

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

On the remodelling of Deepings Leisure Centre

HAVE YOUR SAY

South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) has been actively considering options for providing leisure facilities in the Deepings following the temporary closure of Deepings Leisure Centre in July 2021 due to the condition of the building.

The Council recently approved a £10.7 million investment proposal for the centre's full remodelling and refurbishment. This would significantly improve its current facilities and secure its future for the next 25 years.

The proposal is based upon detailed work which the

Council has undertaken with Sport England. This work has assessed the evidence-based local demand for leisure facilities and has also taken into account potential population growth and competing facilities.

Athene Communications is a local agency, specialising in

stakeholder and community engagement and has been commissioned by SKDC to undertake a consultation on its behalf. We are now inviting the views of the local community on the proposal. It is important that we hear what you think - everyone's input is valuable.

Deepings Leisure Centre Option C: View of main entrance





A LEISURE CENTRE FOR THE DEEPINGS TO BE PROUD OF

SKDC is committed to providing leisure facilities which our customers can be proud of, enabling them to lead healthy lives by participating in a wide range of activities. We understand the disruption that the local community has experienced since the closure of Deepings Leisure Centre, and the uncertainty there has been about the future of leisure provision in the Deepings.

The investment proposal for Deepings Leisure Centre would deliver the look and feel of an entirely new leisure centre, retaining only the current building's structure.

The inside would be completely transformed, and the exterior would be designed to have a more welcoming and attractive presence.

While the centre would continue to be used by The Deepings School, this would be limited to the use of the sports hall and playing pitches during the day in term-time. The proposal significantly increases the amount of time the leisure centre would be available for use by the local community, including the use of the swimming pool during the day.

YOUR COUNCIL'S AIMS

In developing this proposal for a new leisure provision for the Deepings, our aims are to:

- ensure that the facilities meet evidence-based community needs
- provide an affordable and financially sustainable facility
- improve energy use and costs – with a focus on environmental sustainability
- provide a facility which the Council and the community can be proud of for years to come
- complement the district's other three leisure facilities in Bourne, Stamford and Grantham

The proposed new facilities

A 25 metre, six lane swimming pool offering:

- a range of water depths suitable for a mix of swimming lessons, lane swimming, competitive swimming events and other water-based fitness activities
- a partial moveable floor which would create an area of shallow water space which is bigger than the existing learner pool. Amongst other uses, this area would be suitable for learn to swim activities and parent and child swimming sessions

The swimming timetable would ensure that other activity within the pool at this time complements these activities.

- 150 spectator seats at gallery level
- easier access for disabled swimmers/ users, with the water height in line with the edge of the pool using a deck-level design.

Expanded gym capacity with an 80-station health and fitness gym.

Two new 200-square metre **studios to cater for a variety of uses including fitness classes, meeting space and parties.**

A four court 34.5 metre x 18 metre **sports hall.**

A modern **changing village** providing a flexible and family friendly environment with:

- lockable changing rooms for school groups and families
- accessible changing facilities for those with disabilities.



- 25 METRE, SIX LANE SWIMMING POOL
- EXPANDED GYM CAPACITY
- 2 NEW STUDIOS
- FOUR COURT SPORTS HALL
- MODERN CHANGING VILLAGE



Have your say

It is very important that we hear from the local community on whether these proposals will meet your needs in enabling and inspiring you to take part in sport and physical activity.

YOU CAN COMMENT BY:

Completing the online survey on the website:

www.deepingsleisure-consultation.co.uk



Completing a printed survey, available at:

- Deepings Community Library, Wade House, 86 High Street, Market Deeping, PE6 8ED
- Bourne Leisure Centre, Queen's Rd, Bourne PE10 9DX
- Stamford Leisure Centre, Drift Rd, Stamford PE9 1UZ

**Completed surveys can be left in the dedicated mailboxes
at the library and leisure centres or returned to
Freepost DLCONSULTATION**

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK BY 28 FEBRUARY 2022.

If you have any queries, the consultation team can be contacted via

Email – Contact@DeepingsLeisure-Consultation.co.uk or on Freephone **0800 4703 746**

NEXT STEPS

Once we have reviewed all the feedback provided, we will produce a report of the feedback received before considering the next steps.

**Our ambition is to start construction on site in January 2023
and for the new facilities to be open by January 2025.**



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