

OVERVIEW

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- Drop in event
- Inviting formal bids
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FORMER RPLC UPDATE

- Cabinet agreed to market site July 2025
- Expressions of Interest invited Sept 2025
- Drop in event held January 2026
- Formal bids invited February 2026
- Deadline for formal bids 2 April 2026

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

12 Expressions of Interest received reflecting a wide range of options

Education facility
(primary years)

Health & Wellness
Club - gym

Padel/Pickleball
centre - with
potential lido and
indoor football

Padel/racquets -
with coffee shop,
soft-play and public
exhibition space

Padel/Pickleball

Health Club -
racquets/gym/
leisure

Indoor football
and padel

Music/
performance
space, with
sports offer

Church with
multi-function
community space

Community
Sports Hub

Outdoor lido and
Fitness facility
with restaurant

Care home

DROP IN EVENT – 27 January 2026

259 people visited the event in person
757 comments received (including online)

The following **main themes** emerged from the public comments:

- Overwhelming support for a lido among respondents
- Appetite for a multi-use community hub (lido, café & soft play)
- Strong rejection of some uses (care home, church, school)
- Importance of 1902 Indenture (site to remain as recreational use)
- Desire for youth-focused spaces that are currently lacking
- Concerns about the existing building (unsafe, eyesore)
- Environmental and site constraints (flood risk, riparian environment)
- Requests for transparency and genuine consultation (public vote)

A summary of public comments will be shared to potential bidders via the marketing agent

INVITING FORMAL BIDS

Formal bids are now being invited via Lambert Smith and Hampton (LSH) – opened 5 February and closes 2 April 2026

Assessment criteria

Deliverability comprising the following:

- Economic, social and environmental benefits
- Programme and deliverability
- Experience and track record
- Planning policy compliance
- Price

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