

# Winchester Sport and Leisure Centre Project

**Sport Groups Meeting, 15/02/2018, 6:00 – 7:30pm**

<b>Present:</b>
<b>WCC:</b> Cllr Lisa Griffiths, Andy Hickman, Amanda Ford, Sarah Watson <b>LA architects:</b> Leigh Pullan <b>MACE:</b> Jon Hunt
<b>Sports Clubs:</b> Adee Chant (Winchester & District Girls Football League), Allan Higgs (Winchester City Flyers FC), Andy Riley (Winchester Eagles Volleyball Club), Bill Reed (Tri Team Wessex), Billy Kerr (Winchester Racquets & Fitness), Colin Smith (Winchester Warriors Junior Cricket Club), Dave Sherry (WADAC), David Watson (Winchester Park Run), Emily London (Treasure Gymnastics), Graham Beck (Winchester Hockey Club), Jez Davies (AFC Corinthians), Mike Fisher, Kim Hill (Penguins – Winchester City Swimming Club), Louise Barter (Spitfire Taekwondo, Southampton City Rollers), May Glover-Poultney (Junior Park Run), Nikki Rees (Wessex Swim School), Patricia Francis (Winchester Gymnastics Club), Ruth Ashton (Winchester Netball Club), Steve Vear (Winchester & District Cricket Clubs Association), Tim Addy (Littleton Junior FC), Wendy Allsopp (Lewis-Allsopp School of Dancing) Julie Amies (Energise Me), Emma Back (Winchester SALT)
<b>Apologies:</b> Richard Perkins (Winchester District Football League), Silvia and Max (Salsa y Dance and Yoga),

<b>Urban Design Framework</b>	
Q: Will planning application encapsulate the blue line and not just the Sport and Leisure Centre? What about the outlying element, which will need later planning consent?	Planning application will be submitted for leisure centre. The UDF is a separate document which will inform future investment decisions and influence future developments on adjacent sites.
Q. Will the Urban Design Framework (UDF) and the local plan framework be linked and what are the timelines for the finalisation of the UDF? Will the UDF be sufficiently detailed by May with regards to the site and the Garrison ground etc?	UDF is an important consideration for the planning application and the plan is to adopt it shortly. The Depot is a separate planning matter and will be informed by the UDF, which will set some parameters and principles to inform future development. The UDF will cover the whole of the remaining Garrison ground. <b>Action Point:</b> Provide link on website to the local plan.

<b>Engagement</b>	
Q: As stakeholders, were schools involved in engagement?	Schools and parents were made aware of the engagement events, and an earlier engagement event took place at All Saints School, Highcliffe.

<b>Access</b>	
Q. Will Highcliffe residents be considered in their access to the centre? Via Bar End Road is not desirable to residents.	We will consider this issue further. Consideration needs to be given regarding controlled access point to the centre. The access route to the centre along Bar End Road is being considered for improvement.
Q. What free access is available to public?	The café facility is on the non-paid side of reception and therefore accessible to leisure centre users, park users and the wider community.

<b>Entrance</b>	
Comment: Entrance barriers could be an issue for events where large numbers will attend.	Turnstiles dictated by footfall and operational requirements, and will be considered within the design. Barriers will include wheelchair accessible gate and will be compatible with operator software. Operator may be able to open turnstiles to increase user flow during events.
<b>Storage</b>	
Q. Will there be storage for community clubs - clubs using the facility and also any potential for external clubs?	Storage has been incorporated according to Sport England Guidelines. Pool – 10% of pool water area / 12.5% of sports hall area / 10% of studio area.
Q. Is there sufficient provision for gymnastics?	Council schedule of activities to define what equipment is needed to be stored for all sports and activities. Review of existing storage at RPLC for gymnastics and considerations for all sports and activities to take place at the new centre to be included.
<b>Pool</b>	
Comment: Pool glazing could create privacy/safeguarding issues.	A 2m landscaped strip is provided to the perimeter of the building for maintenance access. To the south, the Garrison Ground ramps up to the main pool and teaching pool hall south elevations. Access is not granted along the east elevation of the main pool. Secure by Design consultation has commenced and advice on security and safeguarding issues are being sought. CCTV is likely to be provided to the outside of the building and actively managed. Privacy versus promotion of sport has been considered and the current design accepted.
Q. Why was the teaching pool fixed at 20m?	Water space has been significantly increased. Whole district reviewed and a detailed study with Sport England for the next 20 years. Closure of ATR, Sir John Moore Barracks also considered. Choices also made due to budget.
Q. Glazing on south facing façade. What provision is there to limit glare?	The brief is to have good natural lighting levels within the leisure centre. Internal daylighting, including rooflight, is being assessed to limit glare and solar gain within the building. A sustainability consultant has been appointed to inform design decisions. External brise soleil (architectural feature of a building that reduces heat gain within a building by deflecting sunlight) and internal perforated ceiling louvres are proposed as a means of control. Solar gains and glare are to be controlled.
Q. How many spectator seats in the pool area?	250 seats – access from the first floor.
Q. Will there be an area in the pool where competitors can sit?	Seating for 250 competitors is provided in accordance with Swim England Guidance. Fixed tiled bench seating is proposed to the west of the main pool and the pool surround width increased to accommodate competitors. During competitions temporary seating will be required along the main pool north, east and south surrounds and teaching pool surrounds.

<b>Sports Hall</b>	
Comment – concern with glass and rebound screens. Lots of wall space is glass or rebound. Will WCC be speaking with NGBs regarding this issue	Rebound screens and netting are proposed allowing the sports hall to be open to the circulation corridor/gallery and views out to the stadium along the east elevation. Glazing to the east elevation allows natural daylight into the space. Rebound screens are standard in sports halls to define individual 5-a-side football and indoor hockey courts in large halls. The screens will be 1200mm high to the perimeter of the court outside of the runoff area. Sport England guidance used and NGBs consulted.
Q. Flooring – covers multi sport use?	Sports hall flooring will be specified in accordance with BS14904 and Sports England Guidance. Floor matting for activities to be specified and storage requirements considered.
Q. Will roller derby be able to skate on the floor?	A concern is damage to the sports hall flooring caused by participants scratched knee pads. Roller derby club to advise on measures that can be taken to mitigate damage to the floor. Winchester City Council (WCC)/Operator to review roller derby play in the sports hall.
Q. Paint on roller derby track	Impact of additional line markings in hall to be considered.
Q. How will the cricket nets will be divided up.	Potential for 8 within the hall, with consideration for budget and demand to be taken in to account. Cricket net rails to be co-ordinated with the sport hall ceiling finishes. Cricket mats will be required on floor with consideration for storage requirements.
Comment: Concerns there is no primary gallery space, no view for spectators.	Temporary seating could be installed for competitions. Viewing space provided in circulation/gallery area to the perimeter of the sports hall for teams.

<b>Other Sports/Activity Specific</b>	
<b>Winchester District Girls Football League:</b> Q. When does building work start? Big tournament for approx. 2,000 girls, every year at the start of the season, 2 <sup>nd</sup> week in Sept 2018, so timeframe of building work is important.	Spring 2019, and work will be phased. WCC understand this and will work with clubs that use the Garrison Ground.  <b>Action Point:</b> There will be a separate meeting in March with Garrison Ground users
<b>Tri Team Wessex:</b> Q: What access will there be for triathletes moving from the pool to a transition area for bikes?	External access could be provided from the pool to the outside landscape. <b>Action Point:</b> Review potential link from the pool hall to the external areas.
<b>Park Run:</b> Q: what capacity will the café have? Park runners will want somewhere to socialise after their run. What toilet facilities? Q. Will there be an opportunity to talk about the wider area, eg junior park run track.	<b>Action Point:</b> Café to be reviewed.  <b>Action Point:</b> Separate meeting to be organised.