

Your Questions Answered

Will dog walkers still be able to use the field?

Yes, the access arrangements to the fields will not be changed by the improvements. The field will still be accessible by pedestrians at all times and we hope that more people will use the fields for recreation and enjoyment of the open space.

Can access to KGV via the university land be permitted?

The access path to KGV through the university will be reopened at the end of May when the new Sport and Leisure Park opens. This will operate on the same basis as it did previously where access was available when the university site is in use. At other times KGV will be accessible via the new gravel link path through the Garrison Ground or via Milland Road.

Would it be possible to open up access from the South Downs way path into the north east corner of KGV?

This possibility was considered however, a path in this location was opposed due to its proximity to the allotment site, particularly close to where livestock are kept. It was not desirable to encourage pedestrian or cyclist traffic in this area and would cause health and safety concerns for the animals.

Is it possible to have lighting along the link path to the Garrison Ground?

The link path to the Garrison Ground is not lit and further light pollution in this area is not desirable. There are alternative paths which are lit at night including the path through the university when it is open and the access via Milland Road.

Why is the pavilion in that location?

The proposed pavilion is to be located centrally between the two existing pavilions, which are to be demolished, to provide views across all the pitches. Other locations have been discounted due to either a lack of view or restrictions on the land use.

Could the access road go behind the pavilion?

Concerns were raised, during the consultation, about the safety of the road in front of the pavilion. A locking droppable bollard will be installed in the centre of the road before it reaches the pavilion. This will be raised when the pavilion is in use to prevent any vehicles from driving in front of the pavilion while events are taking place.

Will the pavilion be used for evening entertainment?

Some concerns were raised in the feedback from the consultation that the pavilion might be regularly hired out for parties which could be noisy and disruptive. This is not the intended use of the pavilion; it is not suitable for this purpose with no on-site lighting and only limited car parking.

The City Council will be monitoring the hire of the pavilion and ensuring events are appropriate for the open space. We anticipate that this will include hire for children's birthday parties, events linked to sports groups using the open space, club meetings and club presentation evenings. This reflects the suggested uses received as part of the consultation.

Would it be possible to make the clubhouse available for private hire by local organisations?

Yes, the clubhouse will be available for private hire.

Can you confirm the number of changing rooms in the new pavilion?

There are 3 sets of changing rooms for the new pavilion – 6 changing rooms in total.

Who will maintain and clean the pavilion?

The pavilion will be owned and managed by Winchester City Council; all cleaning and maintenance will be carried out by our contractors as part of the contract.

Why is the bar so large?

As detailed design is progressed, the size of the bar will be considered, taking in to account the number of potential users. Although the term "bar" was used in the outline plans, it is not intended to equate to a licenced bar found in a pub for example. This term is misleading and will be amended in future plans.

How will you deter vandalism of the new pavilion?

Building materials will be carefully considered when the project enters the detailed design stage. We are conscious the existing pavilions have suffered from vandalism over recent years.

How many parking spaces will there be?

There are currently 20 designated parking spaces on site and the number of parking spaces will not change.

Could the pitch with the barrier and dug outs be located at the top of the site instead?

The top pitches are multi-use in that they are marked out for 7 and 9 – a- side matches for juniors. The bottom pitch is the only one with room to provide a barrier and dug outs.

Will the provision of the dug outs and barrier at the far end of the site be sufficiently attractive to encourage higher league teams to play here?

Dug outs and barrier are required for higher leagues. Currently the Girls League senior first team have to play at Winchester FC which has these facilities. We will be liaising with the teams to ensure that the facilities provided at KGV meet their requirements and will be used.

How will anti-social behaviour at the dug outs be reduced / managed?

The dug outs will be constructed with robust materials to deter vandalism as much as possible and there will be no lighting in that area which will help prevent anti-social behaviour

Is it possible to provide a pump track as part of the improvements to the site?

There were a number of requests to include a pump track as part of the facilities at KGV and various surfacing options were proposed including dirt, tarmac and concrete. This option has been considered by the Informal Members Group and it is not considered appropriate for this site. The enthusiasm for such a facility and the level of demand for this to be provided in Winchester was clear and it will be considered for provision in another location when possible.

There is insufficient space to provide this at KGV alongside existing facilities. It would create a destination park attracting a high number of visitors which this area cannot cope with.

Will the basketball area be retained?

Yes the basketball area will be retained and we have had some suggestions for improvements particularly to the markings which we hope to incorporate.