close by to Winchester. The majority of residents who live in or close pay a premium for advantage of being able to walk or cycle to amenities. Without considerable changes the journey to Bar End is not feasible. We chose to have a small cinema that serves the residents in the city centre not a huge multi complex one & even though it has very limited parking it it very well supported and popular. If there is a need for a larger leisure centre, due to usage by University Students & in future by Barton Farm then possibly we should consider a second site, is Bar End, but keep the existing centre.

I hate to point it out, but the residents of Bar End and Highcliffe have to put up with the odour from the sewage farm when the wind blows in the wrong direction. Siting a leisure centre in a smelly area smacks of a hidden agenda to sell of the existing North Walls site as prime real estate. Why can't Winchester residents continue to enjoy to delightful and perfectly located North Walls site, where the Leisure Centre acts as a hub for outdoor sports and social gatherings? Bar End would become a utility but would struggle to be the excellent facility that a properly redesigned North Walls site could be.

I live at the opposite side of town and would be farther to travel. More traffic coming through town. There is not a huge need for a 50m pool, just a small membership of Penguin swimming club.

I oppose the idea of the Bar End location, the leisure centre belongs to central Winchester, close to the shops and amenities.

I presume that car parking would be provided on site for those using the facilities.

I really don't want the Leisure Centre to be located at Bar End and am disappointed that this survey doesn't address this. We need the Centre in the heart of the city. I live in the centre and walk to the current site so, if it closes, I'll have to go to a private gym instead. I would greatly regret that.

I should expect to take my car and park at my usual gym time (before 7 a.m.), but to take a bus on the odd occasions when I go in later.

I think it's a good location but I would be very concerned about what replaced it in the North Walls park

I think many people will feel this is not a good substitute for location as it is not central to Winchester

I think rather than issues Bar End offers a better solution than the current location of River Park....River Park should be retained as a green leisure area

Bar End just needs decent parking as road access already set up

I think the Council needs to think about making a good dedicated pedestrian/cyclist link from the town centre to the leisure centre to encourage regular use by as many different members of the community as possible. Any cafe should offer wholesome, nutritious food in keeping with the 'healthy' focus of the centre.

I think the leisure centre would lose a lot of customers as they wouldn't be able to get there so easily from the town centre.

I think this is a terrible location. The current location is ideal, very central, easy access, beautiful surroundings.

I would also be concerned about how the existing river park site will be redeveloped, as the area surrounding river park is a hugely attractive, widely used and valuable part of our city which would not be enhanced by a large new insensitive house building project (which again would likely also result in a further increase in town centre traffic congestion).

i would be concerned about traffic as coming from oram arbour i like river park as can go on foot - bar end would mean 1 way system or cutting through garnier rd which is not built to handle extra traffic

I would be very concerned that, given the additional journey time, usage would drop off

I would miss the old leisure centre which is in a good location serving local people.

I would be concerned about what would be built in the location of the obsolete old leisure centre and its impact on a part of town I like very much. I often walk to the current leisure centre and the surrounding park on my way to town.

I would not use any facility at Bar End as it would be out of town and therefore not eco friendly.; I would join a more convenient Gym; I have been using the existing Leisure Centre for 16 years. In my view the facilities at River Park are perfectly adequate and all that is needed is regular preventative maintenance rather than leaving things until they do not work properly and after substantial delays then fixing. The amount of water wasted at River Park whilst repairs go unresolved is a disgrace for a council facility.

I would use leisure facilities in Winchester town rather than go to Bar End to use facilities as its closer to where I live and more convenient. However, If a bus went from Worthy Road to Bar End, I would consider making this journey. It's too far to go by foot

I would worry about what will become of the nice fields at the North Walls site. Without the leisure centre there to protect them, I worry they could be developed.

If it is a fabulous facility - people will forgive the negatives

If it moves to Bar End I will probably use a gym closer to me where I can walk: New Energy or Bereweeke Tennis club.

I'll probably be eighty by the time its built; I just feel its not the right place in Winchester. Yes its cheap and will keep the nimbys of Hyde happy but the site has not got much else going for it in regards access and convenience and I think it will suffer because of this.

Impact on local residents.

Increased car travel across city

Increasing traffic going through the city centre. No longer walkable from north winchester (Weeke area). Not an attractive site. Not nearly as accessible by teenagers from all over the city who use the skate park and park with bike trails. The leisure centre must remain in a central location!

It is not a good use of space to build the leisure centre in the small area behind Gordon .avenue, it should be nearer to BarEnd road.

It is not easy to get to if you don't have use of a car.

It will add to air pollution in the town as no one will be able to walk to it: every user (apart from a few at Bar End) will either access it using a car or bus.

Also, why is it that building on a green-field site at Bar End is acceptable when the option of expanding the footprint of the current leisure centre onto a few square metres of green-field site was unacceptable? Are the green fields at Bar End less valuable to Winchester than those at Hyde? Or is it just that there are more middle-class NIMBYs in Hyde than Bar End...?

It would be less accessible to those without cars. Would certainly make traffic even worse.

What would happen to the existing site? Could that be bought by a private firm such as David Lloyd so there could still be city centre facilities?

It would be the perfect site!

It would no longer be possible to access it during the work hours if it moved out of the city. It's going to be hard to get to if you have no transport and extra expense with a bus journey. I wouldn't go that far out of town. It will put a lot of people off. Needs to have something left on the present site

It's hard to evaluate things like lights and noise because I don't live near Bar End: I can't really imagine.

However, it seems unfair and illogical that the proposed site is not central - away from the station, central bus stops, easy access by bike or on foot.

It's in the wrong place - keep it at River Park!

Its miles away from the city centre!

It's not sustainable and encourages car use and therefore less exercise and reduced health benefits. Read 'An Urban Renaissance' which gives advice on creating sustainable cities.

just don't want gym to move

Just like to take the opportunity to remind that it is beneficial to the environment and our money to install low light polution lighting.

http://www.britastro.org/dark-skies/index.php

Just to clarify - very concerned there will be adequate car parking.

lack of integration with community. Trips to it become sports only.

Less accessible

Locals may have a concern but Bar End already on the motorway. Views and noise pollution already an issue so new leisure centre can't make it much worse

Location

Location is not convenient. Too far out of town

Losing our facilities at WADAC

Loss of free to use outdoor recreation spaces

Make sure it's not in a flood plain

Moving the leisure centre to Bar End will make it inaccessible to people without cars, rendering its community function useless. It would also increase the environmental footprint of the leisure centre.

More broadly this survey is not a proper form of consultation as it does not engage citizens in the decision-making process and is simply serving as a tool to give the council legitimacy to a decision that has already been taken. Proper engagement of local citizens brings together people to make decisions collectively and reflect on the case for and against different options.

My ability to get there; I live on the station side of town in Teg Down, so this is significantly further than North walls. during the run up to christmas town was gridlocked, so my option is to go via St Catherines Hill, which is also not great as it is single traffic at points.

My concern is about access by road to via Bar End Road, the narrow and winding Garnier Road into Bull Drove or from the M3 motorway. The latter being at a standstill from the South too frequently especially near commute times.

My main concern would be ensuring good traffic management and adequate car parking on site. If using the park & ride car park is being considered to provide anything more than extreme peak time over-spill parking then i would be against it.

My only concern would be that enough car parking was created as this venue should attract users from the wider district too and should be offered as a regional centre for sport where there is provision for coach parking when teams arrive. Bar End has great access from the motorway and it is so much more preferential than encouraging more traffic into the town centre.

Need to know what the plans are for cars before commenting

New direct route from harestock to winnal would be ideal. Travel via A34 and city centre is proving traffic nightmare.

No

No need for a 50m pool.

No opinion

No, a new leisure centre at Bar End would be ideal and easy access off the M3 would make it nicely accessible to all those who would like to use the facility but are put off by travelling through the city centre.

Not a good location at all.

The existing location in the town centre is far better for drivers, pedestrians and bus users to get to. People make use of the facilities and can incorporate their fitness routine into their daily routine whilst in town. There is ample green space around for walking/playing/running and it is a good environment.

I do not think Bar End location would have all the advantages that the existing site at North Wall has.

I use the existing site regularly - 5 days a week. I would not find the proposed site at Bar End as easy to visit or make use of, and it would deter me from going.

Not an appropriate venue for our sports facility . being near the town means you can go shopping before or after using the gym

Not as accessible as in town

Not at all, I think it is a very exciting proposal for the local area and would greatly improve Winchester's sporting facilities.

Not convenient for customers working in Winchester, ie the prison, Hants county council or city council. At present they are able to walk to Riverpark in their lunch hour.

Not enough investment in total infrastructure to drive up full utilisation.

Not having a town centre / easy access facility.

Not sure there would be a noise impact.

Not walking distance from the town

Nothing

Of great concern is the potential loss of River Park Leisure centre - a city centre facility that is easily accessible to many on foot. It's popularity testifies to that.

Serious concern about what is proposed for the River Park site. How about having a swimming pool at Bar End and maintain the studio/gym/class based sports facilities at River Park?

What will happen to the fields at River Park? These are a wonderful, essential facility that are in constant use for sport, recreation and, of critical importance, socialization and should be preserved at all costs.

Only that its current location is very handy if, like me, you live in the city centre. Can't help thinking that a location at bar end would mean the centre would only be viable to people who drive. Concerned it will become a middle class only centre and only those weathly enough to drive will be able to use it.

Options for older children travelling there without parents.

Park and rides are close by.

Parking should be free for people using the facilities - perhaps charge for others to discourage people using it to park and walk into town, but certainly free for people using the facilities.

Parking space at the existing Leisure Centre is inadequate, as there are times when there is no space to park, meaning that I have to go home which is an utter waste of time and resources.

Pedestrian access from town

People exercising will not want to use the Bar End Park & Ride as an overflow facility - they want easy access & exit.

Maybe, the Highways Agency will have to re-think the traffic routes in Winchester.

As I have said, current aerobic members are indicating that if the facility does not remain central, they will take their membership elsewhere.

I believe that revenues may be reduced

Peripheral landscaping and external management. Capacity in management contracts to quickly deal with excessive rainwater/ leaf fall/ winter frost/ lighting maintenance etc and trespass by unauthorised parking eg travellers/ haulage/ overnight stopping

Plans for the conversion of the existing leisure centre will be of concern, as I am guessing that area will just become another high density housing development to the further detriment of the central town area (in terms of attractiveness, traffic and general busyness).

Please see previous note re parking.

Provision of car parking/transport would need to be future proofed, and have the ability to expand or use satellite car parks if the leisure centre held large scale events i.e. athletics and swimming meets, community events, football festivals, university sport

PUBLIC ACCESS WITH THOSE THAT DON'T OWN CARS! Too much of a trek.

Public transport / bus route

Public transport links.

Really important to create a pleasant environment with lots of natural light; a cafe serving good quality & good value hot & cold food including healthy children's options & a grassy area outside;. Are you considering an outdoor pool? This could massively increase your numbers in the summer if combined with a good cafe, splash pool, & grassy areas to sun bathe & play

Really important to make good use of existing car park facilities at St Catherine's and Barfield, and not simply create a new duplicate spaces at the centre. If necessary, Barfield could be decked over.

River park is in a good central location within the city centre but by moving the leisure centre to bar end it will drastically affect local families who can currently walk to use the facilities.

Also with the current over development of more and more houses being built in this city, surely 2 leisure centres might actually be of more benefit?

This would mean building at bar end and then refurbishing the existing centre.

I am also concerned that if the leisure centre went at river park we would lose this lovely green space as I'm sure there would be some greedy housing developers ready to jump on the site. Besides this area being potential flood areas, if houses were built on the old site it would impact on the whole look/ feel of the Hyde area.

Safe pedestrian and cycle routes

Should keep light pollution down

Sited too near motorway really - noise and traffic pollution to affect outdoors.

Need non-artificial surfaces.

Not so easy to go on "nice" walks from the centre.

Sufficient parking space as there is no alternative parking unlike the North Wall location where you can always use the next available car park in case of overflow

Surely the existing site at River Park would be better as it is a known quantiry. Also it has adjacent open space leisure facilities and easy access to the countryside.

That Bar End is a rubbish choice of location.

That it is too far away from the city centre

That the building should sustainably built using green materials and produce green energy and it should be able to reduce Winchester's carbon footprint.

that the community would lose the play area at Bar End which is so important to local children

Ensure allottments are protected to the high standard they already are.

The ability to access the centre conveniently which now can be used in conjunction with a trip to town and lunch or dinner out. A good quality cafe would be essential.

The centre will need adequate parking facilities, or to be within easy walking distance of the current park and ride car parks.

The council doing this badly and on the cheap is a concern. As is them spending the next 15 years faffing about and not getting it done, like Silver Hill. Get David Lloyd to do it... and do it NOW... get on with it.

The design of it. It would need to be a flagship building for the expanding city.

The development would have to take into account protection of the excellent walking opportunities provided by the Itchen and the surrounding beautiful countryside.

The difficulty for non-drivers to access the facilities which are currently easy to get to in North Walls

The facility in the current location is centrally placed. A move to Bar End would be less accessible to many users and therefore would likely be less used.

The fact you are considering Bar End at all. Please keep all facilities at River Park and redevelop there. I would rather pay more rates for that. More use to me to have CENTRAL facilities.

The ground is often waterlogged

The hurendous journey around the one way system every time I would go to the leisure centre and no option to cycle there safely with my three young children.

The location

The loss of any green space will be detrimental unless the plan includes environmental improvements.

The present leisure centre serves the local community of Winchester and is accessible by all either by bus, foot or car - not up to scratch for cycling but some do. Working people in Winchester are able to go in their lunch hours or before and after work. Other users have the convenience of shopping in the town before or after their exercise so it brings business to the town. If it was out of the way at Bar End it would be really difficult to access from the outskirts of Winchester and the regular loyal users would be very inconvenienced and may just turn to the private gyms around. It would just attract people from outside the town coming via the motorways and not be a local community facility at all. At the moment it is an invaluable family facility for all ages. It should not be taken away and made a large impersonal out of town centre.

The surrounding land currently owned by Tesco is not protected for continued recreational and sports activity and could be developed.

The use of any car park by commuters making it harder for users to park near the centre (which is a major problem at North Walls as most locals have worked out it is the cheapest place to park in Winchester!)

There are no buses to Bar End and I can't see how the Leisure Centre traffic per se will change that. This means that everyone will travel by car and use by office people on their way to or from work will be restricted.

There will be no light or noise pollution because it is next to the motorway.

these elements would need to be updated to take care of the additional road users and pedestrians

This consultation appears to be "skewed" towards having a new Leisure Centre at Bar End; no views have been sought on the existing Leisure Centre, which is so conveniently placed for a number of current residents (and for the new Barton Farm estate) and the North Walls park facilities. Bar End is not very central so more people will need to drive to it, thus increasing the traffic in the centre of Winchester. Also, there is no indication of what you might do with the old site; its uses are very limited - it has to be used for leisure or recreation (it definitely cannot be used for housing). Personally, I would be happy for the current Leisure Centre to be refurbished/redeveloped; I see no need for a 50m pool - I have never seen the pool busy enough to justify a pool of this size.

This is an already busy area as an entrance into and out of the city. To have more traffic that is turning off will further increase to, lets face it, already highly conjected city

This is not a concern for me as I do not live in Winchester -

Would the settlement be a catalyst for future development which may upset the local community. What safeguards are in place?

This survey appears to assume the Bar End project will proceed. I use River Park at least 2-3 times per week with my family. I do this because I walk to the site. If t moves to Bar End I will use it much less. This survey appears to me to be slewed to elicit apparent enthusiasm for Bar End. It reads very much like a marketing survey rather than a public consultation document. Who prepared and authorised it? It doesn't ask the questions I want to give the answers to. I don't feel that I want to contribute to an apparently already weighted discussion.

Times of use. Current location enables impromptu use during the day.

Too far away from central Winchester

Too far for much of the city to reach easily and would increase Winchester's overdependence on the car. As a non driver I would be excluded from using it.

Totally different point:

With the continued expansion of Winchester City and the surrounding districts I do question whether there is some value in retaining fitness facilities within the Centre of Town (your questionnaire does rather assume we're all in support of an out of town facility). I appreciate the existing facility is reaching the end of it's economic life, and I agree that a modern facility in Bar End will be a big positive for the area, but I do feel that removing all fitness facilities from a core residential area, which is easily accessible to a large number of homes on foot is a mistake. Maybe a further review of the existing facility could be carried out to establish what elements could be retained for fitness and mothball the rest, with a view to providing a smaller fitness facility in the future, as and when funds permit.

traffic

Traffic is part of a wider problem which Winchester has - though the recent Christmas events have attracted huge numbers through that particular area so I would think the much lighter traffic to and from a centre could be managed, if bus and cycling routes are improved. Lighting and noise pollution must be considered and planners sensitive to the local residents and wildlife, however lighting could enhance the area.

Travel and traffic! Winchester is mayhem!!

Underuse.

Use of car park by people not using the Leisure Centre.

Very inconvenient location.

We need the current site of the leisure centre as green space and lungs for winchester and it clearly floods - NO HOUSEBUILDING - that is a huge concern that keeps us awake at night

What will happen to the old site? Can there not be two separate centres for different activities? I am worried that the old north walls site will be sold off for housing.

Why move to a less populated area of Winchester City. Keep the leisure centre in a central location for easy access especially with the new developments happening at Pitt & Barton Farm.

Will sit there empty during the day as located on the outskirts of town - will not get passing trade like the existing leisure centre does.

There will probably will be no bike path as you will run out of money building the new centre

A large percentage of the population will not be able to afford to go there - not addressing health inequalities

Many people will be intimidated by the proposed size of the facility - the current leisure centre has a friendly inviting feel to it.

As mentioned the centre will be dominated by Winchester University and Penguins - water temperature will have to be lower for competitive swimming.

When it gets old you will tear it down - waste of tax payers money!

All of the Councils Leisure budget will go to building this new centre

This is a complete mess! How many times have you put this out to Consultation. It really is an embarrassment to Winchester City Council. I would advise you to liaise with Eastleigh Borough Council on their development of Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Save the Rec have also highlighted that WCC have badly managed River Park Leisure Centre and not maintained the facility properly since 2008. I have read the Decision Notice from the Information Commissioner. You need to be more TRANSPARENT WCC! How on earth can the residents of Winchester trust you to get this right.

Will there be any issues around the availability of the facilities if the new centre is being shared with the university. Who gets first refusal on things like football pitch bookings?

Winchester needs a larger swimming pool and this is a large site with great road access

Would need to ensure that adequate parking is provided and not used as commuter parking or P&R overflow

Would not use Bar End - I can fit in shopping and fitness three times a week at current location. Bar End is a waste of time.

Would only be concerned about car parking if it's used as a revenue raiser for council pension funds. People should be encouraged to use the facility, and having high parking rates is counter productive.

Wow. This looks like the bar end option has already been decided. What a total waste. Not one specific question relating to the refurbishment of the existing leisure centre, but three referencing a new centre at Bar End. How odd.

Yes whole area would need improved with increased traffic:

- 1) access to Bar End Road is already dangerous with fast traffic, for example to East Hill Road, in-fact I had an accident due to traffic and speed.
- 2) Also other roads/access would incur greater traffic, for example Garnier Road, which at time is already a battle with traffic calming and people jumping turns/tail-gating etc... the whole road would need re-thinking.
- 3) I would also worry about parking (if inadequate or pay & display). People are already parking on roads in area in evening/weekends to avoid payment, then doing shopping etc... this includes Quarry Road, Garnier Road and many other, this includes Sundays and eveings as some roads are permit only.
- 4) I would also worry about pedestrian traffic and the existing situation, no matter with added road/pedestrian traffic.

There were 546 separate comments about what would encourage users to make more use of leisure centre facilities. These suggestions are listed below in order of popularity.

Encourage to make more use of	
131	Pool
113	Free/More Parking
86	Stay/Happy at River Park
72	Improved Changing Rooms
44	More Classes
42	Café/Bar/Lounge
30	Pricing
27	Larger Gym
26	Cleaning
23	Public Transport
22	Access
20	Staff
15	Walking/Cycle
15	Creche/ Soft Play
15	Improve Web Site
6	Steam/Sauna/Jacuzzi
6	Climbing Wall/Yoga
5	Nothing/None
5	Indoor Track/Cricket
5	Squash
3	Tennis
1	Meeting Rooms
99	Miscellaneous (Suggestions only made by 1 person)

What if anything would encourage you to make more use of the new leisure centre? 546 comments

50m pool for training and swimming events, biathlon and triathlon events. More pool availability for public swimming and scuba diving. Large modern facility with a wide range of facilities for different activities to meet needs of whole community.

A centre run by the Council so that the profits were put back into leisure, rather than the back pockets of a private company.

A solid floor to encourage bounce of cricket balls

a. Swimming pool that is fit for purpose, (large enough and clean enough). I would also use treatments and massages if available. Also a nice place for lunch / coffee Accessibility - current site is not easily accessible to those out of city centre

Social feel - no real reason to visit current centre if not participating in an activity

Wider range of events - high quality/standard sporting events that would be worth attending as a spectator

Accessibility, ample parking, more options for sports and new sports programs. Community feel with nice outdoor space for the family.

Accessible parking, long opening hours

Again better café facilities that make it a nice place to go with small children - a café could have a colouring corner, basic toys/books for keeping children entertained. The soft play at River park is small but it does provide somewhere to go with small children. The parties are good at River park but again they now don't provide food - the food was never brilliant but it would be good to have it as an option and to improve the standard of the food.

The standard of some of the teaching could be vastly improved - e.g. the river park gymnastics is great for kids to have fun but the standard of teaching falls far short of other rival clubs.

I'd like to see more options for a range of sports for children and adults to try new sports they may otherwise not experience. A new centre could become a hub for teams to meet and run from.

All the above

All the above. The gym price is expensive compared to rival 24 hour gyms.

The classess are not easy to book online booking facilities would be better as well as online payment systems.

Better changing rooms that are more modern and not so dated and dirty

cafe being open longer hours to serve hot drinks to parents waiting for their children to do their swimming lessons before 9am at weekends

No unhealthy vending machines in the lesuire centre so a cafe with organic, gluten free options avilable with sustainable products on sale.

A lager soft play area for children

sensory sensory sessions and times for Special Needs Children like at other lesuire centres

Allready use most days

Amenities

An organised target management system to help you record progress in terms of personal goals (weight loss/muscle gain) and how frequently certain workouts have been done per week/month.

Anything that encourages children to do sport and participate. Easy access to booking online.

as above. I am a regular member and find the facility a bit outdated.

As some of my athletes are based at Winchester athletics club. To have a facility on the door step would encourge me to use alternative training methods, using different facilities, such as the gym, pool, changing facilities and the cafe/bar area.

It would also compliment the athletics track on days when they hold matches and meetings.

Benchmark the services against other leisure centres. For a city like Winchester the services are well behind other centres like Fareham and Basingstoke. Better sauna, steam and hydrotherapy facilities. The current facility is poor and is worse than what was previously in place. Better courses aimed at the activities I want to do.

Better access to car parking, air conditioning in the main hall where some classes take place, greater space in the gym.

Better and larger facilities

Better facilities

Better facilities and central location

Better facilities for pushchairs, bigger lifts or ramps and more accessible changing rooms. A crèche facility so parents can use the gym or take classes

better parking

better road links

better cleaner up to date facilities

better café - costa, starbucks etc

Better ventilated squash facilities and gym.

Bettet children's parties.

Bigger Gym - it's often very busy

Better showers

Getting rid of the amazingly slow check-in machine :)

Bookable trampolines

Build it in Bar End. Brand new facility which will provide an excellent facility for generations to come.

Can we base a triathlon club at the new center?

Clean and smart showers and changing rooms

Shop selling a wide range of sports clothing

Clean changing areas free from a stagnant smell/stench that exists currently, however much the team cleans the area

Properly sprung floors for badminton/sports hall areas - current one can badly damage joints.

complete new build

more areas for buggy parking

Currently use the facilities 4 times a week and would not seek to increase this.

Decent facilities!

Don know as it's mainly my children use it

Ease of parking

Competitive pricing

Modern environment

Family orientated activities

Ease of transport from South Wonston.

Easier parking

Online booking

Clearer membership rules

Easy access to car parking.

Activities for children

Modern swimming facilities

Outdoor running track

Easy cycle access (dedicated cycle lanes) from anywhere in the City.

Higher quality facilities - certainly nothing less than exists at River Park.

Easy parking, extensive opening hours, child friendly, quality of the facilities

Easy to clean changing room (current ones often smell of urine, with dirty floors. I do see the lifeguards cleaning them, but the smell does not go away).

Multipurpose 50m pool, so public and clubs/lessons can run at the same time.

Easy wheelchair/disable access. Viewing gallery.

Make if a happy friendly community space, lived in Winchester my whole life, lets make jobs for the community and make Winchester healthy and happy.

Ensure the facility is regularly refurbished to maintain its quality

Family events as noted above

Faster logging in system

Faster way to enter

First class facilities, reasonable entry costs and good parking

Free car park.

Free under 8 year swimming

Childrens classes

Free wifi. Get rid of the stupid booking system where you have to book free entry to the gym and get charged a fortune as a member of you don't turn up.

Fresher facilities! A better reception area where you don't have to queue for a long time to simply sign in for swimming!

Good facilities

Hydrotherapy suite a definite plus point along with treatment rooms. I currently have to travel to Basingstoke to enjoy the benefits of the communal spa pool which is lacking in Winchester

I already use it 3-4 times a week

I am 81 and use the present leisure centre primarily for gym-related exercise. Usually, I go three times each week. In view of my advanced age and the fact that the planning and construction phases for any new or refurbished centre are likely to extend beyond the period of my anticipated use, my views are marginal to say the least! Having said that, I am interested in what is to be provided for younger people and future generations and comment accordingly.

I am already using it at the maximum I can make.

I am at River Park almost every day; either for my own swimming, or children's swimming and gymnastics classes, or games of badminton. I think it would be impossible for me to be there any more! :-)

I use it as often as I can given the limitation that I work in Winchester city centre 3 days a week but live 25 miles away.

I would make more use if I had more personal time. As I age, and near retirement, I anticipate I will make much more use and my pattern of use will change.

I wouldn't use it more than I am now. I'm already using it a lot. Looking forward to a new and clean leisure centre but I'm dreading the drive around the congested one way system every time. For that reason I will end up using it less. Right now I can cycle there easily and safely through the park.

If it was a lot nicer. Would like the council to allow a good private gym in Winchester If it was at Bar End by the running track, would be more convenient to get to and could combine with running on the track also.

If it was run by local organisations and felt like a community space. I'd like somewhere to sit and work sometimes when my kids are doing sports activities.

If the facility is well managed, and inspires participation. If it is built for competitive sport. The facility could be modelled on the K2 sports facility, and host conferences, attract sporting events to Winchester. A facility needs to have a 'buzz' of activity. A restaurant with healthy options would also be popular, and attract me to the centre. I would participate in classes, swimming for fitness and spectate competitive events.

If there was a modern leisure centre I would go to gym/pool/jacuzzi.

I am a member of a private gym with pool about 12 miles away as find facilities at winchester old and dirty.

My children do do classes there - swimming mini gym and trampolining but would do more family things if nicer environment

If you decide to go for a new build why don't you convert the existing building into a new theatre. Compared to somewhere like Chichester we are sadly lacking in entertainment facilities.

Improved facilities with good changing facilities

Good design

Good programming so the family can do things at the same time but not necessarily doing the same thing.

Improved accessibility (current location a rabbit warren)

It needs better management. The facility at North Walls is very badly maintained, with lots of broken equipment. The roof leaks. Buckets everywhere when it rains. The toilets are filthy and the changing areas smell very unpleasant. The reception area is like a big Zoggs shop, with no information about the various clubs and activities going on in the centre. The vending machines are full of unhealthy snacks and sweets. It's all a bit too commercial and doesn't feel like a space for the community to use. I am not sure why our taxes pay for something that looks a lot like a big private gym and is constantly marketed as such in the local press. If I want a gym, there are plenty I can choose from. If I want sports facilities or a nice large swimming pool, where else can I go apart from a public leisure centre? Where can my kids go??

It was nothing to do with People for Places. If it was being run by a true not-for-profit organisation that invested the surplus back into the Community and sport. It offered the right mix of facilities.

Location at Bar End

Lots of activities for children.

Modern and well thought out design which makes the facility welcoming. The current facility is dated and uninspiring.

More emphasis on activities that involve both the mind and the body.

More and bigger lifts for use with prams and disability. One is Not enough.

Bigger soft play area.

More pleasant swimming changing rooms. As we have a young family it would be great to see more options for primary school children to get involved with or family court sessions eg badminton.

More sports clubs based at the leisure centre. A 50 metre pool that can be split to allow swimming lessons and lanes/public swimming at the same time

More up to date lighter facilities and more professional and interested staff

Multiple facilities in one place.

Nearer to home and new facilities

New, modern, facilities

No beauty treatment, it smell horrible, especially the nail manicure facility.

The centre could be maintained cleaner.

I have noticed that everybody could walk in it centre without ticket. E.g if the young children have swimming lessons, I noticed that man with no children watch extensively the young children from the top for hours. I complained about it, but seems that no measures has prevented it.

No, I am a very frequent user of the current leisure centre

None. I use it 4-5 times per week as it is either going to classes or walking around the grounds or taking my nephew to the playground.

Nothing

Nothing it is fine as it is

Open plan, light airy spaces

Open space

Cleanliness

Good parking facilities

Several clubs meeting at the venue

Opportunities for people to try new things without commitment on day one

Park run to meet there and use the cafe afterwards

Lots of classes

Easy to use booking systems

50m pool so you can continuously cater for all needs - families and serious lane swimmers

Provision of dedicated

Proximity

Proximity to home

Proximity to River Park

See above comment

See above

Our boy is at St.Bede's school so the existing location is very convenient for him to access activities there right after school. Although Bar end looks like a great location overall, timings of after school activities would need to be considered so that he could attend as we would now have to face traffic from St.Bedes to the new location.

See above.

sports clinic and massage as a regular user of the running track

Tennis courts, cycle racks, green building so feel good about using and supporting it, low carbon emissions, large green space, community shop.

The above facilities would make me attend at least a couple of times a week

The cafe needs to be far more comprehensive and welcoming, so as to encourage families to spend more time at the leisure center.

At the moment I sue the facility more as an individual but could see us coming as a family for a weekend morning/afternoon if the facilities were better and more like a 'David Lloyd center for example.

The current centre provides adequately for my needs - as long as similar facilities are available in the new centre it would meet my needs

The current leisure centre is shoddy and in a disgusting state, any improvements would be welcome.

The fact it is new, and not run down as it currently is.

The location as a one stop shop for leisure facilities currently spend hours increasing the carbon footprint by taking and fetching our 3 sporty children from around Winchester.

Up to date coaching facilities and academy squads use as previously used elsewhere. Updated computerised equipment in the gym,

NO muzak except through headphones.

OR quiet area where there are NO screens or canned music.

Would use more often if it were run by the Council. Would sooner see any profit put back into leisure use rather than the back pocket of a private company.

- 1. Cheaper gym prices.
- 2. At present the current location is easy to reach for non-drivers coming from rail station, bus station and central Winchester walking the same is not true of Bar End and for non-drivers like myself this would almost certainly lead to much less use by myself and my children even if there was regular transport this would add significantly to the cost.

- 1. Free parking
- 2. Decent (and more) squash courts
- 3. Better pools inc a slide pool and diving pool (open to all like the old days before health and safety)
- 4. Better management
- 5. Keeping Gill Driver as the on-site physio
- 4 week booking period for classes for members as previously given; more facilities in changing rooms, more privacy, better showers
- 50 m community pool that could be divided enabling me to swim at the same time as other users
- 50 m pool (as opposed to 25m pool)
- 50 meter pool and squash courts
- 50 meter pool with 8 lanes.
- 50 metre pool and good parking facilities
- 50 metre swimming pool
- 50m pool
- 50m pool and learner pool with sloped entry
- 50m pool as well as learner would provide more opportunity for open swim sessions and lane swimming.
- 50m pool.
- 50m swimming pool with moveable boom
- 90min Parking permits for members
- Cleaner toilets and showers
- A 50 m pool.
- A 50 m swimming pool
- A 50 metre pool
- A 50m pool for simultaneous activities for club access and lessons and those swimming for fitness or fun. The existing facility doesn't have enough space for these activities to happen together.
- A 50m pool with a boom so that it could be used as 2x25m pool

A 50m pool with adjustable boom and depth of floor would certainly be more preferential to a 25m pool and would be more practical as both members of the public and clubs could use the facilities at the same time. A 50m pool also means that swimming events could be run and staged to facilitate making money for the local authority, swimming clubs and Winchester University. As reference sites please contact The Royal Commonwealth Pool (Edinburgh) The Aquatics Village (Aberdeen) as examples of how not only to make the best out of a 50m pool with adjustable boom and floor depth. The Aquatics Village in Aberdeen is run as a three way partnership between the Council, Aberdeen University and The Lottery Fund.

A 50m pool would really be encouraging and would allow more flexibile use eg proper fitness lane swimming for adults alongside children's use and lessons at the same time. I have seen this multifunction elsewhere and it works really well.

It would also be a great asset to Winchester.

I love the idea of having so many sporting facilities under one roof. I would also be keen to see phyios/ nutrition specialists and well being aspects of a healthy lifestyle promoted.

A hub for sports would encourage me to come more as I am likely to meet a wider range of people.

It would also cater for myself and my children - we could come together.

A nice cafe and meeting area would be great. Possibly meeting rooms for groups to hire for meetings/ coaching sessions would be really useful.

A 50m pool, with a moveable boom, enabling it to be used as two 25m pools.

A 50m swimming pool

A 50m swimming pool

A 50m swimming pool.

A 50-meter pool.

A 50metre pool

A better cleaning schedule (some of the exercise studios and toilet facilities are are not very clean and allowed to get quite dirty before being cleaned)

A better management of the facility. Places for People in Winchester offer a low grade of service in comparison to other cities. I use the sports centre in Alton which is run by Places for People. The gymnastics classes as one example are outstanding with the level of coaching being incredibly high. In Winchester is is terrible. If Winchester is to have a new sports centre the management must attract new high quality staff.

A bigger and better pool with good changing facilities plus a larger gym with more up to date equipment.

A bigger gym

A bigger pool with wider lanes. Or more than one pool perhaps with one for adults only.

I regrettably had to stop going swimming because it was so busy at the only times I could go that it became unbearable.

A bigger swimming pool is needed in order to be able to cater for both public swim and community clubs use. I cannot do a morning swim as it is used by swimming clubs who do their regular morning trainings. Having a 50m pool split up would mean both clubs and public could swim alongside each other. Equally this would be the case in the day when the Leisure Centre run all their classes which restrict public access currently, but again both could run at the same time.

Having a small 'learner' pool would not solve this problem since neither public or clubs could use it for anything substantial.

I'd also like to see a bigger and better furnished café/eating area. The current one is far too small especially during busy periods.

A central and accessible location. Bar end will be further and therefore I am less likely to use it. Currently use it on way back from the station in the evenings. Would rather it stayed at northwalls.

A central location - Bar End is too "out of the way" and I would use it less. The current site is very conveniently located for Winchester residents.

I would like to see more fitness classes on offer - there are never any classes in the afternoon and very early evening, which is annoying for part time people who work until 1pm and then are free in the afternoon.

a clean swimming pool.

changing rooms that don't smell.

a clean soft play area that is big enough for number of people that use it. café outside soft play with good coffee.

light airy fitness studios

better booking system for kids classes - staff on reception never know whats going on

A clean well staffed environment that has good public transport access at all time especially evenings and weekends.

A climbing wall

A crèche facility and family friendly changing rooms.

A creche facility coupled to the childrens play area.

A crèche would mean I could go more often

A decent cafe

A more flexible and customer focused management approach.

Cleaner wet side changing rooms

A flexible contract. I was thinking of joining the current leisure center but I would use the gym at peak times and have to pay a full contract price when I realistically would only use the facilities twice a week. Off peak membership wouldn't allow me to use the facilities at the times I am available to go to the gym. The park run is good though.

A flexible membership package to include classes but not the gym & / or more availability for evening Body Balance or Yoga classes.

A ladies only gym. I have found other gyms quite intimidating and it puts me off being in a mixed environment. I want to be relaxed and enjoy my exercise.

A location close to town - Bar End would be less easy to get to - drive or 2 buses

A membership for classes and swimming only.

A MUCH improved cafe offering, perhaps with work spaces, where it would be possible to hang out of the afternoon, drink coffee, work and then hit the gym. David Lloyd have that in their offering

A new 50 meter swimming pool would be great for the community and would allow both public swimming and private club swimming at the same time.

A new 50 metre pool is a much needed improvement. I it deplorable that this densely populated area has no access to such a facility. This is bad for adults and bad for children.

A new and well constructed gym along with changing rooms. A sauna and steamroom.

I have three local grandchildren who swim every day of the week who would benefit enormously from having the facilities of one local pool especially if it were to be 50 metres.

a nice restaurant/ cafe

more pilates classes throughout the week, plus further classes

A nicer and larger swimming pool. Indoor tennis court.

A pool with constant access for leisure swimming rather than limited lanes access during a couple of hours each day. Eg. A sub-divided 50m pool

A really good pool and learner pool and a steam room and sauna. Good social area and soft play for the children

A really nice cafe/coffee shop.

Would prefer to have the Leisure Centre at Riverpark up-dated with a 50 metre pool -

This questionnaire does not have any space to put this option in

A soft play or children's indoor play area that is more modern and comprehensive than Ocean Adventure, the current offer at the leisure centre.

A wider variety of children's classes. At the moment some classes are oversubscribed, and it appears to be difficult to add additional sessions to meet demand. Its really off-putting as a parent to be dealing with the uncertainty of classes. The car park could be bigger, or have more integrated transport links - no buses stop right outside. Online booking of ALL activities would remove a barrier to us coming.

Access to a really good pool, clean facilities, good coffee shop

Accessible. Lots of parking. Low cost parking or free parking.

Adequate parking

A pool that isn't so cold

Adequate parking, competitive membership packages, 50m pool.

As a mother of 3 school age children, I spend a lot of time ferrying my children around to numerous after school activities.

Having all these activities in one place (Bar End with a 50m pool) will free up time and resources

As above - 50m pool and great cafe!

As stated above - big kids pool, big seating area to watch sports, indoor tennis, big gym

Availability of car parking and out of town location such as Bar end (avoid the one way system and city centre congestion)

babysitting facilities while I use the gym or attend a workout class.

Bar / dining facilities of better wuality

Bar end is far from city centre and may reduce time I spend there due to location

Being able to see how busy the pool (esp. kids pool) is live rather than travelling to the centre and taking a chance that there is space. Better quality catering so it's nice to spend time there.

Being able to walk to it - which neither I nor my two kids could do if it is bar end.

Being able to walk to the leisure centre is a real incentive. I'm much less likely to use facilities that necessitate using the car.

Being in a central location

Being in Bar end it would be easier to access from Alresford. ideally our town would like a pool too in the future.

I currently drive 80miles a week accessing swim squad training

a free shuttle bus to Alresford, surrounding villages would ease parking and be more environmentally friendly. I would attend more than once a week if this was on offer

Better access - would it be possible to improve road access from the rugby club area? The prospect of having to drive around the one way system puts me off using the facilities more.

Better access and parking which is limited to leisure centre use

Better access which would be possible if it were at Bar End. Better and larger parking facilities.

Better accessibility to the M3 and not having to travel around the 1-way system Better bus connections - shuttle bus from station or city centre? As well as stopping services.

Better cafe

better cafe

better changing room provision and showers

Better changing rooms - more individual changing rooms

Free parking (or reimbursable) for a certain number of hours.

Better changing rooms and more luxurious feel to centre

Better class schedule

Better cleaner soft play

Better equipped studios, all air conditioned, bigger range of gym equipment, not just bikes and treadmills. Definitely need bigger changing rooms with more cubicles so we don't have to change in public on cramped benches.

Better facilities- the existing swimming pool and changing rooms are so old and battered, and generally in a poor state of repair and cleanliness - a new pool and changing rooms would be great.

Better facilities, bigger soft play, indoor tennis courts. However I would probably stop using the centre regularly if it moved location and I had to drive there.

better gym equipment- so outdated now

better parking - but we use it all the time anwyay

Better parking and a climbing wall! :-)

Better parking

Adult or Female only swimming

better parking

better facilities

better changing rooms

Better parking.

Better swimming pool - eg Olympic length, competition standard, timing clock, more opportunities for lane swimming including fins.

Better pool and changing facilities.

More convenient time for teen gym

Better poolside changing rooms. The ones at River Park are awful! They are dirty, smelly and the showers are tucked away so many people just head into the pool without using them first.

Better quality facilities. River park is so out of date that it is an embarrassment. I also worry about the health hazard as it is mouldy and dirty

And has a terrible environmental footprint

Parkting and location at end of dead end is all wrong. Better to have more accessable location like Bar End or maybe Barton Farm Areas....take traffic out of city The idea that its location somehow helps is all wrong. Most people seem to driver anyway

Better staff and environment, longer opening hours for the gym, better gym facilities. sauna and steam and a better swimming pool

Better staff. Clean. Modern. 50m pool.

Better swimming facilities

Better swimming facilities at the moment that are woeful. We have to travel to Andover for decent gymnastic facilities to have that in winchester would be excellent.

Better swimming pool facility with a 50m pool

better swimming pool services - larger with diving facilities

Costa coffee

Better, cleaner more accessible swimming pool. A purpose built gymnasium - all 3 of my children would transfer over like a shot! A good place for snacks afterwards would be nice - something HEALTHY! please.

Better/ more car parking - always difficult to get a space during peak periods

big gym

Bigger and better gym.

Bigger free weights area in the fitness suite

Bigger gym with more equipment - very busy at Peak times and often have to wait around

Bigger pool .. Would definitely use this regularly.

Bigger swimming pool and more swimming classes

Building it in the same location as River Park!

Bus service from centre of town.

Cycle lanes from town to the new leisure centre.

It seems sensible on a green field site to build a flexible 50m pool that could be used for serious training as well as casual use. A deep pool could be used by a local dive club for SCUBA pool training.

Cafe - A bigger childrens play/pool/fun area like Romsey - Rapids/flumes of different sizes/jacuzzi/water falls. Variety really is the spice of life! Winchester is boring at hte moment and the reason we don't use it much. It's nice elsewhere.

Car parking is currently a problem

Central location easily accessible by public transport / walking distance from city centre

Central location, as currently. The adjacent parking is useful together with proximity to Winchester centre. Different people-centred staff.

centrally placed with adequate parking

Changing room facilities. Current facilities v dated and often not clean.

Changing rooms that don't smell of wee. Early morning swimming (6am). Free parking Cheaper gym membership fees.

Cheaper membership for £440 a year you need to do a lot and currently classes are being cut which doesn't make it economical.

Cheaper prices - it's ridiculously expensive and the pool is disgustingly dirty! If the pool and changing rooms were very clean I'd use them a lot more but it's proper disgusting so I'm not ever stepping foor in there

Cheaper pricing than the current centre.

Child attends junior gym which is reasonable value. Adult gym memberships are prohibitively expensive and their are much cheaper options in Winchester, and that is before taking parking costs into account. Adult memberships need to be greatly reduced to make it affordable to all residents in Winchester, not just the few that can afford it. Classes are prohibitively expensive for what they are. Would be good if there were family activities organised ie rounders, soft/baseball etc

Child minding facilities

Clean

Clean and good quality changing and shower areas. This is something that the current centre suffers from.

clean and pleasant changing facilities. Cheap parking facilities.

Clean and spacious changing rooms, helpful & friendly staff.

Clean changing areas, we would not be able to come often if it was at Bar End

CLEAN changing rooms

Clean changing rooms

Clean changing rooms (especially in swim areas)

Free parking

Enough classes to get a place without booking early

Clean changing rooms the current swimming ones are

Disgusting

Clean changing rooms

Easier parking

Being able to get in to the leaner pool when we want and not being told there is no room. Having to wait ages till theres room is not practical with small children

Clean facilities especially the swimming changing rooms which are disgusting. Toilets should not be by the shower areas where muddy shoes tread through. Preferential parking for members. Clean new facilities. Friendly, helpful staff. Better cafe. Clean well perposed changing areas. Clean Warm Easily accessible Reasonable cost Nice changing rooms Cleaner and nicer changing facilities Cleaner changing rooms. Good classes in daytime and evening Cleaner environment. More comfortable seating area to relax. CLEANER POOL AND STUDIOS, MORE CLASSES ESPECIALLY AT THE WEEK END. Cleaner swimming changing rooms and showers. Parking can be difficult due to shoppers parking then wandering off into town. Cleaner/better maintained swimming pool changing rooms Cleanliness Cafe Cleanliness! Modern facilities. Competitive pricing (flemming park for example is cheaper than RP) A decent website (the current one is buggy and difficult to use (and i am a software engineer) The ability to block book classes rather than have to re-book every week. Consistent access to a high quality pool, preferably 50m, would encourage my kids to swim more often and compete for Winchester more regularly. Continue the high standards, in terms of staff, of the old one Convenient central location with good parking - this is available at the current location.

More spaces in the evening classes - they are often booked out.

Convenient location with free parking

Crèche

Parking

More classes in evenings

Creche. Family friendly activities and facilities

Currently use at least 4 times a week at current location but this would reduce if centre moved to Bar End.

Currently: discounted rates for low-period gym / pool access and lots of useful and fun children's clubs

Different fitness classes

Diving boards

Driving through the one way system to get to the gym significantly adds time to the journey at peak times, if the new centre is at Bar End this could reduce the traffic coming into the leisure centre, making it easier to access for the M3 (living in Badger Farm that would be convenient)

earlier training times for the Winchester City Penguins club. Currently my session time is 8:30-10:00 which is about an hour too late.

Ease of access on foot.

Ease of access to the facility and ease of access to parking.

Comments from existing aerobic goers suggest that a lot will take their membership to the private facilities in Winchester as those from Kings Worthy, South Wonston, Littleton etc, who currently come to River Park by bus, would find it too timeconsuming to do two bus journeys - one to the centre and the other out to Bar End

Ease of access. Current parking and access to River Park is dire. Adds to the general traffic chaos of Winchester City Centre. New 50m pool. New gymnastics facility.

Ease of getting to the centre and, if necessary, good and reasonably priced parking.

Ease of parking and improved online booking system for activities

Ease of parking with free or subsidised parking charges identical to current North Walls site. A regular shuttle bus service from the city centre would be very useful too.

If the new site was better managed, and kept cleaner than the North Walls one, I would visit and take my children more often. I would visit more often if the exercise classes were not so oversubscribed.

Ease of parking, lower cost. For swimming better opening times (there always seems to be swimming lessons, etc, so difficult to know when can swim!)

Ease of travel into the site and parking at the site

Ease of use. Easy to get to, and related parking facilities.

Easier access to the pool at busier times.

Easier access without having to drive round the one-way system. More parking.

Easier access. The current site involves driving around the Winchester one-way system and there are often delays during working hours reaching the centre. A new facility at Bar End would be much easier to access for many people who do not live in

the centre of Winchester.

Easier access. Unfortunately if Bar End is chosen I am afraid I am likely to use the new leisure centre far less than the current centre.

Easier booking system

Easier car access. Locate at Bar End to relieve pressure on town traffic on the one way system.

Easier parking, more classes, cleaner pool facilities

Easier parking.

Easy access between the gym to the pool and hydrotherapy suite

Easy access for cyclists

Easy access from centre of city without having to use a car.

Easy access from No.5 bus route, easy parking secure cycle parking, walking distance from badger farm.

Easy access, bigger and better pool and changing facilities.

Easy access, straight from the motorway

Easy access. Cleanliness.

Easy parking

easy parking

Easy parking & also communal areas & café along with a 50m pool

Easy parking and access

Access to lane seizing all evening v eg like Basingstoke leisure centre by ice rink easy parking, good classes

Easy parking, or parking nearby. But even more important accessible by cycle away from main road. A flat path to cycle or run on would also be useful.

Easy parking. Easy to get to from the M3. The current location is slow to get to as it is part of the one way system and approaching from Alresford is not very quick.

Easy parking. More parking.

Easy to get to .. parking spaces

Essentially the process of replacement to new updated premises off the inner city one way system and adequate parking at a price which could be reduced marginally for the facility users ie not filled with persons accessing the City or other nearby locations, eg workplaces.

And also essential to my mind is regular servicing by bus in and out of the City, a sort of interchanging circular bus picking up off the park and ride / bus station/ rail station so inner town/ visiting users are not wholly car dependent.

Excellent parking. Living up in the Weeke district of Winchester it is cost prohibitive using buses just to get into town, yet alone Bar End, which iwould probably take two buses; a trip I frankly won't make.

Feeling I was more of a 'club member' would help I think?

I'm down there at least twice a week at the gym now ... and I also do Pilates elsewhere. I have also tried swimming lessons, as yet without complete success.

Cheaper fees generally are always encouraging. I think improved social/cafeteria facilities would be good. Good and easy access is important (Direct bus services?). I think FREE (or cheap) and plentiful parking for 'exercisers' is essential ...to have to share parking with a bunch of city shoppers when I want to exercise is ridiculous.

Free and adequate parking and better changing facilities including individual showers and better free hair dryers.

Free classes!

Free easy parking

"Proper" sport activities for children - run by clubs / professionals not leisure centre staff that are not sport specialists.

Free or discounted parking if using the facility

free or easier parking where you don't have to have the correct change etc. If it was a pay on foot car park so you pay on exit and don't have to rush back to car to renew ticket would be better

Free parking

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Free parking - may need controls so centre users can get parking not compete with shoppers and especially commuters.

Move sauna and steam rooms (and spa) pool side so can go straight from heat to cold.

Keep diving area/deep area. It's nice to practice surface dives down to 3m and have area to dive into pool.

Keep mixed swimming so families can enjoy time together in deeper water. (not just learner pool).

Free parking and easier access ie not in middle of town

Free parking and lots of it!

I would be interested in cheaper off peak membership for swimming and the gym if packages could be made available.

Free parking and the ability to book online with less than a week"s notice. Also if the teaching pool was open at sensible times, especially at the weekend

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Good bar / lounge facilities.

Hampshire Squash and Racketball association are working closely with England squash to invigorate the schools programme in Hampshire. Fleming park at Eastleigh is putting in 4 glass back courts in what is a huge catchment area.

There is a shortage of squash and racketball courts in Winchester to allow children from schools to tread a pathway from developing skills "in school" to playing on court.

Good lockers, good "private" showers, good auto access to the Gym, not the rubbish card software thing in the current area. Well lit parking.

Good parking

Good coffee

Healthy cafe

Spa

Good parking.

Good parking. Plenty of availablity for taking small children to swim or engage in other activities.

good pricing, ie not expensive.

Good public transport (bus route), cycle lane from town and plenty of car parking space.

Good quality changing facilities.

good swimming facilities, including a 50m pool

Good vibe. Current class booking system with fines for not turning up is great. Could do with another 5/6pm spin class. Car parking refund for gym members.

The location of the current centre is really nice. Please don't move it to bar end. Just extend the existing one.

Have the cafe accessible from the outside of the center, so people can sit outside in a patio area during good weather and it becomes more of a social hub

having a 50m pool

having it near the centre of Wnchester

Having pedestrian-friendly access.

High quality swimming pool with maximum hygiene and enough family changing rooms for demand. Also enough parking so that local residents are not affected by parking spilling into Highcliffe area.

I already use the Centre a lot, but the extra pool time for new sports would mean I used it more.

I know there are several of us keen to set up a water polo club but there is no pool time available anywhere in Winchester.

I am a keen fitness swimmer and a new 50m pool with a modern UV filtration system would encourage me to use the pool a lot more.

The current pool suffers from overcrowding and dirty water with a high level of chlorine. It is not a pleasant or healthy place to swim. It is also unsuitable for proper swimming - it is so shallow at the shallow end that you are not allowed to do a tumble turn!

I am a member of the leisure centre and enjoy going there regularly. We recently bought a house in the local area and part of our reason for choosing to live here was the proximity to the leisure centre we both enjoy going to. I am also currently pregnant and looking forward to walking there and enjoying baby/toddler activities in the future. As such, I am very happy with the facility and there is nothing that could change about it that would make me use it more. Any changes, particularly relating to the location would in fact present a barrier to me going to the leisure centre, particularly with a child.

I am a regular user. My main restriction is time. Early morning and late evening access needed.

I am a wheelchair user with five children. At the moment we use the centre a lot as of Is near our house and school.

I am quite happy with the current centre's location though agreee that refurbushment is needed.

I believe that Winchester needs a leisure centre with both a 50m AND a Learner pool.

I could only se a Bar End facility with my children if a shuttle bus went frequently from town, as I do not drive.

I enjoy using the facility. I think a good quality healthy cafe would be beneficial

I make very regular use of the current River Park leisure centre both for myself, and for swimming and numerous other activities for my young daughter. The central location very much helps with this, especially for activities that are just after school.

I may be tempted to join the gym if it is really good

I struggle to get on any of the evening exercise classes as members can register before non members so better options for drop in classes would be good.

I think a 50 metre pool would be a vast improvement on current facilities.

I use it nearly every day now because is so close from where I live. If it is moved to Bar End I think I will stop going

I use Lane Swimming 3-4 times per week, but quite oftenI find it crowded and excessively busy. I would welcome any changes that improve the Lane Swimming capacity.

I use River Park daily for the gym - it suits my current needs; a larger updated centre would be a good thing of course so long as it remains near the city centre.

I use Riverpark at the minute becasue of its central location. I don't drive so having a central location is ideal.

I use the current leisure centre weekly and Well if it's going to be moved to bar end which I am unhappy about! then I would have to travel by car - so a specialised specific bus link would be useful to the new centre

I use the facility a lot as it is very convenient for me in its current location. I will use a Bar End facility less often as it becomes a hassle to get there. I won't want to get the car out to make the journey at the end of a working day and suddenly have the hassle of driving there during the various Winchester festivals which clog up the roads, paying for parking and trying to find a parking spot. If there was a car free cycle route planned from the old facility to the new one and adequate and secure bicycle parking facilities, I would be more inclined to use the new facility. I realise this sounds whiny but ease of use is critical when everyone is so pressed for time. Local locations suit local people - near motorways is going to pull in more people from farther away. So, who is your priority?

I use the leisure centre approx 5 times a week for me and my 2 kids and husband - we walk every time to the leisure centre - as they kids grow older we will use it even more - if the leisure centre is a drive away from our house then I would definitely use it less - I would seek out classes for the kids that we could walk to or cycle to and that may not be the new leisure centre if it is in Bar End.

I use the leisure centre at least weekly taking my children to swimming lessons and have used the gym, swum and attended classes. Whilst the standard of the changing facilities is currently a bit grim, I think that the key driver is the quality of the staff, particularly swim coaches and others providing tuition.

I was a competitive swimmer when I was young, but find the current set up at River Park is overcrowded at peak times, as a result I haven't used the facility for lane swimming in years. Providing more lanes at peak times along with better changing facilities would encourage me to take the sport up again.

I would be encourage to remain a member of river park if the location remained accessible to the city centre- if the leisure centre moved to bar end it is likely i would have to cancel my membership as it would no longer be easily accessible to use from home or my place of work and i would therefore have to consider an alternative facility.

The new leisure centre appears to be a chance for WCC to make money by forcing people to use the park and ride car parks and answer to penguins swimming clubs demands for a larger pool. i currently am often unable to swim as the centre gives key early morning times to the swimming club and not the general public.

I would continue to use the gym at least two times per week where ever it was

situated. A new swimming pool with better facilities for disabled (I have an

artificial right leg) would encourage me to use it more.

I would like to be able to reach the centre with my small children by bike or by bus. Where the centre is currently located is good as it is very close to town, however I rarely cycle here with my children as the roads are too dangerous for them. Improved cycle provision from the north of the city (Weeke) into the centre, ideally away from traffic would greatly enhance my use of the facilities.

I would love a really good swimming pool for swimming lengths (and with the lanes always available), and with clean, warm and pleasant changing rooms.

I would not be encouraged to go at all if it was at Bar End especially as I have to walk there and back

I would not use a new facility if it moved away from Riverpark Location.

I think the existing facility at Riverpark should be upgraded.

I would not use it since I live near River Park and I will not be a member of the new one it this happens

I would not use the leisure centre anywhere near as frequently if it out at bar End. I currently walk to River Park as it is so central and therefore does not take much time to get to. I would not have the time to walk out to Bar End and would not wish to drive. My family and I currently use River Park at least 4 times per week at present and would radically reduce our usage unless prices were significantly lower than at present.

I would only be interested in visiting the leisure center if it had swimming facilities. I feel currently at River Park less people use the swimming facilities because the lack of flexible choices for working adults. People are limited to three lanes in the early evening. Formal, lane swimming, usually takes place after 9pm. Therefore I would encourage a more flexible timetable.

I would love to swim in a 50 meter pool. I honestly think this would be a massive draw, and guarantee people from surrounding settlements utilize the facilities. It may also be desirable for competitions etc. However I concede that the creation of a diving pool has benefits, and may create opportunities to make money through tailored diving lessons. The facilities at Alton may be a good case study.

I myself, live in-between Alton and Winchester, so have a choice. I play a range of sports and always pick Winchester due to the better swimming facilities. Its often the case that things like badmington/squash courts are the same anywhere. The swimming provides the value add.

I would probably use it less at Bar End as it would be far too difficult to get to.

I would use it a lot as I do now if it stays located close to the town centre.

I wouldn't use an out-of-town centre. I try to be environmentally friendly by minimizing car use.

I wouldn't use as its too far out of town and I couldn't get there.

If it is moved to bar end, a frequent bus service from the city centre would encourage use, and reduce cars travelling to the out of town site.

If it stayed at River Park location

If it stayed in its current location rather than moving to Bar End. The swimming pools would be nice if heated more, and if there were flumes and water play for children. Currently we have to go to Basingstoke or Romsey for a fun swim.

If it stays in North Walls

If it stays where it already is: I would not use the leisure centre as much (if at all) if it were moved to the proposed site.

If it stays where it is. If it moves to Bar End it will lose our family membership of four.

If it was at bar End it would be easier for me to access.

If it was clean!!!! The current leisure centre is DISGUSTING. I mainly use it for kids.

If it was cleaner. I think there has been a reduction in the cleaning contract and it shows:

- 1) Main hall often has lumps of dust and hair around the edges
- 2) Gym area needs even more frequent sweeping & vacuuming than it currently gets
- 3) Wet side... where do I begin?? Urine smell in ladies toilets is totally unacceptable and off-putting it's unique to RPLC, so must be to do with the design (not the users or the cleaners). Despite Christmas close-down cleaning opportunity, the wet side changing room floor tiles are is a disgrace with lumps of grey stuff that looks like old chewing gum all around. Such a shame. The ladies showers are in need of redesign more cubicles required, as despite liberal age, most women prefer to shower naked in private.

If it was rebuilt on or built close to its existing site

If it was updated and cleaner

If it was within walking distance

If the facilities were more relaxing. (le mixed sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, relaxation area)

Members area providing towels and products (such as shampoo/ conditioner)

Swimming available before 7am

A better variety of gym classes before work (6.30am or 7am). Currently there seems to only be spinning.

A dedicated spinning studio

Greater capacity in classes-every class I want to do seems to book up before I even look (and I like to plan ahead!)

If the leisure centre moved to bar end it would make it very difficult for me to take my kids there as I don't drive so this would encourage us less to use the centre.

If there was an indoor athletics track

If there were a larger (50m) swimming Pool our club WCPSC would have more pool time and therefore i could swim more often.

If there were a variety of classes on offer and at more varied times. The swimming pool area to be improved.

If there were indoor athletics facilities

If you left the leisure centre where it is at North Walls - if it is moved to Bar End I will have to drive - traffic through Winchester is already a nightmare!!!

improved changing facilities

Improved changing facilities and better cafe

Improved clean changing facilities. Improved quality of food and drinks in cafe.

Improved online booking system, adequate parking, competitive charges.

Improved pool and pool related facilities.

Improved road access or even the ability to walk there. Improved restaurant facilities will be a big draw.

Increased availability pf public swimming. Cleaner and well looked after facilities. Ability to park easily, or park and walk/ride to facility.

Increased class timetable with a variety of classes

Increased parking, with easier access to the site. Improved changing facilities for swimming and general use.

Increased provision of activities - particularly diving / competition swimming

Indoor athletics facility as described, I am the parent of an athlete as well as a coach

indoor cricket nets avilable for local club use/indoor cricket league

classes-only membership option

Indoor track area

It being clean / warm / welcoming - currently it is not (reflection on building and not staff, who are lovely).

More scheduled work ou classes at a weekend (eg more body balance)

It is located within walking distance of where I live, a proper bike bath to the centre from where I live. If it is located at Bar End I doubt I will use it. Leisure Centres should be located within a community, close to parks, near public transport and town centres - exactly where the current Leisure Centre is. Why don't you look to other countries such as Australia and the USA where they have established that it doesn't work locating sports facilities on the outskirts of a town - participation levels drop. Centres need to be in a community - we can't get people to walk let alone sign up to a Leisure Centre. By locating it a Bar End it is yet another barrier for those people who do little exercise. It seems ridiculous to knock down a building because you say it is not fit for purpose. What will happen to the new one you propose to build when it gets old - will you knock that down?

It staying at its current location.

It would be great to have a 50 m pool - Hampshire is woefully short of competition standard pools and this would be a great legacy from London 2012 - and with the right deign can easily be used as $2 \times 25 \text{ m}$ pools most of the time

it would be lovely to have an updated leisure centre for all the family to use. I would use it more if it was on the existing site as it is so much more convenient being in

town.

It's location would be the most important thing and facilities for my daughter- currently she goes swimming there weekly and uses the soft play area

jacuzzi

Just a tidy up of the general facilities in the gym and shower facilities in the gym which are second rate.

Just better staff

Keep it at North Walls. Bar End is very inconvenient for anyone from Kings Worthy, anyone who comes into town by bus, or town centre workers who use the existing centre.

Keep it where it is - if it moves more people will have to drive to the centre.

Improve your on line booking system

Keep it where it is and refurbish it

Keep the leisure centre in the current location

Keeping it at River Park!

To get to Bar End would involve catching 2 buses. Since buses do not run frequently in the evening, I would probably have to give up my membership as Bar End would be too difficult to get to.

Keeping it at the current location

Keeping it at the exsisting site

Keeping it in walking distance rather than having to drive to Bar End

Keeping it local ie in central winchester

Keeping the leisure centre in a central location in town and not at the outskirts in Bar End! It's very difficult to get to Bar End by public transport and having a leisure centre there would create more traffic in an already busy town.

Large swimming pool

good car parking facilities

Larger pool.

Larger than current dedicated indoor soft play areas for toddlers.

Larger, modernised swimming pool.

Leave it at North Walls. Much more convenient than Bar End for 75% of users.

Location - i would not use teh facilities if they relocated to Bar End as this would mean driving.

Leisure centre should remain in North Walls with more thought to other options for use of space. I would expect my use of the leisure centre to increase to three times a week with swimming and classes, plus childrens activities.

location and standard of cleanliness

Location in central Winchester. If the centre is moved to Bar End I will not join

Location is critical. I won't use it if it moves to bar end. It's not a sustainable site and would encourage greater car use. At present I walk to River Park.

Location location - I really value being able to walk to River Park and it being on the way to town/school. I think this makes it accessible for the high concentration of population in the centre of town and Hyde/Fulflood/Winnall. I would definitely use a Bar End facility much less due to the faff and traffic getting there.

I would like to see a safe network of cycle paths throughout Winchester to encourage family cycling without the current fear of traffic if it has to be Bar End..

Location. Current location is more convenient than bar end would be

Location/free parking - would stop using gym if moved to bar end and parking still cost money

Longer pool

Lower gym prices.

Loyalty schemes. Eg Pay for 10 swims get 12 tickets

Make it a decent environment to visit with easy parking

Management by a company which takes pride and has an interest in providing first class facilities rather than the current situation at River Park where the only interest is in making the maximum profit, partly supported by extracting as much cash from the council and tax payer as possible. As I understand, partnerships with universities have been successful in other parts of the UK.

More activities available during non-school times for primary age children, then facilities for young teenagers.

More availability of badminton courts. Better swimming room changing facilities.

More available times

More classes and a greater variety, especially yoga. Also more classes at different times of the day

More classes available at different times

More classes over holiday periods

Easy parking

More classes to meet growing demand e.g. early evening spinning

Cheaper court bookings during week (often not in use)

More classes, including different types of yoga.

More efficient online booking system

More flexibility with classes for non-full members,

More frequent classes e.g. body pump etc as current classes are difficult to get into.

More generous parking facilities, larger gym area, scheduled children only and adult only times for swimming facilities

More indoor cycling classes and bikes available

More lane swimming slots

Cleaner changing rooms

More professional staff

more modern changing facilities. less disorganised administration and management.

More organised administration of classes/lessons

Better public access to learner pool

Better cafe

Climbing wall

Ease of access - we can walk to river park, wouldn't to bar end

more parking

More parking spaces

Free parking

Somewhere accessible in terms of traffic flow

More parking spaces.

First class changing rooms.

A better quality and larger health & fitness club.

More parking, more fitness classes

More pool space, as above, would be a significant factor for me.

Current provision at River park for public swimming is limited, often crowded, and starts too late in the morning.

Better cafe and other leisure areas.

More space and also a much cleaner pool/ changing room area. The changing rooms are awful, and people walk onto the poolside in shoes. There needs to be some water 'barrier' between the changing area and the pool

More space so classes and gym less crowded. I would swim more if adult swimming was during social hours

More space to work out and more weights/machines/ work out facilities such as another trx and better Matt spaces. Also more exciting classes like those at new energy fitness

More swimming lanes same width & length as now

Private showers for swimmer's

More so m lane sessions

More toilets

Subtle underwater lighting and hat can vary

More daylight in pool

Cleaner facilities

More del able showers

More varied sports. Dance classes for adults

More Weight machines in the gym and a wider variety of classes available

Moving it away from near where I work would mean I cancel the membership. I would be very unhappy about this. It is within walking distance from work and allows me to exercise in my lunch break. As I have a young family this is the only time I have available to exercise

moving it would not encourage me to use it

Moving to Bar End from River Park is a bad idea. It is further out of town and less accessible. I would use a Bar End leisure centre less than I use River Park now.

To encourage me to use it I want cheaper prices and cleaner facilities.

Much better access than the present site at North Walls. The route by car via Gordon Road feels unsafe with sharp bends, narrow access, a nursery school and primary school. Easy Parking, good bus and cycling routes. Pleasant cafe area.

Much much better changing areas for swim

Dedicated lane versus open areas in the pool

More fitness and dance classes

Better coffee and relaxation area

Parking at any time included in membership - effectively I am limited to use after 5pm, otherwise the cost over the year is prohibitive

Secure bicycle parking

Multi 'clubhouse' facility for after match refreshments for home/away teamswith bar facilities

My children swim but I don't use the pool as it is too crowded, more lane sessions might help.

Need really good public transport links and safe cycle route from town for young people as bar end is a long way from town.

As I said, much more fun activities in the pool for kids of all ages.

Needs to be easy to get to by public transport, and safe for children to travel to on their own.

New building

New equipment

New pool

Clean changing rooms

The current leisure centre is the worst I have seen, and frankly doing Winchester a dis-service!

It is not enjoyable being there, dark, dingy, old & dirty!

New changing rooms with nice showers and lots of changing space for families with small children. A nice cafe that sold quality food and drink (including real coffee rather than the current machine coffee!). Continued provision for small children including Creepy Crawlies and MiniGym. An outdoor park on-site and picnic facilities.

Newer cleaner pool

Nice cafe

No parking costs for members.

Not much, the new location would make it awkward for us to get to so we would probably end up using alternative options in Andover or Basingstoke instead.

Nothing - current location is ideal

Nothing I would use less as cannot ride safely to it on my bike

Nothing, if it moves to Bar End, as it would entail a much longer walk or talking the car.

Nothing. I do not like the location. I would look for a gym nearer my home. I can walk just now to River Park and taking two buses does not appeal to me. Therefore I would look for a gym nearer. There are three to consider.

Nothing. If it's at Bar End, it would dissuade me.

Nothing. I really like the current one for my purposes.

Noting use to stay where it is and get refurbished

Other facilities in pool area

our use of the leisure centre is dictated by the timing of classes, therefore more classes during school hours for toddlers would mean increased use of the leisure centre

Overall, the facilities do need a facelift. I think this would increase our use of it as a family. My son plays tennis, I do yoga and my husband does pilates. And both my boys swim every week. Currently we only use the facilities for swimming.

Parking can be a problem at peak times. On the other hand, I don't want to encourage more traffic in central Winchester!

parking facilities

Parking facilities.

Parking. Cheaper.

Please include a 50m pool that can be divided so that different user groups can swim at the same ensuring far greater benefit to the community and increased financial returns.

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Plenty of exercise classes, nice changing rooms, good cafe, plenty of parking or within walking distance of my home

Price

Free parking

Provision of a ladies only gym and/or ladies only sessions

Public transport from Northern Winchester (Abbotts BArton), if Leisure Centre is moved to south of the city.

Public transport links and adequate car parking

Reduce prices for gym and classes.

Refurbished changing facilities. Diving boards in main pool. Children's slides in pool.

Same price for membership as current site

Same pricing and activities now provided; more circuit classes

Secure cycle parking

See above - turn up and pay gym classes.

Free parking.

See comment above. I enjoy the facilities because they are so central & can be combined with a trip to the shopping area. I be visit the leisure centre regularly & walk to the centre with my grandson who lives in Hyde regularly to swimming & classes. Bar End would not be convenient & I would not use it regularly.

Separate pool for lane swimming only throughout the day/evening

Soft play and café

Staff being helpful and visible in the weights area.

Steam and sauna rooms

Nicer changer rooms

Sufficient car parking

Swimming facilities with better changing rooms as I consider the current ones pretty disgusting. Also the way the pool is divided sometimes especially during school holiday time doesn't seem proportional to users, I am not sure much research us done

The 50m pool would make want to go more often.

The bar end site is away from housing and hard for us to get to. We would need to drive there rather than walk as we do at the moment. We would use it more if we didn't have to drive there.

The current location of River Park is no longer suitable. With the amount of traffic around the one way system (and river park being stuck on it) access can at times be almost impossible. Located next to the motorway would allow easy access in and out of the centre and free up some of the traffic on the main town.

The current parking facilities are only just enough, many times I attend the gym midweek there are only a handful of spaces free at the furthest end of the car park. If it moves to barend even more people would be forced to drive (I normally walk to the gym at the weekend but this wouldn't be possible at bar end)

The key issue for me is the range and quality of the equipment in the gym, available space for free weight training, floor exercises, etc, and the quality of the changing facilities.

The location being the most important - the Bar End is too far away. We will not use the leisure centre as we do not want to use car and rather go by public transport.

The location of river park is very convienient for me. I would struggle to get yo bar end.

The location. The current site of the leisure park is ideal. It is in central Winchester and is accessible by most residents of Winchester and easy walking distance from the bus station. To relocate the leisure centre to Bar End would encourage people to use their cars more, those without cars would have to catch two buses if they live on the opposite side of Winchester. We want to encourage people to use the leisure centre for their enjoyment and well being, discourage people from using their cars, encourage people to use public transport more and also encourage people to walk more. Another consideration is the increased amount of time it would take to get to the leisure centre if it is relocated to Bar End. Time poor working parents with children may be put of using the facilities as frequently.

The main issue for me is access: I don't own a car and currently walk to the leisure centre. It takes me 12 minutes from Fulflood. If the centre moves to Bar End it will be too far to walk and so I will stop using the leisure centre. The current location is ideal as it is centrally located in relation to the city centre.

The new leisure center is too far away from my home. I do not own a car and walk to the current leisure center. the new one is out of walking distance. I would probably have to cancel my membership if it was moved to a new location.

The pool needs to be a 50m flexible pool to make the best use of the facility. If you visit Surrey Sports Park any day of the week, but particularly at a weekend, it is absolutely buzzing with activity and the size of the venue allows additional facilities such as a climbing wall and a thriving cafe area, constrasting vastly to the dead atmosphere at River Park with a near-empty cafe. I'd also expect a much better gym facility at the new venue which I would definitely use.

The pool! The current pool is just too small for the number of people using it. It's one of the only pools in Winchester, meaning people don't have a lot of choice of where to go. I pay for a regular membership and I find it so frustrating when it is full to the brim of people and I don't get to make the most of it.

The possibility of new, updated gym classes and possibly the introduction of more gym classes would encourage me to use the new leisure center more often. A larger gym would be useful at busier times, along with more equipment.

This survey is unfair since there is no option for supporting Option 2 - the retention of the existing centre. I believe it should be retained owing to the suitability of its central location for members from surrounding villages and local people who can walk. it is also part of a sporting complex which includes cricket and rugby provision.

A new centre on the edge of Winchester would be inconvenient for many people and I fear this decision is guided by the profit motive for developing a central location rather than the convenience of centre members. The very fact that it is so well attended should emphasise the current site is ideal.

Three of my family swim regularly with Winchester City Penguins. It would be great to have one reliable, versatile venue for all, if not most of their lessons, and squad training.

A coffee shop would be well used during or after the sessions.

I am a regular gym member at Virgin Active. I'd love to join a gym that is on the same site as the swimming, so I could exercise whilst they swam.

If the pool could have diving blocks, and electronic time boards then Winchester could be a hugely popular and successful venue for all levels of swim meets.

To keep it in Hyde! To continue with a great selection of children's activities and adult fitness programmes (I particularly enjoy Swim Fit and Body Balance); more pleasant studio environment easier drop off and pick up for swimming; smaller class sizes (if it is still possible to offer as many to as many people.

Up to date equipment in the gym.

Parking - more available parking on a more flexible payment scheme to allow for attending hour classes and not having to pay for 2 hours.

Very well equipped gym with weights and classes yoga etc sociable side too

Walking access from city

warmer swimming pool and good changing area. warmer squash courts.

Wave machine in part of the pool for children

WCC staff discounts

We would like to see a really good training pool (which could be seperate from other facilities) plus some fun swimming facilities e.g flumes, rapids, fountains etc. We would definitely come more often if there were a range of swimming activities.

Much improved changing rooms are also a clear need.

Would love to be able to use sauna / steam room without being a member of the Gym

would not use new leisure centre at bar end as it would be too difficut to get to.

A leiaure centre needs to be located close to the centre of the population.

Yoga, body balance, stretch or LBT on Saturday mornings.

SUMMARY of views to the question

Is there anything else that you think would need to be improved?? (318 Comments)

Improvements to Car Parking Park (155 Comments)

The majority of comments were not concerned as much with improvements to the car parking, but to ensure that there was sufficient car parking available. There were a significant number of comments asking for free or reasonably priced parking for users of the leisure centre.

Improvements to Public Transport (60 Comments)

The majority of comments thought the current bus service to the centre was/would be inadequate and suggested that the frequency should be improved. There were several comments about improving the number of buses in the early mornings and later in the evenings. Several comments were made about the possibility of two bus journeys being needed to access Bar End.

Improvements to Traffic/Congestion/Issues (58 Comments)

There were some comments suggesting that more parking and/or wider roads would ease traffic congestion, but the majority of comments were about the current congestion and how a move to Bar End would make it worse. There were a few comments from people who thought moving to Bar End would ease traffic in the city centre.

Improvements to Cycling/Walking (50 Comments)

There were various suggestions asking for new or improved walking & cycle routes, especially away from the roads. Several respondents asked for improved cycle storage. There were a number of comments suggesting that crossing the road to the proposed new centre could be improved and improved street lighting.

Miscellaneous Improvements (83 Comments)

This section includes several diverse comments that could not be easily grouped together. The most common of which were 4 raising concerns about the lack of drainage on the site. Amongst these comments are several requesting that the leisure centre should stay are River Park. There are also a few which think moving to Bar End is a good idea. However as neither of these views are 'improvements' they have been included in this section with the other various concerns raised.

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* More parking facilities than the existing centre as sometimes it can be quite difficult to find a place to park.

A better car park and more car parking availability for evenings and weekends as frequently can't get to gym as can't park.

a lot more car parking

A lot of parking spaces / easy access

Access by road and parking close to the site. Some people have limited time for exercise and need to get in and out as quickly as possible.

Access to the site and parking.

Accessibility to adequate parking

ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING

Additional parking facilities.

Adequate free parking, better changing facilities

Adequate parking and walking access into town - unfeasable

Adequate parking as centre would serve the wider area around the town as well as Winchester

Adequate parking at a reasonable price. Parking graduated by 30 minutes not 1 hour.

Adequate parking facilities.

Adequate parking-parking not used by shoppers/commuters to Winchester

Adequate parking would be important and good roads in and out to keep flow of traffic.

Also parking, many people currently use the River Park car park to do their shopping in town as it is cheaper and longer stay than many city centre ones, and it is often hard to find a space when attending classes at the centre. Please can you ensure there are enough parking spaces for sports centre users!

Amble parking

AMPLE car parking

Ample Car parking on site

And enough car parking

As mentioned previously....plentiful free car-parking for 'exercisers' is essential. At that location, out of central Winchester, good car access and parking is crucial...buses will not be enough.

Bar End is too far. Hence I would waste money on petrol and carparking fees driving to Bar End.

Bar end would mean that many more users would need to drive to the centre, so the roads would need to be improved and make sure the car park is big enough. If people experience not being able to park, this would be a huge incentive not to use the centre and people would park in Highcliffe, creating a real parking nuisance for those residents.

Better car parking. Fitness is important but so is encouraging people to come by making it easy. I can walk to river park but would not go to bar end unless I could drive.

better parking

Car parking availability.

car parking capacity

car parking during week existing car park is filled by commuters

Car parking is poor and roads narrow surronding site

Car parking more spaces and free

Car parking provision specific to the leisure centre

Car parking

More and bigger spaces

Decent parking. With child spaces, which the current one doesn't have at all.

Depends how much parking would be available

Easy cheap parking for those with young children who come from other side of town ie Teg down where we live is a long way from bar end!

easy parking

Educate users to make use of BOTH park and ride car parks and provide disabled only parking slots on site at the sports centre. This would then encourage drivers not to drive through town but around the edge of the city to get to the car parks.

enough parking and free please

Enough car park.

Enough car parking

enough free car parking for members

ensure availability of parking

Ensure enough car parking spaces

Ensure that there is sufficient parking which is at a reasonable rate (as currently at North Walls).

Ensure their is adequate parking!

Ensure there is adequate parking

Free parking or keep the parking cost the same as current location

Ensuring the park and ride car park will accommodate users, and make it free for users - realistically that is how the majority of people will access a new leisure centre at Bar End.

Everyone will go by car, so parking space must be sufficient, and the traffic though town will get worse.....

extensive parking would be required on site.

Free a and plenty of parking spaces. I have no objections to the leisure centre moving to Bar End but I think you will have more people driving there.

Free car parking as at every other track.

Free of charge car parking facility developed

Free parking

Free parking

Free parking

Free parking for all members

Free parking for members and proven users of the centre.

free parking for patrons

Free parking in the morning is essential.

Free parking spaces for upto 3 hours

Good access and parking.

Good amount of parking

Good amount of parking available.

Good parking at reduced rates

Good parking.

Have free parking

I definitely think there should be a pass system for things such as swimming lessons so you don't pay for parking on top of lessons on a weekly basis - it is not fair to have to pay for parking when you are genuinely using the facility.

I haven't reviewed any detailed plans for the bar end site but I assume there will be ample parking, better than currently offered at north walls.

I imagine there would need to be vastly improved provision for parking as there isn't much available there at the moment.

I would also worry about parking (if inadequate or pay & display). People are already parking on roads in area in evening/weekends to avoid payment, then doing shopping etc... this includes Quarry Road, Garnier Road and many other, this includes Sundays and eveings as some roads are permit only.

If cars could park in a new car park near the main road, then there would not be so many cars parking by the children's play area and it would be safer.

Important there is sufficient parking

Improved Parking back at north walls/ Hyde abbey road for residents returning from the gym / leisure centre of an evening who will then return to find no parking space - which is not great and would be a reason not to go!

Improved parking facilities and improved road access, particularly from town centre

Improved parking facilities for regular users without the high cost of use.

It's out of town, so enough parking for customers would need to be provided.

Just make sure there is sufficient parking, and that it doesn't cost a fortune

Large designated car parking.

Larger car park that is free to people using the centre.

Larger car park.

Lots of parking - this is the key problem with current site.

Lots of Parking. I live in an outlying community and public transport from it to Bar End is likely to be a long and very tedious journey which would decrease my use. Particularly as I age.

Major improvements to parking to service large number of sports teams using the facility

Make sure parking is ample and fairly priced

More car parking required as further from centre of Winchester

More parking prefably free for 1 hour to cover the duration of classes.

More parking spaces than currently available - as Bar End is more out of the way, I know that more of my friends would have to drive - and parking should not be expensive as we already pay to use the leisure centre.

More parking than at the north walls site. An amzing play ground

More parking would be required and assuming access is not from Milland Road there would need to be a barrier to the existing parking at the Uni club house to prevent unauthorised users from using that and creating a nuisance on Milland Road.

My personal feeling is that bar end is further out of the centre of Winchester and as such more people may drive there and as such what would the parking facilities be?

Nearby parking is a must or the centre will not be used.

Need sufficient car parking!

Needs good parking.

Suggested Improvements to Car Parking (155 Comments) (Total 318) Needs to be ample, affordable parking. Not really, access is all plus good parking. On site parking would be essential, carefully thought out so it does not impact on residents (ie not via Milland Road), not require a road crossing (ie not at the park and ride as currently for the stadium) and that minimised loss of existing sports pitches. parking **Parking** parking **Parking Parking Parking** parking **Parking** Parking Parking - there needs to be improved and plentiful parking. Many gym users attend the gym either early morning before work or immediately after work and therefore drive to the gym as an extension of their daily commute. Free parking before 9 am and after 5 pm should be maintained and by making the first two hours of parking free throughout the day to everyone would encourage high usage. Parking thereafter could be charged at a rate that discourages commuters from using the facility's parking. Parking and bus routes back into town. Parking and road access. Parking and traffic congestion issues Parking as the location almost out of town. parking at least with the same number of spaces as we have at present, is a pre-requisite Parking facilities Parking facilities Parking facilities Parking Facilities Parking facilities would be needed as well. Parking facilities. Bar end car parks are already over subscribed. parking or a dedicated bus service Parking other than park and ride ie cheaper option for 1-2 hours otherwise membership will reduce. Parking should not be neglected, as vital for those with children (especially if you live at the

other end of the city).

Parking space

Parking spaces

Parking to be free

parking would need to be good as it is less accessable than current site

Parking,

Parking, wider roads

Parking.

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we live out east in teh sticks and busses are a pain in the "#"*!

Parking/ traffic easing

Please improve the parking for private vehicles.

Plenty of car parking

Plenty of free parking spaces.

Plenty of parking adjacent to facilities - cheap and obviously short term to stop all day parkers using it.

Plenty of parking, free for the leisure users

Plenty of reasonable priced car parking

Provision for adequate parking.

Or safe pedestrian access from existing parking amenities.

Sufficient car parking facilities

Sufficient parking for those who do need to drive.

There would need to be more parking there than there is at River Park.

There would need to be sufficient parking - this is a huge issue at the existing centre. The old Serco site would be ideal, and the Park and Ride as overflow parking for sporting events.

This site will need ample parking, otherwise It simply wont be used. Remember that residents from smaller communities depend on the site.

Tighter patrols on permit parking. I am all for the centre to be built in Bar End but permits would need to be changed to 10pm not 6pm to safeguard residents parking and be enforced or residents given power to enforce. There is abuse already to use the running track.

Would definitely need a lot of car parking as it would be most unlikely that people would walk there form the town and the use of cars would be increased

(Total 318) **Suggested improvements to public transport** (60 Comments)

The majority of comments thought the current bus service to the centre was/would be inadequate and suggested that the frequency should be improved. There were several comments about improving the number of buses in the early mornings and later in the evenings. Several comments were made about the possibility of two bus journeys being need to access Bar End.

A free shuttle bus from the north and west of the city would remove a major barrier to use.

A free shuttle service between the old Leisure Centre and the new one at Bar End (if it goes ahead) would encourage more use of a centre at Bar End.

A proper crossing from the Park and Ride would be excellent. At present it is dangerous for me, never mind children, to navigate this road at times.

Another idea would be to have a dedicated non stop / loop shuttle bus service running from the broadway out to the new centre and back.

As a pensioner I have a free bus pass but would be unable to use this on a park & ride bus unless I & many other residents of Olivers Battery drove the car to Park & Ride

At 6.00 a.m it is impossible to get to Bar End from the City centre other than to walk or by car. and in order to get to work outside central Winchester it is necessary to leave by 07.15 - again no bus service is available so parking at least with the same number of spaces as we have at present, is a pre-requisite

Bus service dedicated to the leisure center and subsidised if you are not having the leisure central in town.

Bus service not really essential....has never been one to riverpark, plus isn't it RIGHT by a park and ride?

Co-ordinated transport links with park & ride scheme.

Educate users to make use of BOTH park and ride car parks and provide disabled only parking slots on site at the sports centre. This would then encourage drivers not to drive through town but around the edge of the city to get to the car parks.

FREE access to to the site from the city centre. I do NOT want it moved as this would mean I would need to get TWO buses to get there and tbh I wouldn't be bothered.

Free bus for pensioners as park and ride is not currently free

Free bus from Winchester town to Bar end to encourage people to leave their cars at home and therefore not increase traffic in the area

Free shuttle bus to and from town centre

Frequent bus services is a requisite

good car access and parking is crucial...buses will not be enough.

I am unsure whether a bus service is economically viable for non-daytime activity.

I don't know about the bus service in that area currently except for the regular park and ride.

I live in an outlying community and public transport from it to Bar End is likely to be a long and very tedious journey which would decrease my use. Particularly as I age.

(Total 318) **Suggested improvements to public transport** (60 Comments)

I live outside Winchester to the north and would like to see a bus service that connects from this area to the new leisure centre. If you could help me avoid a longer journey that would involve negotiating the Winnall roundabout (A34 and M3 connections) or going via the city centre, that would encourage me to use the new centre. Perhaps there would be scope to connect the new Barton Farm park and ride?

I think the cycle and bus routes are quite good, but they need to be advertised better. Apparently, you can use the park and ride bus even if you don't have a car parked at the park and ride car park, but nobody seems to know this and there is no fare advertised.

I use public transport to go swimming but if moved it is too far away for me if moved to Bar End so transport and access very important

I would expect that a bus would be too expensive and inconvenient for my family to use.

I would never catch a bus there and i don't see how you could improve a cycling route down north walls or along chesil street

If Bar End becomes the site of a new Leisure centre I would not use it whether there was improvements to pedestrian, cycle or bus routes.

If public transport is not an option to drop children to courses there needs to be enough short stay parking in the area

Its all about access to thee site. People on low incomes will even struggle with bus fairs that have gone up considerably.

Bus from badger farm will be tricky = if I had to get 2 buses I would prob just drive to eastleigh where the parking is free.

Just mainly the bus service, I get the Park & Ride to Hockey Training at the Sports Stadium and it is very busy as it is.

Leave it at North Walls. Nearly all the bus routes go down North Walls and that makes it easier to get to for people from most of Winchester.

Lots of people live in walking distance but will have to use a car or inadequate public transport if the centre is moved to Bar End. Public transport and the highway system generally are based around servicing trips into and out of the city centre, rather than cross-town journeys that are a nightmare.

Many local residents using public transport (buses) to access the facility would need to take at least one, probably two buses - ie. one to the city centre and then one out to Bar End.

Maybe have a bus stop on the park and ride route and a shuttle from the train station.

Maybe the evening bus service may need to be enhanced.

More linked up park and ride. If I park at Pitt can I get one bus to the leisure centre? Is it included in my entrance fee?

much more frequent bus service (or reduced price for leisure centre users)

Need an evening and Sunday bus service to bar end!

New bus services will merely add to the congestion in the city

Offer a discount to centre users who travel by public transport.

Parking and bus routes back into town.

(Total 318) **Suggested improvements to public transport** (60 Comments)

parking or a dedicated bus service

Probably not use bar end, and if tempted I shall need to get the car out and not use public transport

Public transport to Bar End and Highcliffe is rather useless, the buses hardly ever go (once an hour during the week). The leisure centre at Bar End might be used much less due to the remote location and traffic may increase.

Regarding buses - maybe the park and ride services could take more pedestrians into nd around the area rather than requiring specific additional services?

Roads and buses would need loads of investment.

Rugby, moving to bar end would mean he would have to leave as Wouldnt have enough time to get there after school with public transport in Winchester

shuttle service to city centre 8am to 6pm every day

Specific bus service from north wall and back to give good safe access for all ages including teenagers

Strange question, given there is no bus service to River Park today

Suggested bus shuttle to Alresford and surrounding villages

The current location is easy to access by one bus for most people. Moving the location to Bar End would require 2 buses, so could discourage people from using the centre.

The park and ride service there is OK now - but could be changed to incorporate a new leisure centre.

there is limited lighting between the P&R and Kingsgate, this is important as there is no public transport from Stanmore/Badger Farm to Bar End at the moment (but there is to the current Leisure Centre)

There would need to be free parking or a free bus service to the site for me to use it

There would need to be sufficient parking - this is a huge issue at the existing centre. The old Serco site would be ideal, and the Park and Ride as overflow parking for sporting events.

Transport from South Wonston

Transport is crucial, if everyone has to drive it will be a disaster, does not encourage healthy lifestyles and adds to traffic problems inthe city.

We live in Kings Worthy and my teenage children would need to catch more than one bus to reach bar end

we live out east in teh sticks and busses are a pain in the "#"*!

Where it is now is more central so people can walk or catch public transport to get there.

Yes, location has no access via train, so not suitable,

(Total 318) **Improvements to Traffic Congestion Issues** (58 Comments)

There were a some comments suggesting that more parking and/or wider roads would ease traffic congestion, but the majority of comments were about the current congestion and how a move to Bar End would make it worse. There were a few comments from people who thought moving to Bar End would ease traffic in the city centre.

Access by car is far easier to bar end and avoids the town centre one way system when traveling from many areas.

Access by road and parking close to the site. Some people have limited time for exercise and need to get in and out as quickly as possible.

Access generally which should not be via Highcliffe estate

Access route in to bar end should be reconsidered as part of development as the cross roads opposite bar end industrial estate would probably be overwhelmed.

Already a busy road will cause congestion.

Associated road improvements

Bar End Road is narrow and if often blocked on one side with delivery vehicles/roadworks etc. The new Leisure Centre may need to look at access routes carefully to prevent even more traffic problems on an already busy road.

Bar End will increase the city centre traffic.

Bar end would mean that many more users would need to drive to the centre, so the roads would need to be improved and make sure the car park is big enough... people would park in Highcliffe, creating a real parking nuisance for those residents.

Better road

Car parking is poor and roads narrow surronding site

Chesil Street is a very tight road and increasing traffic down there needs to be carefully considered and managed.

depending on where it is access by car and the surround roadways and it can be very busy and congested at bar end

Ensure any car access to new leisure centre is well thought through so as not to affect local residents of Bar End / Highcliffe.

everybody would use the car and congestion in Winchester just get worse.

Everyone will go by car, so parking space must be sufficient, and the traffic though town will get worse.....

Greatly improved access to the Bar End area from the rest of Winchester. It is somewhat isolated being only accessible via a narrow road from St Cross or through the city centre.

I think bar-end is quite a difficult place to drive to - either you need to go through town or a long way around to get to it.

If you could help me avoid a longer journey that would involve negotiating the Winnall roundabout (A34 and M3 connections) or going via the city centre, that would encourage me to use the new centre.

Improved traffic management to ensure it is easy to get to and from during peak times.

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Improvement of the road network especially the motorway junction at bar end and the roundabouts to handle the increased traffic volume.

Improvement to one way system

Improvements to traffic flow through city centre. Leisure Centre at Bar End is more suited to people arriving via M3.

It is perfectly situated and very easily accessible - much better than River Park in the centre of town. Adequate parking would be important and good roads in and out to keep flow of traffic.

It seems unlikely that the roads will be able to cope with the increased traffic in that area

It will increase traffic flow through the city centre as people from Fulflood, Hyde, etc, will now have to drive there. New bus services will merely add to the congestion in the city.

Junction from the motorway would need to be changed to allow traffic to get out of the site.

Major re-routing of traffic at busy times when the M3 exit is heavily used

Many current members like to exercise in the gym either before work or immediately after work. At both of these times, not only is Bar End road congested but so is the city centre -

Moving to Bar End will only increase traffic aroudnthe city unless you do THE RESPONSIBLE THING and allow cycle access.

My goodness me at the thought of navigating around the North Walls and round to Bar end through Winchester.

Parking and traffic congestion issues

Parking, wider roads

Parking/ traffic easing

Positioning a leisure centre at Bar end is the obvious choice this will cut down on the terrible traffic jams into town.

Properly consider traffic congestion

Roads and buses would need loads of investment.

Roads from the north of Winchester would need to be improved, particularly given Barton Farm development.

That route is very busy already, I'm afraid the city traffic is going to get much worse, unless we drive round Winchester by M3, bypass, any other way but through city;

The leisure centre at Bar End might be used much less due to the remote location and traffic may increase.

The one way system... so we can actually get to Bar End. It's painful enough getting to the River Park, so Bar End will be a nightmare.

The road access in Winchester will need improvements otherwise the city will become more gridlocked.

The road access needs to be improved; there is frequently a queue to get into town from bar end:

The roads to cope with the extra traffic

(Total 318) **Improvements to Traffic Congestion Issues** (58 Comments)

The roundabout outside of the Bar End stadium where the proposed new leisure centre needs to be well marked / made more obvious to drivers not used to driving in Bar End;

The traffic flow through Winchester to enable members to travel there and back without suffering so much frustration that they eventually cease to be a member

The traffic system generally would need to be improved, which isn't likely to happen.

Traffic flow from motorway and roundabout needs the be considered, particularly during rush hour periods.

Traffic flow of the one way system since most users will need to navigate around pretty much all of it to reach Bar End.

Traffic is very busy crossing town/coming down Spitfire already

Traffic lights to replace roundabout by Old Chesil Rectory.

Traffic management as it is too busy in that area with the motorway access

Traffic management for access to and from motorway at peak times (Bar End Rd can get snarled as it is during rush hour).

Transport links...THE M3!!!!!!! Surely people can and will travel via the motorway rather than through town...

Try and reduce traffic congestion as much as possible but offering good entry and exit routes through 2 or 3 places not just the one.

Trying to get down to Bar End at rush hour is already ridiculous and would be worse with traffic of people wanting to use the facilities

Winchester is already congested and the location of the new centre could well add to this.

Yes whole area would need improved with increased traffic:

Also other roads/access would incur greater traffic, for example Garnier Road, which at time is already a battle with traffic calming and people jumping turns/tail-gating etc... the whole road would need re-thinking.

(Total 318) Improvements to Cycling/Walking (50 Comments)

There were various suggestions asking for new or improved cycle & walking routes, especially away from the roads. Several respondents asked for improved cycle storage. There were a number of comments suggesting that crossing the road to the proposed new centre could be improved and improved street lighting.

Additional pedestrian crossings are needed at Bar End NOW.

Cycle routes should be dedicated and separated from traffic to a new leisure centre.

An 'off road' cycle route would be a bonus (the road along to the motorway is not fun to navigate at present!)

Better bike parking facilities (undercover, more secure? E.g. card access?)

But if it were to happen there would need to be a walking route set out from the city centre as the current access is along an unpleasant, narrow and polluted road.

(Total 318) **Improvements to Cycling/Walking** (50 Comments)

Crossing Bar End Road as a pedestrian is dangerous as there is no designated crossing close to the park & ride.

Crossing point at entrance, also large amount of car parking with spaces for coaches.

Cycle routes definitely need improving - and not just shared with pedestrians

Cycle routes throughout winchester

Cycle sheds to keep bikes dry and secure.

Cycling routes will need MASSIVE improvement as large existing and planned residential areas will no longer realistically be in walking distance

Cycling through town is dangerous and I would have a big hill up Romsey Road to climb on the way back.

Ensure safe pedestrian and cycle access.

Especially improved cycle routes through the city centre - e.g. from Police station to Chesil Street.

Good walking access from the city centre through the cathedral, through Kingsgate, along College Street, along Domum Road, across Barfield car park, and Bar End Road.

I don't use the bus service (rather cycle) so cannot comment on this aspect

I regularly cycle from the city centre to St Catherines and the journey isn't pleasant at all especially in the dark.

If the existing St Catherine's park and ride car park is being considered to support the new leisure centre could a new cycle/footpath be put in from the car park, under the section of Bar End Road that rises to the M3 roundabout (by Chilcomb Lane) and straight across to the recreation centre? This would bypass the wide road junction & traffic lights and provide a much better route for leisure centre users.

I think the cycle and bus routes are quite good, but they need to be advertised better.

I would also worry about pedestrian traffic and the existing situation, no matter with added road/pedestrian traffic.

I would never catch a bus there and i don't see how you could improve a cycling route down north walls or along chesil street. I would not personally see it as the best idea to encourage people to cycle /walk down the hockley viaduct in winter months due to poor lighting /remoteness and the fact that you have a variety of rough sleepers in the area.

I would probably drive to the site whereas I can easily walk or cycle to the river park. I am not that clear how the pedestrian access would work, but this is not relevant as it is too far to walk from my home in Weeke with kids.

I'd like to see how marked and measured paths/cycleways could be put in around the Bar End site to encourage it to become a destination for public health as a whole, not just sport inside the centre. Better access paths and cycleways leading to the site would help.

If Bar End becomes the site of a new Leisure centre I would not use it whether there was improvements to pedestrian, cycle or bus routes.

(Total 318) Improvements to Cycling/Walking (50 Comments)

If you move the leisure centre to Bar End it is essential to create safe off-road cycle access from all areas of our city do THE RESPONSIBLE THING and allow cycle access. Not just a few on-road cycle lanes like you usually do, bt PROPER OFF-ROAD CYCLE ACCESS. I feel extremely strongly about this.

Improved cycling access would be absolutely crucial, as current provision to cross town is totally inadequate.

It falls under pedestrian access, but the Bar End Road crossing from Bar End Park & Ride already needs to be made safer. It is dangerous.

It would be great it you could improve the cycle links between Winchester and surrounding villages. I'd specifically like to see a safe link between New Alresford and Winchester. A great solution would be to convert the old rail line into a cycle path, linking Alresford and Winchester. This would improve access to Bar End and reduce the number of cars coming into Winchester as it would be safer and easier for people to ride in.

Lighting & design of local main paths to make walking there safer

Location is also quite far to walk, not ideal for a sport and communit centre

Need crossing on main road -- It is very difficult to cross the road from the park and ride to the athletics track.

Off road safe cycle paths that allow access to the facilities from all directions

Provide bike racks - similar to those at the station/park and ride where bikes are better secured- and good cycle routes to encourage users (families and individuals) to cycle to and from sports centre.

By providing good cycle facilities this could reduce city congestion.

Road safety at the mini-roundabout. Proper cycle routes across town from current location to Bar End.

Safe bike and pedestrian paths please.

safe pedestrian access from existing parking amenities.

Secure CCTV bike park undercover.

Secure parking for bikes.

Pedestrian/ bike crossing to join up Water Lane and riverside walk.

Cycle path along Garnier road

Street lights because in my experience the area is generally not lit sufficiently and the dark winters are long

strong and safe access to the facility on bicycles would be advantageous

The cycle access must have a dedicated lanes (as I said above)

The pedestrian access could be improved quite easily with more well lit paths and some extra crossings on the main roads. Same for the cycle routes.

There is already a great cycle route from town in to Bar End.

There needs to be a clear and safe family cycle route from Abbots Barton to Bar End. The crossing at North Walls is sufficient and safe but from there to bard end is far fro ideal and to cross the one way system and the the road by the Mill is extremely dangerous.

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There would definitely need to be improved cycle routes and ensure availability of parking. However I am concerned it will still be difficult for pedestrian access to do distance from city centre.

Therefore well lit cycle and pathway routes must be provided to ensure people are not left stranded. I;m thinking of woman and children.

to encourage pedestrians and cyclists from the west side of Winchester, better lighting would be welcome from Bar End to Garner Road and onto Kingsgate

Unfortunately, I have no idea how you could create a cycle bath down the very narrow Bar End.

walking to the leisure centre would no longer be an option for many due to its location.

Yes, the crossing at Bar End Road is dreadful. We park at Park n Ride and cross for football at the Garrison - ALWAYS terribly difficult and dangerous, especially for children (crossing independently is a complete no-no).

you would need a safe way to get there so a designated cycle route away from all the traffic, plus parking

Zebra crossing needed from bar end park and ride car park to stadium

(Total 318) **Miscellaneous suggestions for Improvements** (83 Comments)

This section includes several diverse comments that could not be easily grouped together. The most common of which were 4 raising concerns about the lack of drainage on the site. Amongst these comments are several requesting that the leisure centre should stay are River Park. There are also a few which think moving to Bar End is a good idea. However as neither of these views are 'improvements' they have been included in this section with the other various concerns raised.

Also I think the drainage will be a problem and will need improving

A shop could go where the depot office is now (it's empty and could be converted).

The children's play area is already nice but more types of equipment could be added to make it better.

a variety of rough sleepers in the area.

Why not solar powered street lamps?

I don't believe Bar End to be a site that should be developed.

The plan of a leisure centre at Bar End is completely inadequate.

The only gainers are likely to be the owners of private leisure centres who will gain more customers at the expense of the council, who will lose customers. With less income to pay for the building costs a new centre based at Bar End will become a white elephant. Please think again and go for the second option.

Moving the leisure centre to Bar End is a crazy idea. If people want an olympic-sized swimming pool then build that at Bar End.

I would use it with my family whereas I don't use the current one as it's too small.

Current location more central

It should stay where it is for all of us city centre users.

Improvement of the surrounding area green spaces and buildings to match a new smarter development

Development of a Leisure Centre at Bar End might offer the opportunity of more space for 'a state of the art' facility for winchester....and it MUST be that if the project is started from scratch here.

Teleport from current location

I like the leisure centre where it is

Living in Hyde I would not use the new centre; if River Park closes I will have to consider a private gym, and give up swimming.

I personally think Bar End is the wrong side of town and too far out of town.

50m pool

would still need a training pool for young children to help them learn to swim.

This facility would be much further from the Town Centre, therefore it would not be viable to use the Leisure Centre and the other facilities of the Town Centre at the same visit security guards/wardens outside

For me, it would be a real shame if the Leisure facilities moved to Bar End. Currently I can walk from my house to Riverpark but Bar End is too far. Hence I would waste money on petrol and carparking fees driving to Bar End.

My personal feeling is that bar end is further out of the centre of Winchester I would far prefer the leisure centre to stay at its current site.

Increase drainage, very swampy area.

Improve the main swimming pool capacity,

I feel that River Park is in a better location where it is now

Keep it where it is

It would need to have a better choice of activity classes to make the journey worthwhile.

Why Bar End? Why not redevelop and expand intelligently the existing River Park site? No opinion

I like the centre where it is, as access it very easy, I think it would be better to keep river park where it is but make improvemmets. I would not use a facility that was too big or open to all public. I prefer a more personal approach .

Disabled access will be important for users of the hydrotherapy facilities.

As the centre will be out of town the cafe needs to be much better than the one at RPLC. It should be able to provide light meals as well as healthy snacks. A bar area should be available for evening users of the large hall.

Bar end is too far for me. Would not use it.

This survey is all focused on moving the facilities to Bar End. Bar End is not central in Winchester so is not as nearby, convenient or accessible as the riverpark in its current location for the majority of residents. If the facilities are moved to Bar End I WOULD NOT USE THEM, and neither would many other residents in Winchester. Please rebuild in current location!!

i cant comment on this = don't have a clue

The entire rationale for a move to Bar End is flawed. It is based on a premise of a refurbished leisure centre causing lost lost green space. In my view, this is unnecessary and the strong public opinion must be listened to, or the process will fall at an inevitable Judicial Review The bar end is the wrong location - too far away from the city centre.

I am not familiar with the issues the answer the above

The location is not central, unless you are planning to put it near the bishop on the bridge pub, I'm guessing you want to put it nearer the dump though.

Links from town centre to the leisure centre would def need improving

No

Crèche facility so parents could attend classes.

I would rarely use centre at the new location, as it is very inconvenient and would probably find alternatives.

DONT MOVE THE LEISURE CENTRE

access to countryside footpaths and the running track

Bar end sports center is a big mistake for the community - it presupposes a single use journey to use the leisure centre which requires transport and more time. Fine if the facility was county or regional level - but for a city level facility it needs to be integrated with the city. Many users' attitudes towards driving. Make this as car-free as possible.

I would really hate for it to be at Bar End, as my kids would miss out on a lot. Do almost everything would have to be improved!

Personally I think bar end is too far out of the city. Customers like the convenience river park provides as they can pop in during lunch hour, or quickly before or after work.

It is in a bad, inaccessible location.

From my point of view I think we would not use the leisure centre if it was at bar end as it is too far for us and the current location is ideal.

Signposting

Bar end is not a good idea, it is very difficult to access from north of the city and the leisure centre needs to be central and accessible by all - North Walls is perfect why move?? drainage of the pitches as they do flood in the winter fairly regularly

I think River Park could be re-developed as a leisure facility - children's play area, cafe, tennis courts, bowling, lido, lake etc. Whilst Bar End could be more sports orientated. Needs to be able to cater for the gorwing population of Winchester.

Really bad idea to move a central sports facility to edge of town location - in reality people will drive to it! Keep it at north walls!!!

I believe the current leisure centre be refurbished.

Leisure Centre should stay where it is

Contract management of the current service provider.

Improvements to grass pitches, especially drainage

The current Leisure Centre is such a hub of the community, it is difficult to see how this atmosphere would be able to be fostered at Bar End.

Good floodlights for night use

The location -way too far away from the current location. Would not be able to travel to new location.

Where is the option to support the current centre?????

Keep it at River Park!

Yes nearer to where I live as the current one is -so I will not have to use my car!!!

I don't want it at this location

would not use Bar End

Keep the main liesure centre in the middle of the community so the maximum number of people can walk to it or get easy transport to it. Put more specialist facilities in bar end or a subset of facilities. Keep the swimming pool in town.

Customer service. The cafe is not open in the early morning at weekends when parents bring their children to swimming lessons.

The location. I am a member as I can currently walk to the gym from work. I work for a large employer in Winchester and know that there are many others from my work who would not be able to use it if it moved to Bar End

The location is less convenient for local people.

Absolutely! The BUSINESS CASE for re-siting to Bar End still needs to made, as currently it seems to be based on statistics of new residents from Barton Farm, rather than evidence based on user preferences.

The Bar End site holds a serious risk of becoming the equivalent of a soleless out-of-town leisure park that might serve one part of the car-using family demographic, but could unintentionally disenfranchise a vast number of frequent users across the whole demographic. RPLC is a SOCIAL hub as well as a facility. It is steeped in success. Being in the heart of the city it gives a clear message that Exercise is central to our thinking. It is not beyond the wit of a good architect to maximise the current site without any significant increase in footprint. It just requires a bit more thought, and I do hope the right level of effort can be put into a smart redevelopment of the current site and its access.

I would not use a leisure centre at Bar End

Lighting

No matter what you do, during the day this facility will sit empty and will be monopolised by Winchester University and Penguins who have bullied the Council in to this. The swimming pool will also be dominated by Penguins who will want the water temperature lower for training and this is not conducive to leisure swimmers.

A Cafe / bar open to all is unnecessary and inappropriate.

The leisure centre would be ideally located on. the land currently owned by Tesco which should be compulsorily purchased by the council.

I travel to River Park by car and would do the same if the site were to be relocated to Bar End. Bar End is a terrible choice you will encourage car use - especially in winter Creche facilities at Pool for mothers who want to be able to get a little exercise.

50 Meter pool

yes, the current gym at the current location

Whilst I think the current management of River Park meets most standards and needs I am minded to request any leasing out / management contracts might be open to public comment such that users get a view on what to expect and hence have a base on which to be more comfortable/ confident in sharing problems and solutions in real time.

All Comments

Is there anything else that you think would need to be improved? (318 Comments)

50 Meter pool

A better car park and more car parking availability for evenings and weekends as frequently can't get to gym as can't park. Brewer lighting in the car park would make a difference too.

A Cafe / bar open to all is unnecessary and inappropriate.

A free shuttle bus from the north and west of the city would remove a major barrier to use. Living in Hyde I would not use the new centre; if River Park closes I will have to consider a private gym, and give up swimming.

A free shuttle service between the old Leisure Centre and the new one at Bar End (if it goes ahead) would encourage more use of a centre at Bar End.

a lot more car parking more outdoor floodlit pitches security guards/wardens outside

A lot of parking spaces / easy access

A proper crossing from the Park and Ride would be excellent. At present it is dangerous for me, never mind children, to navigate this road at times.

An 'off road' cycle route would be a bonus (the road along to the motorway is not fun to navigate at present!)

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Access by car is far easier to bar end and avoids the town centre one way system when traveling from many areas.

Access by road and parking close to the site. Some people have limited time for exercise and need to get in and out as quickly as possible.

Access generally which should not be via Highcliffe estate

Access route in to bar end should be reconsidered as part of development as the cross roads opposite bar end industrial estate would probably be overwhelmed.

access to countryside footpaths and the running track

Access to the site and parking.

Accessibility to adequate parking

ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING

Additional parking facilities.

Adequate free parking, better changing facilities

Adequate parking and walking access into town - unfeasable

Adequate parking as centre would serve the wider area around the town as well as Winchester

Adequate parking at a reasonable price. Parking graduated by 30 minutes not 1 hour.

Adequate parking facilities. Better bike parking facilities (undercover, more secure? E.g. card access?)

Adequate parking parking not used by shoppers/commuters to Winchester

Already a busy road will cause congestion. Current location more central

Amble parking

AMPLE car parking

Ample Car parking on site

And enough car parking

As mentioned previously....plentiful free car-parking for 'exercisers' is essential. At that location, out of central Winchester, good car access and parking is crucial...buses will not be enough.

Development of a Leisure Centre at Bar End might offer the opportunity of more space for 'a state of the art' facility for winchester....and it MUST be that if the project is started from scratch here.

If new-build happens at Bar End then at least the existing leisure centre at River Park can be patched up sufficiently to carry on whilst the new facility is under construction..........Full sports facilities must be maintained in winchester throughout this 'redevelopment of something/somewhere' period.

Associated road improvements

At 6.00 a.m it is impossible to get to Bar End from the City centre other than to walk or by car. and in order to get to work outside central Winchester it is necessary to leave by 07.15 - again no bus service is available so parking at least with the same number of spaces as we have at present, is a pre-requisite

Bar End is a terrible choice you will encourage car use - especially in winter

Bar end is not a good idea, it is very difficult to access from north of the city and the leisure centre needs to be central and accessible by all - North Walls is perfect why move??

Bar end is too far for me. Would not use it.

Bar End Road is narrow and if often blocked on one side with delivery vehicles/roadworks etc. The new Leisure Centre may need to look at access routes carefully to prevent even more traffic problems on an already busy road.

Also parking, many people currently use the River Park car park to do their shopping in town as it is cheaper and longer stay than many city centre ones, and it is often hard to find a space when attending classes at the centre. Please can you ensure there are enough parking spaces for sports centre users!

The current children's play area is good if you are killing time while waiting for swimming or somesuch. There is little indoor play provision for preschool age children, and an enlarged soft play could generate its own revenue and save people travelling to Andover/Chandler's Ford for soft play. I would use it with my family whereas I don't use the current one as it's too small.

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Bar end would mean that many more users would need to drive to the centre, so the roads would need to be improved and make sure the car park is big enough. If people experience not being able to park, this would be a huge incentive not to use the centre and people would park in Highcliffe, creating a real parking nuisance for those residents.

Better car parking. Fitness is important but so is encouraging people to come by making it easy. I can walk to river park but would not go to bar end unless I could drive.

better parking

Better road

Bus service dedicated to the leisure center and subsidised if you are not having the leisure central in town.

Bus service not really essential....has never been one to riverpark, plus isn't it RIGHT by a park and ride?

Just make sure there is sufficient parking, and that it doesn't cost a fortune Cafe with an outdoor area.

Free parking for members and proven users of the centre.

Free bus for pensioners as park and ride is not currently free

Car parking

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Car parking availability.

car parking capacity

car parking during week existing car park is filled by commuters

Car parking is poor and roads narrow surronding site

Car parking more spaces and free

Car parking provision specific to the leisure centre

Car parking

More and bigger spaces

Chesil Street is a very tight road and increasing traffic down there needs to be carefully considered and managed. All of the above are crucial considerations to enable access to a Bar End facility.

Contract management of the current service provider.

Co-ordinated transport links with park & ride scheme.

50m pool

Creche facilities at Pool for mothers who want to be able to get a little exercise.

Crèche facility so parents could attend classes.

Crossing point at entrance, also large amount of car parking with spaces for coaches.

Customer service. The cafe is not open in the early morning at weekends when parents bring their children to swimming lessons.

Cycle routes definitely need improving - and not just shared with pedestrians Car Parking

Cycle routes throughout winchester

Cycling routes will need MASSIVE improvement as large existing and planned residential areas will no longer realistically be in walking distance of the centre and this will be the ONLY way to avoid yet another increase in traffic congestion in a city that is already becoming more and more congested each year.

Decent parking. With child spaces, which the current one doesn't have at all.

depending on where it is access by car and the surround roadways and it can be very busy and congested at bar end

Depends how much parking would be available

Disabled access will be important for users of the hydrotherapy facilities.

Facilities in the centre will need to be able to cope with users from track events so make sure they are designed on a suitable scale

As the centre will be out of town the cafe needs to be much better than the one at RPLC. It should be able to provide light meals as well as healthy snacks. A bar area should be available for evening users of the large hall.

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drainage of the pitches as they do flood in the winter fairly regularly

Easy cheap parking for those with young children who come from other side of town ie Teg down where we live is a long way from bar end!

easy parking

enough parking and free please

Enough car park.

Enough car parking

enough free car parking for members

Ensure any car access to new leisure centre is well thought through so as not to affect local residents of Bar End / Highcliffe. Plant trees to screen access road / car park / new buildings from residential areas. Limit speed to reduce traffic noise. Ensure safe pedestrian and cycle access.

Ensure enough car parking spaces

Ensure that there is sufficient parking which is at a reasonable rate (as currently at North Walls).

Ensure their is adequate parking!

Ensure there is adequate parking

Free parking or keep the parking cost the same as current location

Ensuring the park and ride car park will accommodate users, and make it free for users - realistically that is how the majority of people will access a new leisure centre at Bar End.

Especially improved cycle routes through the city centre - e.g. from Police station to Chesil Street.

extensive parking would be required on site.

For me, it would be a real shame if the Leisure facilities moved to Bar End. Currently I can walk from my house to Riverpark but Bar End is too far. Hence I would waste money on petrol and carparking fees driving to Bar End.

Free a and plenty of parking spaces. I have no objections to the leisure centre moving to Bar End but I think you will have more people driving there.

FREE access to to the site from the city centre. I do NOT want it moved as this would mean I would need to get TWO buses to get there and tbh I wouldn't be bothered. Too much hastle with 2 small kids. It would actually put me off using it. Not good for fitness;-) The location right now is PERFECT.

Free bus from Winchester town to Bar end to encourage people to leave their cars at home and therefore not increase traffic in the area

Free car parking as at every other track.

Free of charge car parking facility developed

Free parking

Free parking for all members

free parking for patrons

Free parking in the morning is essential.

Free parking spaces for upto 3 hours

Free parking

Traffic is very busy crossing town/coming down Spitfire already

Free shuttle bus to and from town centre

Frequent bus services is a requisite

From my point of view I think we would not use the leisure centre if it was at bar end as it is too far for us and the current location is ideal.

Given the popularity of Triathlons and the developing clubs across the UK strong and safe access to the facility on bicycles would be advantageous for regular training activities and to assist with competitors in the future.

Regarding buses - maybe the park and ride services could take more pedestrians into nd around the area rather than requiring specific additional services?

Good access and parking.

Good amount of parking

Good amount of parking available. Try and reduce traffic congestion as much as possible but offering good entry and exit routes through 2 or 3 places not just the one.

Good floodlights for night use

Good parking at reduced rates

Good parking.

Good walking access from the city centre through the cathedral, through Kingsgate, along College Street, along Domum Road, across Barfield car park, and Bar End Road.

Greatly improved access to the Bar End area from the rest of Winchester. It is somewhat isolated being only accessible via a narrow road from St Cross or through the city centre. Yes there is the M3 but that's not its role.

Have free parking

I am not familiar with the issues the answer the above

I am not in favour of a centre at bar end as i am a winchester resident and chose to be a member of a facility that was easily accessible from within the city centre. I believe that moving it to bar end will encourage even more traffic through the city centre to get there and is likely that many local residents will leave the centre. I would never catch a bus there and i don't see how you could improve a cycling route down north walls or along chesil street. I would not personally see it as the best idea to encourage people to cycle /walk down the hockley viaduct in winter months due to poor lighting /remoteness and the fact that you have a variety of rough sleepers in the area.

I believe the current leisure centre be refurbished.

i cant comment on this = don't have a clue

I don't believe Bar End to be a site that should be developed. It is too far away from the local community. The present location at River Park allows for dual reasons to be in Winchester; visit the gym and combine with local shopping. The Bar End site does not offer this. This makes answering the above three questions irrelevant as the site is not appropriate. If Bar End becomes the site of a new Leisure centre I would not use it whether there was improvements to pedestrian, cycle or bus routes.

I would join a gym in Winchester itself.

I dont know about the bus service in that area currently except for the regular park and ride. would still need a training pool for young children to help them learn to swim.

I don't use the bus service (rather cycle) so cannot comment on this aspect

I don't want it at this location

I feel that River Park is in a better location where it is now. Bar End would need improvements to make it more accessible.

I haven't reviewed any detailed plans for the bar end site but I assume there will be ample parking, better than currently offered at north walls.

I imagine there would need to be vastly improved provision for parking as there isn't much available there at the moment.

I like the centre where it is, as access it very easy, I think it would be better to keep river park where it is but make improvemmets. I would not use a facility that was too big or open to all public. I prefer a more personal approach .

I live outside Winchester to the north and would like to see a bus service that connects from this area to the new leisure centre. If you could help me avoid a longer journey that would involve negotiating the Winnall roundabout (A34 and M3 connections) or going via the city centre, that would encourage me to use the new centre. Perhaps there would be scope to connect the new Barton Farm park and ride?

I often do Body Balance at lunchtime and would not be able to reach the Bar End site at that time of day as it would take too long to get there & back in the working day. However I park at the East park & ride car park so this would be a more convenient location for using the leisure centre after work. I regularly cycle from the city centre to St Catherines and the journey isn't pleasant at all especially in the dark.

One route is via North Walls -Eastgate Street - Bar End Road. One danger spot is near the old fire station where traffic leaves North Walls to Union St / Durngate, cars will cut across bikes just after overtaking, assuming the bike is also turning left because that's what most of the cars in that lane do.

The other route is Southgate St - St Swithun St - through the Kingsgate, College St - College Walk - Domum Road - up the new ramp & past the Biffa site - Barfield Close which is safer in terms of road traffic up to where Barfield Close meets Bar End Road. The end of path between TJ's and Biffa should be widened to give better visibility and to allow space for bikes to overtake pedestrians.

If the existing St Catherine's park and ride car park is being considered to support the new leisure centre could a new cycle/footpath be put in from the car park, under the section of Bar End Road that rises to the M3 roundabout (by Chilcomb Lane) and straight across to the recreation centre? This would bypass the wide road junction & traffic lights and provide a much better route for leisure centre users.

I personally think Bar End is the wrong side of town and too far out of town. Where it is now is more central so people can walk or catch public transport to get there. Particularly in the winter months.

I think River Park could be re-developed as a leisure facility - children's play area, cafe, tennis courts, bowling, lido, lake etc. Whilst Bar End could be more sports orientated. Needs to be able to cater for the gorwing population of Winchester.

I think the cycle and bus routes are quite good, but they need to be advertised better. Apparently, you can use the park and ride bus even if you don't have a car parked at the park and ride car park, but nobody seems to know this and there is no fare advertised. The sports grounds at Bar End need to be opened up so you can get to them all better. It doesn't feel like one big sports park yet, but it could if there were more paths through, connecting it all together. You'd have to put some more lighting in. Why not solar powered street lamps?

I travel to River Park by car and would do the same if the site were to be relocated to Bar End.

I use public transport to go swimming but if moved it is too far away for me if moved to Bar End so transport and access very important or will no longer be able to go swimming.

I would not use a leisure centre at Bar End

I would probably drive to the site whereas I can easily walk or cycle to the river park. I am disappointed to lose the town centre location.

I am not that clear how the pedestrian access would work, but this is not relevant as it is too far to walk from my home in Weeke with kids.

I would expect that a bus would be too expensive and inconvenient for my family to use.

I would rarely use centre at the new location, as it is very inconvenient and would probably find alternatives.

I would really hate for it to be at Bar End, as my kids would miss out on a lot. Do almost everything would have to be improved!

I'd like to see how marked and measured paths/cycleways could be put in around the Bar End site to encourage it to become a destination for public health as a whole, not just sport inside the centre. Better access paths and cycleways leading to the site would help.

If you move the leisure centre to Bar End it is essential to create safe off-road cycle access from all areas of our city. Keep our children safe and reduce traffic. Moving to Bar End will only increase traffic aroudnthe city unless you do THE RESPONSIBLE THING and allow cycle access. Not just a few on-road cycle lanes like you usually do, bt PROPER OFF-ROAD CYCLE ACCESS. I feel extremely strongly about this.

Important there is sufficient parking

Improved cycling access would be absolutely crucial, as current provision to cross town is totally inadequate.

Improved Parking back at north walls/ Hyde abbey road for residents returning from the gym / leisure centre of an evening who will then return to find no parking space - which is not great and would be a reason not to go!

Specific bus service from north wall and back to give good safe access for all ages including teenagers

Improved parking facilities and improved road access, particularly from town centre

Improved parking facilities for regular users without the high cost of use. This facility would be much further from the Town Centre, therefore it would not be viable to use the Leisure Centre and the other facilities of the Town Centre at the same visit

Improved traffic management to ensure it is easy to get to and from during peak times.

Improvement of the road network especially the motorway junction at bar end and the roundabouts to handle the increased traffic volume.

Improvement of the surrounding area green spaces and buildings to match a new smarter development

Improvement to one way system

Improvements to grass pitches, especially drainage

Improvements to traffic flow through city centre. Leisure Centre at Bar End is more suited to people arriving via M3. Majority of Winchester housing is in the northern sector, even more so once Barton Farm completed.

Increase drainage, very swampy area. Needs good parking.

It falls under pedestrian access, but the Bar End Road crossing from Bar End Park & Ride already needs to be made safer. It is dangerous.

More parking would be required and assuming access is not from Milland Road there would need to be a barrier to the existing parking at the Uni club house to prevent unauthorised users from using that and creating a nuisance on Milland Road.

It is in a bad, inaccessible location.

It is perfectly situated and very easily accessible - much better than River Park in the centre of town. Adequate parking would be important and good roads in and out to keep flow of traffic. It would be such an amazing asset and likely very well attended.

It is so far out of town, you will have to think about how it can be reached from the other side of the city, especially when there are more houses being build on that side. Everyone will go by car, so parking space must be sufficient, and the traffic though town will get worse....

It should stay where it is for all of us city centre users. Bar End will increase the city centre traffic.

It takes me 2 minutes to walk to the leisure centre currently so I am not at all keen on the move to Bar End. But if it were to happen there would need to be a walking route set out from the city centre as the current access is along an unpleasant, narrow and polluted road.

It would be great it you could improve the cycle links between Winchester and surrounding villages. I'd specifically like to see a safe link between New Alresford and Winchester. A great solution would be to convert the old rail line into a cycle path, linking Alresford and Winchester. This would improve access to Bar End and reduce the number of cars coming into Winchester as it would be safer and easier for people to ride in.

It would need to have a better choice of activity classes to make the journey worthwhile.

Its all about access to thee site. People on low incomes will even struggle with bus fairs that have gone up considerably. Safe bike and pedestrian paths please.

Bus from badger farm will be tricky = if I had to get 2 buses I would prob just drive to eastleigh where the parking is free.

It's bad enough getting up bar end already without having the leisure centre there Aswell my son has classes at the busiest time he loves his

Rugby, moving to bar end would mean he would have to leave as Wouldnt have enough time to get there after school with public transport in Winchester

It's out of town, so enough parking for customers would need to be provided.

Junction from the motorway would need to be changed to allow traffic to get out of the site. Would definitely need a lot of car parking as it would be most unlikely that people would walk there form the town and the use of cars would be increased

Just mainly the bus service, I get the Park & Ride to Hockey Training at the Sports Stadium and it is very busy as it is.

Keep it at River Park!

Keep it where it is

Keep the main liesure centre in the middle of the community so the maximum number of people can walk to it or get easy transport to it. Put more specialist facilities in bar end or a subset of facilities. Keep the swimming pool in town.

Large designated car parking.

Larger car park that is free to people using the centre.

Larger car park.

Leave it at North Walls. Nearly all the bus routes go down North Walls and that makes it easier to get to for people from most of Winchester.

Move it to Bar End and the only viable access will be the car and that mitigates against elderly and young people suing it.

Leisure Centre should stay where it is

Lighting

Lighting & design of local main paths to make walking there safer Free parking

Links from town centre to the leisure centre would def need improving

Lots of parking - this is the key problem with current site.

Lots of Parking. I live in an outlying community and public transport from it to Bar End is likely to be a long and very tedious journey which would decrease my use. Particularly as I age.

Major improvements to parking to service large number of sports teams using the facility

Major re-routing of traffic at busy times when the M3 exit is heavily used

Make sure parking is ample and fairly priced

Many current members like to exercise in the gym either before work or immediately after work. At both of these times, not only is Bar End road congested but so is the city centre - people will go elsewhere, where it is easier to access. And at Christmas time, just forget it!! The roads in Winchester just are gridlocked.

Many local residents using public transport (buses) to access the facility would need to take at least one, probably two buses - ie. one to the city centre and then one out to Bar End. The majority of people would choose to drive rather than do this; furthermore walking to the leisure centre would no longer be an option for many due to its location. This in turn would have a detrimental impact on the environment due to the potentially high increase in short car journeys.

Many users' attitudes towards driving. Make this as car-free as possible.

Maybe have a bus stop on the park and ride route and a shuttle from the train station.

Maybe the evening bus service may need to be enhanced.

Crossing Bar End Road as a pedestrian is dangerous as there is no designated crossing close to the park & ride.

More car parking required as further from centre of Winchester

More parking facilities than the existing centre as sometimes it can be quite difficult to find a place to park.

I think bar-end is quite a difficult place to drive to - either you need to go through town or a long way around to get to it.

More linked up park and ride. If I park at Pitt can I get one bus to the leisure centre? Is it included in my entrance fee?

More parking prefably free for 1 hour to cover the duration of classes.

More parking spaces than currently available - as Bar End is more out of the way, I know that more of my friends would have to drive - and parking should not be expensive as we already pay to use the leisure centre.

More parking than at the north walls site. An amzing play ground

Moving the leisure centre to Bar End is a crazy idea. It will increase traffic flow through the city centre as people from Fulflood, Hyde, etc, will now have to drive there. The city is already suffering from terrible air pollution. This option will only exacerbate the problem. Few people in Winchester cycle because of the hills. For most people apart from those in Bar End itself the new centre will be too far to walk. New bus services will merely add to the congestion in the city. I thought leisure centres were meant to improve the health of the local population, not contribute to air pollution and thus reduce everyone's quality of life... Leave the leisure centre where it is and explore options to rebuild it. If people want an olympic-sized swimming pool then build that at Bar End.

much more frequent bus service (or reduced price for leisure centre users)

My goodness me at the thought of navigating around the North Walls and round to Bar end through Winchester. We live in Kings Worthy and my teenage children would need to catch more than one bus to reach bar end

We use WADAC twice a week and its ridiculous to pick up and drop right now. Please please please give sensitive thought to how we would access a facility at bar end without any romantic notion that families will walk in from Winchester.

My personal feeling is that bar end is further out of the centre of Winchester and as such more people may drive there and as such what would the parking facilities be? Also, why would you want to encourage more people to drive? It makes more sense to me for the leisure centre to be more central to town. Location is vitally important. I would far prefer the leisure centre to stay at its current site.

Need crossing on main road -- It is very difficult to cross the road from the park and ride to the athletics track.

Need sufficient car parking!

Needs to be ample, affordable parking. Cycle sheds to keep bikes dry and secure.

No

No matter what you do, during the day this facility will sit empty and will be monopolised by Winchester University and Penguins who have bullied the Council in to this. These two organisations are not thinking about the wider community who actually don't want to use Leisure Centres. It also does not address health inequalities - very disappointing. I have heard people from these organisation saying that people can get a bus there yet it would be interesting to see if they or their children have ever caught a bus in Winchester especially at night in winter! The swimming pool will also be dominated by Penguins who will want the water temperature lower for training and this is not conducive to leisure swimmers.

No opinion

Not really, access is all plus good parking.

Off road safe cycle paths that allow access to the facilities from all directions

On site parking would be essential, carefully thought out so it does not impact on residents (ie not via Milland Road), not require a road crossing (ie not at the park and ride as currently for the stadium) and that minimised loss of existing sports pitches.

parking

Parking - there needs to be improved and plentiful parking. Many gym users attend the gym either early morning before work or immediately after work and therefore drive to the gym as an extension of their daily commute. Free parking before 9 am and after 5 pm should be maintained and by making the first two hours of parking free throughout the day to everyone would encourage high usage. Parking thereafter could be charged at a rate that discourages commuters from using the facility's parking.

Parking and bus routes back into town.

Parking and road access.

Parking and traffic congestion issues

Parking as the location almost out of town.

Parking facilities

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Parking facilities would be needed as well.

Parking facilities. Bar end car parks are already over subscribed. If public transport is not an option to drop children to courses there needs to be enough short stay parking in the area parking or a dedicated bus service

Parking other than park and ride ie cheaper option for 1-2 hours otherwise membership will reduce.

Parking should not be neglected, as vital for those with children (especially if you live at the other end of the city).

Parking space

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Parking to be free

parking would need to be good as it is less accessable than current site

Parking, decent changing facilities with showers that don't sand blast you at high temperatures when you come out of the pool

Parking, wider roads

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we live out east in teh sticks and busses are a pain in the "#"*!

Parking/ traffic easing

Personally I think bar end is too far out of the city. Customers like the convenience river park provides as they can pop in during lunch hour, or quickly before or after work.

Please improve the parking for private vehicles.

Improve the main swimming pool capacity,

Plenty of car parking

Plenty of free parking spaces.

Plenty of parking adjacent to facilities - cheap and obviously short term to stop all day parkers using it.

Plenty of parking, free for the leisure users

Plenty of reasonable priced car parking

Positioning a leisure centre at Bar end is the obvious choice this will cut down on the terrible traffic jams into town. I don't take my children to classes at river park because it is too hard to get through the traffic at peak times. Bar end is a far more sensible option.

Properly consider traffic congestion

Provision for adequate parking.

Or safe pedestrian access from existing parking amenities.

Really bad idea to move a central sports facility to edge of town location - in reality people will drive to it! Keep it at north walls!!!

Road safety at the mini-roundabout. Proper cycle routes across town from current location to Bar End.

Roads and buses would need loads of investment.

Roads from the north of Winchester would need to be improved, particularly given Barton Farm development. I would be put off from using the centre because of the time to get there from north Winchester.

Secure CCTV bike park undercover.

Secure parking for bikes.

Pedestrian/ bike crossing to join up Water Lane and riverside walk.

Cycle path along Garnier road

shuttle service to city centre 8am to 6pm every day

Signposting

Sorry, don't know about bus service. I definitely think there should be a pass system for things such as swimming lessons so you don't pay for parking on top of lessons on a weekly basis - it is not fair to have to pay for parking when you are genuinely using the facility.

Strange question, given there is no bus service to River Park today

Street lights because in my experience the area is generally not lit sufficiently and the dark winters are long. Also I think the drainage will be a problem and will need improving. It seems unlikely that the roads will be able to cope with the increased traffic in that area

Sufficient car parking facilities. Offer a discount to centre users who travel by public transport.

Sufficient parking for those who do need to drive.

Suggested bus shuttle to Alresford and surrounding villages

Teleport from current location

I like the leisure centre where it is

Probably not use bar end, and if tempted I shall need to get the car out and not use public transport

That route is very busy already, I'm afraid the city traffic is going to get much worse, unless we drive round Winchester by M3, bypass, any other way but through city; hough it'd be a great location for those who use park and ride service

The bar end is the wrong location - too far away from the city centre.

The current central location makes River Park very accessible. I will be interested to see how the new centre at Bar End is made as accessible without the need for the use of a car. Winchester is already congested and the location of the new centre could well add to this. The 3 suggestions listed above are all key. Another idea would be to have a dedicated non stop / loop shuttle bus service running from the broadway out to the new centre and back.

The current Leisure Centre is such a hub of the community, it is difficult to see how this atmosphere would be able to be fostered at Bar End.

The current location is easy to access by one bus for most people. Moving the location to Bar End would require 2 buses, so could discourage people from using the centre. Also the current town centre location feels safe - my daughters both get the bus by themselves after school to the leisure centre to go to swimming / gymnastics / dance classes. If the venue was at Bar End I would worry about their safety as it is a less populated area. Also, because they would have to change buses, they wouldn't have felt confident enough when they were younger to take the bus by themselves to go swimming. So as a working parent, my children would have missed out on the facilities on offer.

The cycle access must have a dedicated lanes (as I said above)

The entire rationale for a move to Bar End is flawed. It is based on a premise of a refurbished leisure centre causing lost lost green space. In my view, this is unnecessary and the strong public opinion must be listened to, or the process will fall at an inevitable Judicial Review

The leisure centre would be ideally located on. the land currently owned by Tesco which should be compulsorily purchased by the council.

The location is less convenient for local people.

The location is not central, unless you are planning to put it near the bishop on the bridge pub, I'm guessing you want to put it nearer the dump though.

The location -way too far away from the current location. Would not be able to travel to new location.

The location. I am a member as I can currently walk to the gym from work. I work for a large employer in Winchester and know that there are many others from my work who would not be able to use it if it moved to Bar End

The one way system... so we can actually get to Bar End. It's painful enough getting to the River Park, so Bar End will be a nightmare. This is not a simple case of... let's build a new centre in Bar End... it's a case of 'too many new homes, too many people, and an infrastructure that can't cope'

The park and ride service there is OK now - but could be changed to incorporate a new leisure centre.

Additional pedestrian crossings are needed at Bar End NOW.

Cycle routes should be dedicated and separated from traffic to a new leisure centre.

The pedestrian access could be improved quite easily with more well lit paths and some extra crossings on the main roads. Same for the cycle routes. Need an evening and Sunday bus service to bar end!

A shop could go where the depot office is now (it's empty and could be converted). The children's play area is already nice but more types of equipment could be added to make it better. If cars could park in a new car park near the main road, then there would not be so many cars parking by the children's play area and it would be safer.

The plan of a leisure centre at Bar End is completely inadequate. Winchester needs a leisure centre in a central location, not at the outskirts. Public transport to Bar End and Highcliffe is rather useless, the buses hardly ever go (once an hour during the week). The leisure centre at Bar End might be used much less due to the remote location and traffic may increase.

The riad access in Winchester will need improvements otherwise the city will become more gridlocked.

The road access needs to be improved; there is frequently a queue to get into town from bar end; I live on the train station side, so it would be significantly more travel to get to bar end. If I took a bus into town, I could not get there with two children and even if you improve the bus services, it's unlikely that my bus would go to the leisure centre; so 2 buses to get there. Not viable really.

The roads to cope with the extra traffic

The roundabout outside of the Bar End stadium where the proposed new leisure centre needs to be well marked / made more obvious to drivers not used to driving in Bar End; often people think it's a T junction and don't pay attention to traffic oncoming from the right

The traffic flow through Winchester to enable members to travel there and back without suffering so much frustration that they eventually cease to be a member and join another club of which there are now many in Winchester

The traffic system generally would need to be improved, which isn't likely to happen. The central location of the current leisure centre is its strength. Lots of people live in walking distance but will have to use a car or inadequate public transport if the centre is moved to Bar End. Public transport and the highway system generally are based around servicing trips into and out of the city centre, rather than cross-town journeys that are a nightmare. All of the new housing development in Winchester (eg Pitt and Barton Farm) is well away from Bar End and new residents will have far more difficult journeys than they would at present. I would rather continue to use the existing leisure centre in its current state than see a new centre built in the wrong location. The only gainers are likely to be the owners of private leisure centres who will gain more customers at the expense of the council, who will lose customers. With less income to pay for the building costs a new centre based at Bar End will become a white elephant. Please think again and go for the second option.

There is already a great cycle route from town in to Bar End.

There needs to be a clear and safe family cycle route from Abbots Barton to Bar End. The crossing at North Walls is sufficient and safe but from there to bard end is far fro ideal and to cross the one way system and the the road by the Mill is extremely dangerous.

There would definitely need to be improved cycle routes and ensure availability of parking. However I am concerned it will still be difficult for pedestrian access to do distance from city centre.

There would need to be free parking or a free bus service to the site for me to use it as I can walk to River Park and do not want to drive through the one-way system to Bar End and also pay for parking. Cycling through town is dangerous and I would have a big hill up Romsey Road to climb on the way back.

There would need to be more parking there than there is at River Park.

There would need to be sufficient parking - this is a huge issue at the existing centre. The old Serco site would be ideal, and the Park and Ride as overflow parking for sporting events.

This site will need ample parking, otherwise It simply wont be used. Remember that residents from smaller communities depend on the site.

As with any new development, the council must commit to infrastructure. I am unsure whether a bus service is economically viable for non-daytime activity. Therefore well lit cycle and pathway routes must be provided to ensure people are not left stranded. I;m thinking of woman and children.

This survey is all focused on moving the facilities to Bar End. Bar End is not central in Winchester so is not as nearby, convenient or accessible as the riverpark in its current location for the majority of residents. If the facilities are moved to Bar End I WOULD NOT USE THEM, and neither would many other residents in Winchester. Please rebuild in current location!!

This would be a terrific boost to local Bar End area - being a local resident in the area, I'm fully behind it.

Educate users to make use of BOTH park and ride car parks and provide disabled only parking slots on site at the sports centre. This would then encourage drivers not to drive through town but around the edge of the city to get to the car parks.

Provide bike racks - similar to those at the station/park and ride where bikes are better secured- and good cycle routes to encourage users (families and individuals) to cycle to and from sports centre.

By providing good cycle facilities this could reduce city congestion.

Tighter patrols on permit parking. I am all for the centre to be built in Bar End but permits would need to be changed to 10pm not 6pm to safeguard residents parking and be enforced or residents given power to enforce. There is abuse already to use the running track.

to encourage pedestrians and cyclists from the west side of Winchester, better lighting would be welcome from Bar End to Garner Road and onto Kingsgate, it gets very dark at night along this route and there is limited lighting between the P&R and Kingsgate, this is important as there is no public transport from Stanmore/Badger Farm to Bar End at the moment (but there is to the current Leisure Centre)

Traffic flow from motorway and roundabout needs the be considered, particularly during rush hour periods.

Traffic flow of the one way system since most users will need to navigate around pretty much all of it to reach Bar End.

Traffic lights to replace roundabout by Old Chesil Rectory.

Traffic management as it is too busy in that area with the motorway access

Traffic management for access to and from motorway at peak times (Bar End Rd can get snarled as it is during rush hour).

Transport from South Wonston

Is there anything else that you think would need to be improved? (318 Comments)

Transport is crucial, if everyone has to drive it will be a disaster, does not encourage healthy lifestyles and adds to traffic problems in the city.

Current centre is not kept clean - basic requirement! Basingstoke seem to do well with a community owned facility rather than tendeering out to a private company, which mainly seem to be hopeless.

Transport links...THE M3!!!!!!! Surely people can and will travel via the motorway rather than through town...

Travelling from Olivers Battery would only be possible by using the car for part of the journey. As a pensioner I have a free bus pass but would be unable to use this on a park & ride bus unless I & many other residents of Olivers Battery drove the car to Park & Ridevery time consuming & inconvenient, particularly since we are happy with the facility in town, which could be easily improved with careful planning.

Trying to get down to Bar End at rush hour is already ridiculous and would be worse with traffic of people wanting to use the facilities. As Bar End is out of the City Centre, and despite improved pedestrian, cycle and bus services, most people will still drive!!!

Unfortunately, I have no idea how you could create a cycle bath down the very narrow Bar End.

We currently use Bar End for kids athletics and the access is awful. I have to cross 3 sometimes 4 kids over from the Park and ride car park across a busy road in the dark at rush hour with no pedestrian crossing. I frequently have small children in tow who have fallen asleep or are very tired and it is impractical to try to pick other kids up without being able to park nearby. Nearby parking is a must or the centre will not be used.

Where is the option to support the current centre?????

Whilst I think the current management of River Park meets most standards and needs I am minded to request any leasing out / management contracts might be open to public comment such that users get a view on what to expect and hence have a base on which to be more comfortable/ confident in sharing problems and solutions in real time.

Why Bar End? Why not redevelop and expand intelligently the existing River Park site? would not use Bar End

Yes nearer to where I live as the current one is -so I will not have to use my car!!!

Yes whole area would need improved with increased traffic:

- 1) access to Bar End Road is already dangerous with fast traffic, for example to East Hill Road, in-fact I had an accident due to traffic and speed.
- 2) Also other roads/access would incur greater traffic, for example Garnier Road, which at time is already a battle with traffic calming and people jumping turns/tail-gating etc... the whole road would need re-thinking.
- 3) I would also worry about parking (if inadequate or pay & display). People are already parking on roads in area in evening/weekends to avoid payment, then doing shopping etc... this includes Quarry Road, Garnier Road and many other, this includes Sundays and eveings as some roads are permit only.
- 4) I would also worry about pedestrian traffic and the existing situation, no matter with added road/pedestrian traffic.

Is there anything else that you think would need to be improved? (318 Comments)

Yes, location has no access via train, so not suitable, everybody would use the car and congestion in Winchester just get worse. Location is also quite far to walk, not ideal for a sport and communit centre ...such should be in the centre of town

Yes, the crossing at Bar End Road is dreadful. We park at Park n Ride and cross for football at the Garrison - ALWAYS terribly difficult and dangerous, especially for children (crossing independently is a complete no-no).

yes, the current gym at the current location

you would need a safe way to get there so a designated cycle route away from all the traffic, plus parking

Zebra crossing needed from bar end park and ride car park to stadium



Winchester Leisure Centre - Users Consultation : Summary report

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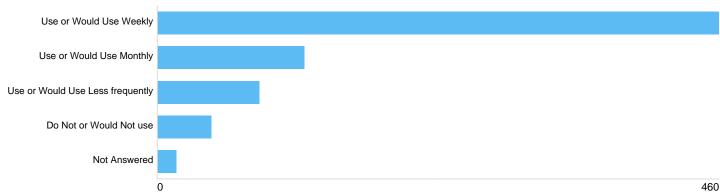
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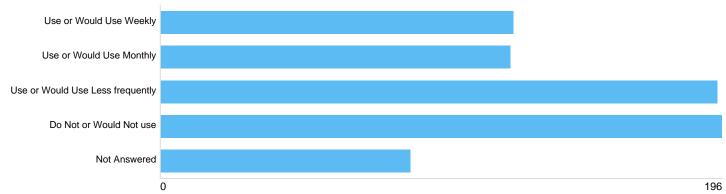
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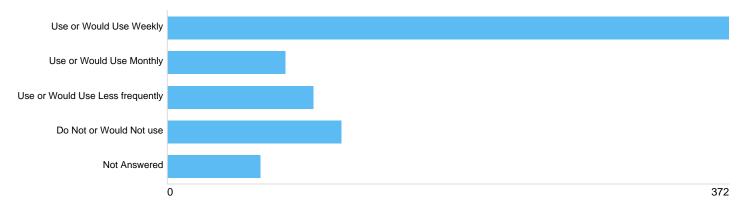
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Use or Would Use Monthly	120	16.62%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	83	11.50%
Do Not or Would Not use	44	6.09%
Not Answered	15	2.08%

Matrix 1 - 8 or 12 court main hall with sprung floor



Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	123	17.04%
Use or Would Use Monthly	122	16.90%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	194	26.87%
Do Not or Would Not use	196	27.15%
Not Answered	87	12.05%

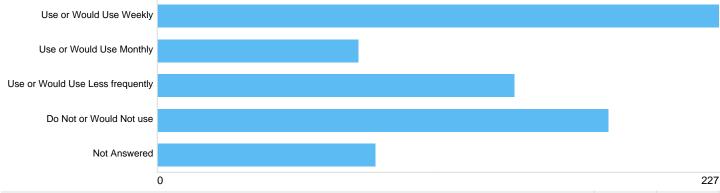
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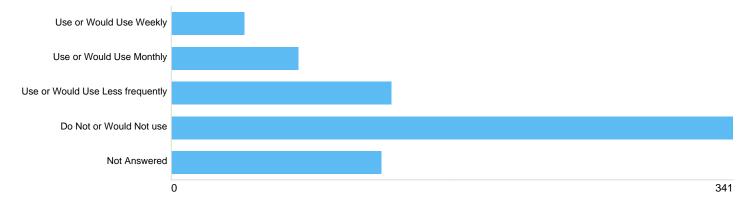
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Use or Would Use Monthly	78	10.80%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	96	13.30%
Do Not or Would Not use	115	15.93%
Not Answered	61	8.45%

Matrix 1 - 4 multi purpose studios



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Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	227	31.44%
Use or Would Use Monthly	81	11.22%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	144	19.94%
Do Not or Would Not use	182	25.21%
Not Answered	88	12.19%

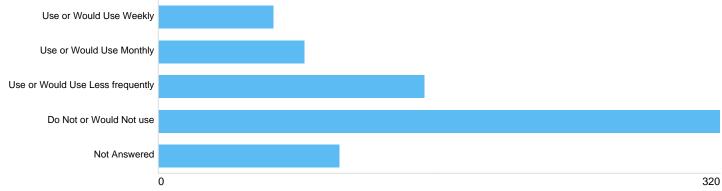
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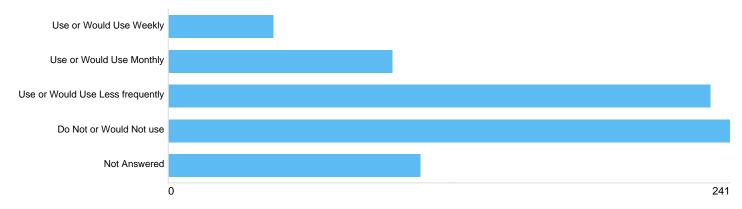
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Use or Would Use Weekly	44	6.09%
Use or Would Use Monthly	77	10.66%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	133	18.42%
Do Not or Would Not use	341	47.23%
Not Answered	127	17.59%

Matrix 1 - Hydrotherapy suite



Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	65	9.00%
Use or Would Use Monthly	83	11.50%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	151	20.91%
Do Not or Would Not use	320	44.32%
Not Answered	103	14.27%

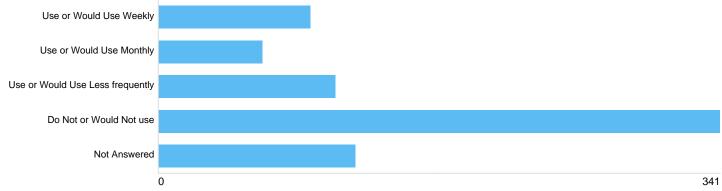
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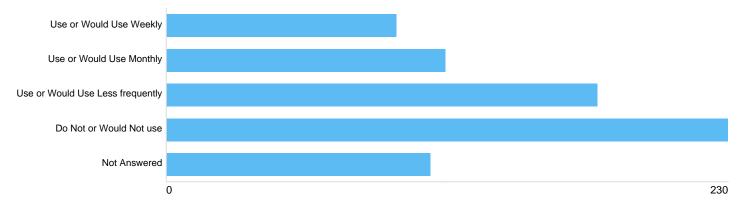
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Use or Would Use Monthly	96	13.30%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	232	32.13%
Do Not or Would Not use	241	33.38%
Not Answered	108	14.96%

Matrix 1 - Artificial grass pitches for five-a-side football / training



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Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	92	12.74%
Use or Would Use Monthly	63	8.73%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	107	14.82%
Do Not or Would Not use	341	47.23%
Not Answered	119	16.48%

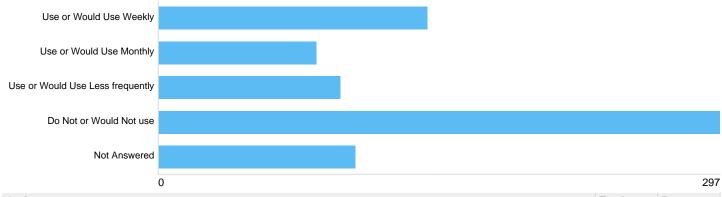
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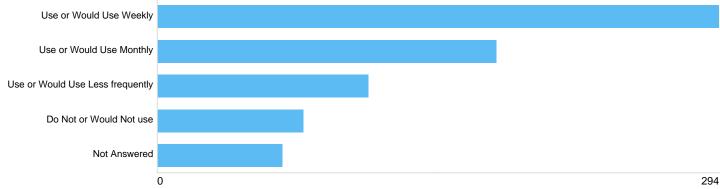
Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	94	13.02%
Use or Would Use Monthly	114	15.79%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	176	24.38%
Do Not or Would Not use	230	31.86%
Not Answered	108	14.96%

Matrix 1 - Children's soft play area



Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	142	19.67%
Use or Would Use Monthly	83	11.50%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	96	13.30%
Do Not or Would Not use	297	41.14%
Not Answered	104	14.40%

Matrix 1 - Reception & café / bar



Option	Total	Percent
Use or Would Use Weekly	294	40.72%
Use or Would Use Monthly	177	24.52%
Use or Would Use Less frequently	110	15.24%
Do Not or Would Not use	76	10.53%
Not Answered	65	9.00%

Are there any other facilities or activities that you would like to use or see take place at a new leisure centre?

There were **342** responses to this part of the question.

Question 2: What if anything would encourage you to make more use of the new leisure centre?

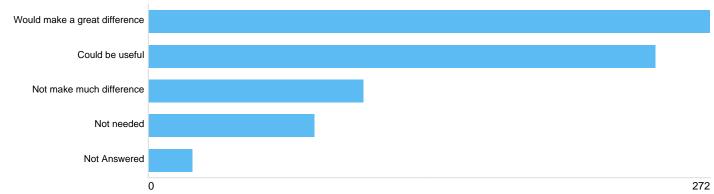
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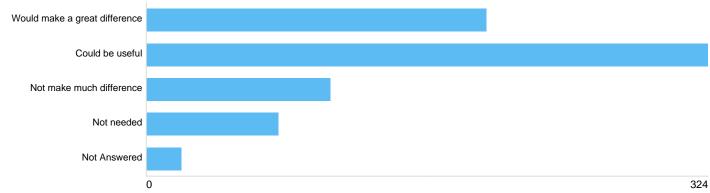
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Matrix 1 - Improved children's play area?



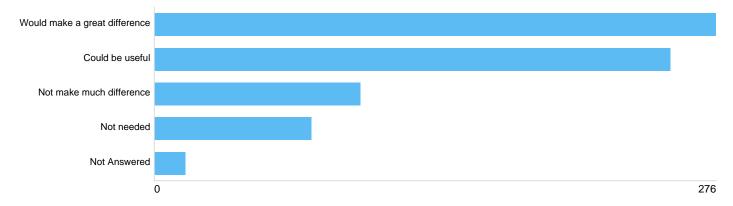
Option	Total	Percent
Would make a great difference	272	37.67%
Could be useful	245	33.93%
Not make much difference	104	14.40%
Not needed	80	11.08%
Not Answered	21	2.91%

Matrix 1 - Community rooms for hire?



Option	Total	Percent
Would make a great difference	196	27.15%
Could be useful	324	44.88%
Not make much difference	106	14.68%
Not needed	76	10.53%
Not Answered	20	2.77%

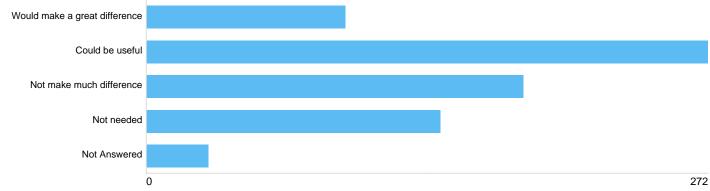
Matrix 1 - Café open to all?





Option	Total	Percent
Would make a great difference	276	38.23%
Could be useful	253	35.04%
Not make much difference	101	13.99%
Not needed	77	10.66%
Not Answered	15	2.08%

Matrix 1 - Small shop?



Option	Total	Percent
Would make a great difference	96	13.30%
Could be useful	272	37.67%
Not make much difference	182	25.21%
Not needed	142	19.67%
Not Answered	30	4.16%

Question 4: If a new leisure centre was developed at Bar End, do you think the following would need to be improved?

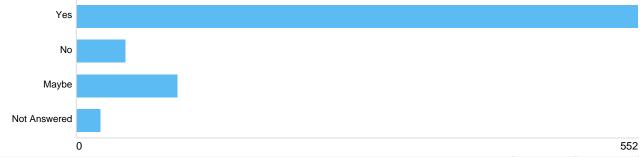
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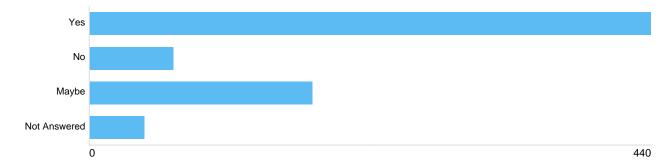
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	571	79.09%
No	38	5.26%
Maybe	88	12.19%
Not Answered	25	3.46%

Matrix 1 - Improvement to cycle routes



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	552	76.45%
No	48	6.65%
Maybe	99	13.71%
Not Answered	23	3.19%

Matrix 1 - Improvement to bus service



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	440	60.94%
No	65	9.00%
Maybe	174	24.10%
Not Answered	43	5.96%

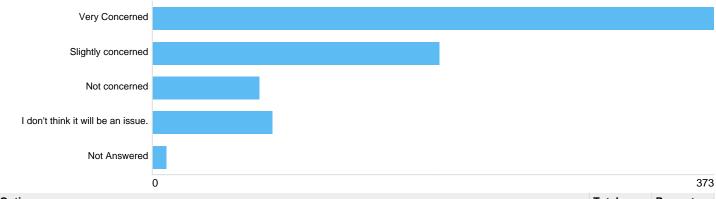
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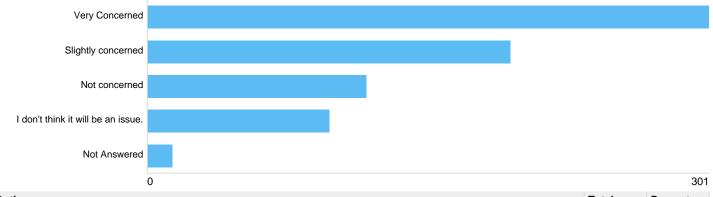
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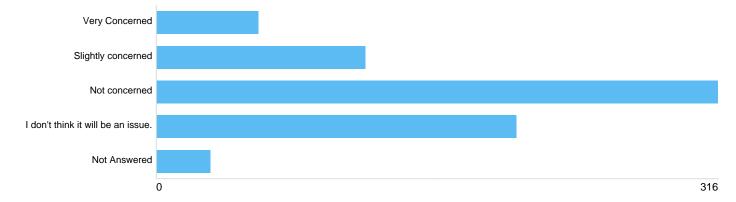
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Very Concerned	373	51.66%
Slightly concerned	190	26.32%
Not concerned	71	9.83%
I don't think it will be an issue.	79	10.94%
Not Answered	9	1.25%

Matrix 1 - Traffic



Option	Total	Percent
Very Concerned	301	41.69%
Slightly concerned	194	26.87%
Not concerned	117	16.20%
I don't think it will be an issue.	97	13.43%
Not Answered	13	1.80%

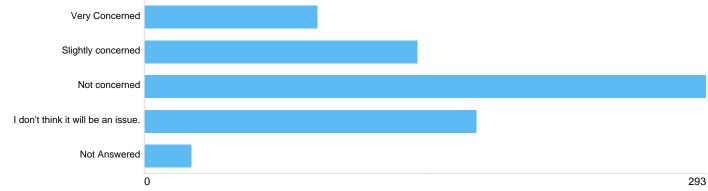
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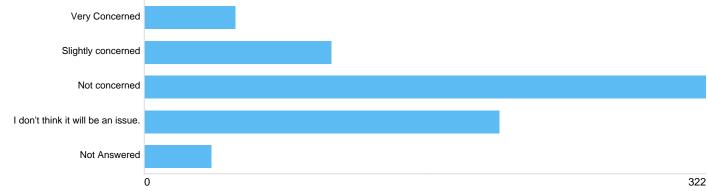
Option	Total	Percent
Very Concerned	57	7.89%
Slightly concerned	117	16.20%
Not concerned	316	43.77%
I don't think it will be an issue.	202	27.98%
Not Answered	30	4.16%

Matrix 1 - Lights



Option	Total	Percent
Very Concerned	90	12.47%
Slightly concerned	142	19.67%
Not concerned	293	40.58%
I don't think it will be an issue.	173	23.96%
Not Answered	24	3.32%

Matrix 1 - Noise



Option	Total	Percent
Very Concerned	52	7.20%
Slightly concerned	107	14.82%
Not concerned	322	44.60%
I don't think it will be an issue.	203	28.12%
Not Answered	38	5.26%

Is there anything else that you think might be of concern?

There were 224 responses to this part of the question.



Question 6: Would you like a report summarising the responses we have received to this consultation?

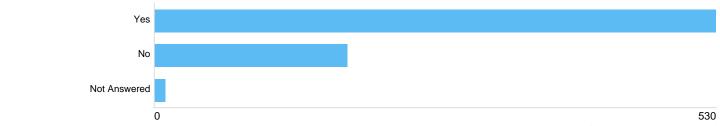
Summary Report



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	462	63.99%
No	250	34.63%
Not Answered	10	1.39%

Question 7: Would you like to receive updates on the leisure centre project?

Updates



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	530	73.41%
No	182	25.21%
Not Answered	10	1.39%

Question 8: If you ticked 'Yes' to either of the questions above, or would like an acknowledgement of your submission, please enter your email address so that we can send the information you have requested.

Email

There were **528** responses to this part of the question.