

Question	Answer
<p>Has the Council consulted with local sports clubs like Berry Hill Rugby Club, Broadwell Football Club & Gymnastics Club?</p>	<p>Cllr Jamie Elsmore has confirmed that engagement with the Clubs has been taking place. For example, Berry Hill Rugby Club has specifically requested a competitive standard size 3G pitch.</p>
<p>Currently has 250 members. What is the status of upgrading the existing athletics track?</p>	<p>Athletics track is in the ownership of Five Acres High School. Any upgrade will be led by them, supported by the Council. Current Council plans have been amended to allow for metric size athletics track to be accommodated on site in future. Topographic survey & tree survey work will be shared with the School.</p>
<p>The plans are fantastic & the wider area will want to use this facility. What are the plans for bus/coach parking?</p>	<p>Bus & coach parking space is included within the current layout plans.</p>
<p>Is there any background information and access to the current layout plans & sketch designs?</p>	<p>The Forest of Dean District Council webpage will be updated to include the current site layout plan, preferred new build design plan and drawings contained in this presentation.</p>
<p>How is access for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users being designed in?</p>	<p>The District Council has secured Changing Places funding to develop fully accessible children & adult toilet facilities within the former Speedwell building. Council also exploring scope for installing sensory play equipment as part of the overall Community Sports & Leisure Hub offer.</p>

<p>Good to see the plans coming to fruition. We are dealing with 3 crises: energy/climate/biodiversity. Can the architects look at the "Building with Nature" design principles and sustainable construction materials like Hempcrete and locally sourced glu-laminates? Public transport access will also be key. The project team will need to work with Gloucestershire County Council and look at current transport patterns.</p>	<p>The Council will endeavour to ensure that the Building is constructed in line with good practice and will work closely with Gloucestershire County Council and a Transport Study is underway.</p>
<p>Good to see that the plans have taken on board the community's desire for future performance space.</p>	<p>Forest of Dean District Council has recruited a Specialist Bid Writer who will signpost funding opportunities for the Performance Space and other items that could be enhanced through external funding.</p>
<p>Plans look amazing. We also have an obesity crisis and health inequalities in the Forest. Can the plans be adapted to facilitate creche space to allow parents with young children to access the new facilities on site?</p>	<p>The Council is working with current operator Freedom Leisure to see how to optimitse access for users and increase the range and number of users able to access the premises throughout the day.</p>
<p>Wanted to echo the comments about the biodiversity crisis and need for healthy eating. Local organisations would be keen to get involved with the design of the soft landscaping being proposed. This could also link to a potential Land Skills opportunity for local people to learn how to plan, plant & maintain trees and plants at scale.</p>	<p>No detailed design yet for the soft landscaping - the plans are indicative only at this stage. This will come at the next stage when we appoint a contractor to undertake detailed design for the planning application.</p>

<p>Interested in the multi-purpose rooms that are proposed. Will these be designed with secure storage, sinks etc? How much of this space will Hartpury University/College be using?</p>	<p>The Council will be looking to provide secure storage within the Community Sports & Leisure Hub.</p> <p>Hartpury will be leasing two rooms on the second floor of the refurbished Speedwell building for their new Aspiration Centre as a teaching outreach space. Hartpury will need to book and pay for any additional space in the Community Sports & Leisure Hub, Sports Hall and outdoor facilities alongside other local user groups.</p>
<p>Concerned about the new gym facilities being proposed and this competing with the Club's existing Fitness Centre.</p> <p>Opportunities for great coaching links with Hartpury students.</p> <p>Is there Levelling Up Funding available to support refurbishment of the gymnastics & fitness centre facilities too?</p>	<p>Cllr Elsmore stated that the Five Acres site redevelopment is not about replicating existing facilities. The Council's plan is to link and co-operate with existing facilities and neighbouring uses.</p> <p>Levelling Up Funding would not be available to support refurbishment of the gymnastics & fitness centre.</p>
<p>Looking at the eastern elevations in the presentation, there is a great opportunity to do something interesting on these new external walls. Can these be made more visually appealing? Opportunity for artwork or a climbing wall?</p>	<p>Agreed that the larger, more blank elevations of the sports hall and the east end of the building provide opportunity for public art, sports engagement, vertical landscaping. These will be developed as part of the elevations, though will require input from the operator if it is to include sporting use such as climbing wall.</p>
<p>Lots of work done in the past about the potential for a new theatre space. This looked at 450 seats as a viable size for a new theatre space. How many people could be seated in the proposed Sports Hall?</p> <p>What is the space at the front of the site being reserved for?</p>	<p>If funding can be secured, retractable Bleacher seating to accommodate 450 people would fit inside the Sports Hall</p> <p>The layout plans currently indicate space for a future hotel on the site. Please note this is outside the current red line boundary and is not included in the Levelling Up Funded works, it will however be referenced within the planning application as a future aspiration.</p>

<p>Can the Sports Hall be designed to permit access out of hours to allow sports hall users to access this space without having to go through front entrance & foyer? This would allow sports matches & competitions to run into the evening and over the weekends?</p>	<p>Council will explore adding a secure external door to permit access.</p>
<p>Would there be scope for the external landscape to be designed to allow sand to be installed to allow beach volleyball which is becoming increasingly popular?</p>	<p>The Council will consider if accommodating an external area for beach volleyball could be included.</p>
<p>What are the timescales for 3G pitch installation? Club also concerned about being priced out to enable access to the new facilities? How will time slots be allocated for user groups?</p>	<p>Five Acres site redevelopment to create new leisure and community facilities is all being done with local residents, sports and community groups access in mind. Local accessibility is key and the Council will not want to turn away local clubs or other user groups and limit access to the new indoor or outdoor spaces.</p>