

Consultation on Leisure Facilities and the Leisure Vision which includes a new Leisure Centre in Melton Borough (DRAFT)

1. Introduction

A great deal of public consultation will be required in relation to any proposal(s) for a new Leisure Centre to be built in Melton Mowbray. Consultation will need to be carried out with various key partners and agencies who have various interests in any proposed new facility in the Borough and four primary methods have been used, these being:

- A Borough wide survey;
- Public open sessions;
- Focus groups; and
- Design boards and comment cards.
- The consultation was promoted through the following methods:
 - Several press releases;
 - Coverage in the Melton Times & Leicester Mercury;
 - Coverage in the Melton Mail (MBC Newsletter)
 - Coverage on radio and television;
 - Posters to community centres, surgeries, libraries and sport centres;
 - Front page web coverage on Council's website for the duration of consultation periods;
 - Direct e-mails; and
 - Through key groups such as the Local Sports Alliance & Clubs Forum.

As would be expected a mixture of view-points have been expressed by those who contributed to the first initial piece of consultation which was published in August 2012 consultation process.

The next stage of consultation will need to be much more robust and in-depth in order that the whole needs of the community are taken into consideration when planning a new facility.

2. Consultation with Key Stakeholders

A great deal of consultation will need to be undertaken from September 2012 to April 2013 with various key stakeholders and statutory consultees, regarding the Leisure Facilities Review 2011 and also any proposed new facility. The consultation will need to include the following bodies:

- Sport England (utilising the Sport England's Facilities Improvement Service);
- the Melton Local Sports Alliance;
- leisure operators currently managing facilities in the Borough;
- the Melton Clubs Forum (includes a representation for the voluntary sector, and the Youth Sport Trust);
- the County Council (social care, education – including local primary and secondary schools);
- Library Service
- Brooksby College
- Town Estate

- Latham House GP's Practice & other smaller GP's Practices in the Borough
- the Primary Care Trust; and

2.1 Sport England

In particular, Sport England are a key consultee from the Leisure Facilities Review (2011) on any outline designs for a new facility. Melton Community Partnership will need to work closely with Sport England on the development of any new major sports/leisure facility when looking at the Melton Leisure Vision.

Key meetings with Sport England will need to be incorporated into the consultation process.

2.2 Leicestershire Rutland Sport

Leicestershire Rutland Sport (LRS) will need to be fully engaged from the outset of the next stage of the consultation process. As the governing body for sport and physical activity in Leicestershire their views and comments will need to be listened to carefully.

3. Focus Group Sessions

Various focus groups will be needed to test out comments and views throughout the consultation. The groups identified as needing to be consulted and involved in focus groups are;

- Schools
- Clubs
- Young People – To include Youth Council
- Local Residents Groups
- Older People
- Families (Including Sure Start Families)

4. Open Sessions

It is suggested that over the consultation period that three open sessions are held that all the public can attend with one of these sessions targeting those who live outside the town of Melton Mowbray.

It is expected that a number of questions will be asked at these sessions and that these questions are then answered on the council's website under the question and answers section which will be part of the information being made available to the public.

5. Borough Wide Survey

A survey should be produced that the whole Borough is encouraged to fill in and make comments on that will help shape what any new facility should look like.

The first Survey will take place from September 2012 to November 2012.

6. Outline Design Consultation Jan 2013 – April 2013.

Once the initial consultation has taken place a second round of initial design consultation will need to take place between Jan 2013 and April 2013 that then enables the Melton Community Partnership to put more detail into any proposals that may be drafted. This will also help determine the best site for any new facility