

Appendix 3: Public Consultation undertaken August 2019

Feedback from the community engagement identifies:

Be-Nu Public Consultation feedback 2019

Detailed below is what we asked the public followed by NBBC response.

Bedworth Leisure Facility													
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We asked: What specifically do you like?	Swimming pool – (extension, improved facilities) Football area Modernisation, more choice Badminton Courts Centre is tired and needs updating												
We asked: What specifically do you dislike?	<p>Comment: Need more parking Answer: <i>Parking has been an issue for Bedworth Leisure centre for number of years. However, with the new build location being proposed in a different location on the park area, behind the current facility this will open up more room to accommodate plenty of parking spaces including increased disability and family bays. We will also look to encourage more cycling and walking to the site, thinking about the environment.</i></p> <p>Comment: Roof -top football - mad idea! You would need such high fences around it that would be rather high/hazardous Answer: <i>The roof top football pitches are becoming more popular across the country as they are a good space saving alternative. The roof area is completely encased in a netting cage so no balls will escape! It also provides a good use of space for the facility, which would otherwise be unusable.</i></p>												

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	<p>Comment: Lack of group exercise specific room/space Answer: The plan provided has increased space than current facility. Two studios, with a further area cycling studio has been designed into the plans.</p> <p>Comment: No difference in pool size Answer: The new build does offer increased water space, as it will be eight lane pool rather than the current six lane facility. The teaching pool will also provide additional space to encourage teaching of children to swim.</p>									
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<p>Q3 Please list any activities/facilities you would like to see that we have not included in the plan</p>	<p>Waterslides/flume/splash pool Squash courts Wellness centre – saunas/Jacuzzis Climbing wall Diving Boards Crèche</p>									
<p>Q4 What else could make this centre better for you or other users?</p>	<p>Sufficient parking Safe cycle storage Better disability access/communal changing Outdoor gym New Skate Park</p>									
<p>Q5 Do you have any further comments on the proposed design?</p>	<p>Comment: Construction phase needs to be designed around existing centre and ancillary facilities such as parking. Answer: This will all be taken into account. The present facility will be in operation throughout the build with the least amount of closure before the opening of the new build.</p> <p>Comment: Please could it include environmental measures to help - e.g. maximise use of natural light - windows/roof for lighting and heating, use of grey water systems for recycling water, use of solar panels for electricity, green roof plant systems etc. Use recycling / green energy Answer: As part of the modern building design and the Councils commitment to environmental and sustainability designs.</p>									

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Comment: Design does not appear to be very big. Decisions appear to have been taken prior to obtaining the public opinion. You are removing elements of the current provision and not replacing them. How will people with children access exercise with no crèche.

Answer: *The plans are based on a standard leisure facility, using Sport England information and our local data. There is a specific need to increase water pool space, health and fitness and studio space. The consideration of creche will be raised at the next stage of design and feedback following this consultation.*

Comment: Hopefully, the floor will have a moveable floor to accommodate all abilities during lesson times

Answer: *The current design has not taken into consideration a moveable floor; however the teaching / learner pool will provide increased opportunities due to its increased size and dimensions.*

Comment: Should have coffee bar and lunch menus

Answer: *The design incorporates a café and also terrace area to support internal and external use.*

Pingles Leisure Facility

Q1

What do you think of the planned new facility in Nuneaton?

Excellent	32.23%
Very good	33.06%
Good	19.83%
Satisfactory	8.26%
Poor	3.31%
Very Poor	3.31%

What specifically do you like?

Like the additional water space
 Sports Hall
 Extra size of the gym
 More modern and relevant facilities
 Whole plan is brilliant

What specifically do you dislike?

Comment: No mention of sauna/steam room

Answer: *The designs have been based upon current use and additional capacity required for water space, studio space and also indoor sports hall. At this time, no sauna/steam room facilities have been considered. This would increase the overall costs of the facility, but will be raised with the design team, following this consultation.*

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Comment: No mention of water slides
Answer: No water slides have been incorporated into the design, this would increase costs and be additional to what we have at present. Indoor water area play area has been raised with the design team to consider how we can support younger children and access to water play/splash area.

Comment: Needs more access to cyclists
Answer: As part of the overall Leisure & Riversley Park Concept planning, cycling has been very much considered looking at shared cycle routes/links from the Town Centre and also on the existing sustrans cycle route 52. The Council recognises the need to encourage and further promote cycling and has also detailed outside space for learn to ride, pump track and BMX facilities

Comment: No mention of disability accessibility and provision e.g. a hoist
Answer: The facility will be fully DDA compliant and will have provision to support people with disability access into the water space. Sport England as part of their support will be providing specification for changing places for the new build.

Q2
What new facilities might you use?

Studio space for classes	31.80%
Swimming Pool	71.55%
Outdoor Cycling facilities	37.66%
Indoor sports hall	29.29%
Extended gym facilities	39.75%

Q3
Please list any activities/facilities you would like to see that we have not included in the plan

Comment: Squash courts
Answer: No squash courts have been detailed in the Pingles design, as we have facility at our local Etone Sports Centre to support use.

Comment: Splash/water park/slides
Answer: No flume / slides have been included as this would require additional funding. Consideration for children's water play / splash zone will be discussed with the design team at future stages.

Comment: Bike/BMX tracks
Answer: All of these activities have been included in the adjacent green space to the facility. It will also include a pump track facility as well.

Comment: Climbing/Bouldering
Answer: These activities are being included in the outdoor active environment space, along with cycling.

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	<p>Comment: Sauna/steam room Answer: <i>No these have not been considered in the build. There will always have to be a compromise as to what can be offered in the build of new facilities.</i></p>
<p>Q4 What else could make this centre better for you or other users?</p>	<p>Comment: Better changing rooms & kept clean/facility kept clean Answer: <i>The changing facilities will continue to be open village style, with specific disability changing and communal changing for groups.</i></p> <p>Comment: Preschool activities/crèche (including extended hours)/soft play Answer: <i>Creche facilities will be considered as part of the new build and decisions will have to be made what can and cannot be included with the respective budget. Advice will also be taken from Sport England and the current data available as to future creche facilities to support usage.</i></p> <p>Comment: Early/extended opening times Answer: <i>A core operating timetable will be looked at as part of the facility opening.</i></p> <p>Comment: Cycle routes from town and other local areas Answer: <i>Cycling will be very much taken into consideration for the new build and its links to existing cycle route such as route 52. Additional proposals as part of this work also include links from the Town Centre to the facility.</i></p> <p>Comment: Free parking Answer: <i>All parking for the leisure facility will continue to be free for the first 3 hours as long as ticket has been obtained from the machine and placed within the car.</i></p>
<p>Q5 Do you have any further comments on the proposed design?</p>	<p>Comment: Concerned we do not lose too much park with more buildings and parking. Vital that it is linked with good public transport/better road links Answer: <i>Further plans are being looked at as a total new build to provide a more sustainable and environmentally designed building with modern building techniques and energy saving. If this is approved the design would look to use only the existing car park and facility space.</i></p> <p>Comment: Shared changing rooms are not popular - change to male/female plus keep clean Answer: <i>Changing village will be provided as part of the overall design, with specific areas for school change etc.</i></p> <p>Comment: Concerns around the development's proximity to Ribbonfields and Ribbonbrook - could attract more youths near the bridge. Plus, issues with parking issues within the area by the bridge</p>

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Answer: It is hoped that with the development of the facility there will be more activities for young people to engage with, within the centre rather than choose to 'hang out' outside the facility.
 With the increase in both facilities and activity provision parking will be considered and increased accordingly.

Top Farm

Q1. What do you think of the planned new facility at top Farm?	Very Good	38.83%
	Good	26.21%
	Satisfactory	21.36%
	Poor	6.80%
	Very Poor	0.00%

What specifically do you like?

3G football pitch
 More opportunities for sport in the area
 Its family friendly
 It is much needed at that side of town so long as there is adequate parking and facilities such as a GP surgery
 Community space
 Like the idea of a well-used hub in the area.
 Potential new services in east Nuneaton
 New indoor courts

What do you specifically dislike?

Comment: Currently this is countryside. I would prefer to still be able to walk/run/cycle in countryside and have a green gym than have loads of buildings. Too big. Light pollution from floodlit pitch.

Answer: Facilities will be incorporated as part of the overall housing development at the site, to provide cycling links, green gym, children play facility and walks. Facility lighting will be LED and directed down at the facilities, with an agreed timetable to meet planning regulations of the site.

Comment: Proposal should include additional swimming pool rather than on Pingles site. Car parking and overspill car parking have been detailed. Where is the extensive secure cycle parking and public transport facilities? All proposals of this nature should include effects upon carbon footprint and environmental impact at this stage. All too often these essential aspects are not included and are not provided at all!

Answer: The Pingles site we feel offers a more central location for residents of Nuneaton and is within the over Riversley Park to provide a "Hub" of facilities for a range of users. Car parking will be taken into consideration as part of the build and design. The use of modern and sustainable/environment design will be incorporated into the design and build project.

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Comment: Absence of a swimming pool
Answer: *We have already identified the water space requirement for the Borough at the Pingles and Bedworth sites. There is no evidence that required additional water space at the Top Farm site and funding sourced to support that activity.*

Comment: Worried about road safety and school security.
Answer: *The ability to plan the site from design stage means that these considerations along with safeguarding can be developed to suit both education and recreational use. Whilst also supporting each other needs and sharing facilities, being more efficient use of resources. There are already other facilities providing this dual delivery at school sites and this experienced will be used to support the Nuneaton design.*

Comment: One access road could be problematic for a primary school, secondary school and leisure/sports centre
Answer: *The Warwickshire County Council Highways Team will provide their specialist advice and will also require this to be signed off as part of the planning permission process.*

Q2. What new facilities might you use?

Studio space for classes	40.21%
3G artificial pitch	41.24%
Tennis Courts	13.40%
Grass Football pitch	32.99%
Extended gym facilities	38.14%

Q3 Please list any activities/facilities you would like to see that we have not included in the plan?

Swimming pool or 1 suggestion was a pop-up pool for school holidays. *The development of two permanent swimming pools at Pingles and Bedworth will provide the capacity levels required to meet needs of the residents. Any additional water space will not be externally funded and also will impact on other required provision for other sports / activities.*

Rugby pitches *The school may well support delivery of rugby as one of its key sports, these may well be available for external hire, working with the school moving forward.*

Young children's play area/soft area *This will be raised with the design team, however we are aware of the several facilities of this nature available in the Borough and how we can support a range of activities across the Borough.*

Combined BMX/Skateboarding Park *These have been considered but not for Top Farm, two central locations at the Riversley park and Miners Welfare Park will include such activity areas.*

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	<p>Cycling/running/walking routes (5K running route) <i>This will be considered as part of the outdoor area. Cycling will be actively encouraging and accommodated as part of the design stage, and how local residents can walk to the facilities and school.</i></p> <p>Gym/fitness trail <i>This will be something the Parks team will investigate as part of the outdoor play and activity facilities in this area.</i></p>
<p>Q4 What else could make this centre better for you or other users?</p>	<p>Comment: Access for disabled people to use the facilities Answer: <i>The facility will be disability friendly and fully accessible, with a changing places provision.</i></p> <p>Comment: Connect with Weddington Primary School/used to benefit the whole community throughout the day Answer: <i>The Top Farm site would be linking with the on-site secondary school and potentially a new primary school as well. However, link with other local schools will be part of the overall marketing and promotional of the site.</i></p> <p>Comment: Served by public transport - defeats the aim of health if everyone drives to it Answer: <i>It is hoped that this facility is going to be well used by the community where it is built, so it is hoped residents will walk, run, or cycle to the facility. Bus route planning will be part of the planning process and liaison with local contractor.</i></p> <p>Comment: Extended café and convenience store and community spot for non-participants Answer: <i>A café and terrace area will be considered as part of the overall design of the sporting hub facility.</i></p>
<p>Q5 Do you have any further comments on the proposed design?</p>	<p><i>Seems rather large. Also, I feel that it is very premature. The site is on a slope. How will it be levelled to provide pitches etc? The design and development will form part of the overall project management team and construction company to undertake on site works.</i></p> <p><i>Given recent climate/weather changes are grass pitch areas really a viable proposition? An all-weather 4G pitch has been identified for this site to support all year-round use. Pitch drainage will also be considered for the grass pitches to provide year-round delivery.</i></p> <p><i>Seems a bit compact. Modern facility design is about compact, useable space that is efficient and provides a flexible floor space</i></p> <p><i>Road access to be improved. Should have tennis, squash, and café? A café will be included, and tennis will be offered using the indoor sports hall space and outdoor multi use space provisionally developed for the school.</i></p> <p><i>Traffic problems? As part of the planning process Warwickshire County Council Highways Team will be required to submit their feedback as part of the planning process for approval.</i></p>

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Q6. What do you think our plans to develop a leisure activity hub combined with a GP surgery at the Top Farm site?	Excellent	47.52%
	Very Good	14.85%
	Good	17.82%
	Satisfactory	13.86%
	Poor	0.99%
	Very Poor	3.96%

Q7 We are looking at providing an active environment at Top Farm, combining leisure and school facilities on the one site. This will provide a “hub” facility for the local community, what do you think of these plans?	Excellent	47.52%
	Very good	16.83%
	Good	18.81%
	Satisfactory	11.88%
	Poor	0.00%
	Very Poor	4.95%

This idea is bonkers, how can you guarantee the safeguarding of our children if you are giving the general public access to a combine leisure & school facility. *There are already sites developed that support this dual delivery. It proves to be opportunities for both pupils and public. It will be about programming and timetabling and having separate facilities for both, to ensure safeguarding is always supported . The advantages have already been proven from other sites across the Country.*

The more integrated as a community hub with overlapping facilities the better. Please consider building in a kind of cafe and convenience store that would be pleasant without using the sports facilities. If just outside there was a soft style playpark it would also be very attractive to parents for a place to bring kids. Swimming activity can roll over into lunch and play park for example.

Before reasoned conclusions can be made. More information and detail is require. i.e. proposed public transport links into integrated transport plan. *The local bus contractor will be invited to support the project, however as the new housing estate will also form part of the whole development, bus routes and stops will be addressed by Housing Developers as part of their transport plan.*

No doubt in order to access facilities you will have to pay because it will be run by a private company? *Yes that would be the recommendation, as the site needs to be sustainable.*

A school and GP and bus links and community facilities are essential. *Three of these have already agreed to be involved. The external bus contractor will need to be encouraged to support, along with the new housing developments at the site.*

Too far from the centre of town and appears to cater for the new housing developments and not for the traditional thousands who reside in the town. *The assessment undertaken provides the evidence that the north of Nuneaton and the housing development that is and going to take place requires leisure facilities, as part of the Borough wide provision. The Nuneaton Town centre will be supported by the Pingles development.*

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Extending a good school in the existing Weddington primary school should be priority, not a new school with new stuff. It just fails the existing kids in the area. *This will require the Warwickshire County Council to respond, however their evidence and need for capacity is that a new secondary school is required based upon future demand.* But they already have access to all these facilities close by.

Please do not restrict the space or it will be too chaotic/dangerous at school run times and create problems.

Added value & potential cost savings across partners. Flow from school - older ages, community cohesion, school site is seen as positive because multi-functional. *This would be the intention, as the benefits of working in partnership can add real value for all organisations and provide positive outcomes for all.*

School should integrate with these facilities. Include community room, cafe etc . *These are being considered and also having multi-functional rooms.*

So long as people of all ages feel welcome, respected, included and safe. I do not want to see it develop into a place where kids hang out and frighten the community off. *That is the vision and plans for the site, a community space for all.*

Only for the 'community'

Focus on underperforming schools before you plan on building new ones.