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Bourne End Junior Sports Club

Statement of Community
Involvement



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BEJSC Project Thunderbirds

Introduction

The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement is to set out the principles for engaging and consulting with local communities – including residents, organisations and businesses and any interested parties on planning matters.

Consultation and engagement on planning matters set out in this Statement seek to go beyond the minimum regulatory requirement for community involvement in the planning of the scheme.

Notification & Engagement Techniques Used

BEJSC acknowledge and welcome the right for anyone to comment on the preparation of a planning submission document; however, it is important to ensure inclusivity throughout the plan-making process. A range of notification and engagement techniques have been employed to raise awareness and to encourage participation at each stage of plan preparation. BEJSC recognised that some potential participants in the consultation would favour paper methods of communication, therefore electronic media has not been solely relied upon.

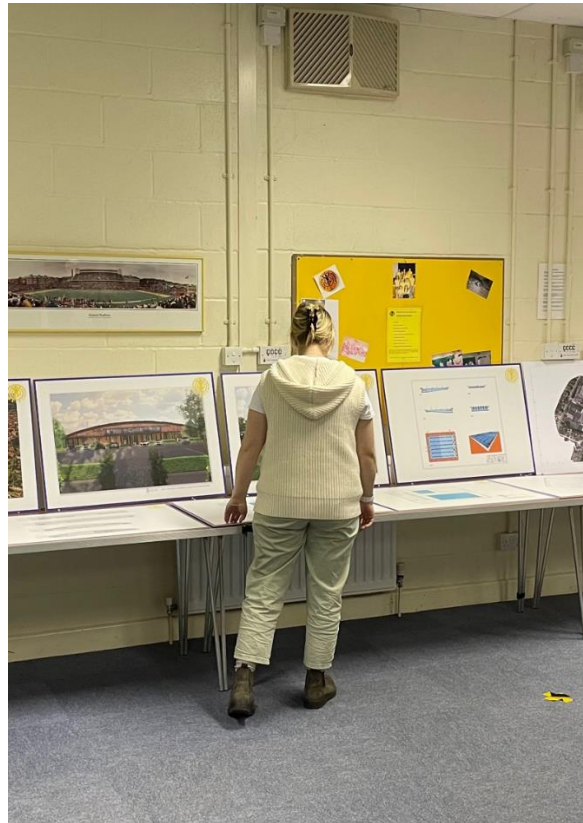
The following techniques have therefore been utilised: -

- ④ BEJSC operates a database of individuals and organisations that have expressed an interest in project Thunderbirds or are statutory consultees. Those who wish to be involved or updated will be directly notified at each stage either through email, letter or via the website.
- ④ Production of a dedicated project website, located at www.bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk to provide an online resource for the following:
 - History of the club
 - Background to the project
 - Plans & Drawings of the proposal
 - Considerations to the planning process
 - Timetable of club and community use
 - Feedback forms
 - Online Questionnaire to establish support or concerns
- ④ Production of a dedicated Facebook page for the project to ensure a wide audience is available and to keep consultees upto date on progress
- ④ Paper copies of consultation material, including comment forms, have been made available by emailing office@bejsc.co.uk to request them to be posted to community addresses, with a reply-paid envelope provided.
- ④ Notices have been placed in a local magazines and business shopfronts advertising consultation and engagement opportunities, where appropriate.
- ④ Media briefings/press releases/articles have also been issued via local media.

- Leaflets (450 Number) were designed, written, printed and delivered to residents within 0.5km of the proposed site to inform and engage with residents and businesses/schools most likely to be affected or to benefit from the project.



Public Consultations & events have also been undertaken



Other events may include drop-in sessions, public exhibitions and/or targeted workshops. Presentations and regular engagement with Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council meetings will continue to be utilised where possible. The type of

event undertaken will be dependent on a number of factors, including the consultation stage, and time and resource constraints. Careful consideration will be given to the timing, venue and format of events to continue to ensure accessibility and inclusivity.

Submitting Comments

BEJSC are continuing to operate an online public consultation system where comments may be made.

In addition BEJSC have been running an ongoing online questionnaire, the results of which are included in the following pages. Electronic media, although the most quick and efficient method for submitting comments, is not the only acceptable method. Comments may be submitted during each stage of formal public consultation in the following ways:

- 🌐 Website: <https://bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk>
- 🌐 Email: office@bejsc.co.uk
- 🌐 In Writing: The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5BS
- 🌐 Feedback form on <https://bejsc.co.uk>

BEJSC cannot take a written record of comments over the telephone as they cannot be verified as a true record of the consultee's opinion. Our administrator will however, scribe for people who cannot make comments on their own due to literacy or disability issues.

Comment forms are normally provided in paper or Word document format on request.

Comments must be made during the prescribed consultation period.

Any comments that are offensive, threatening, obscene, racist or illegal in any other way are not accepted.

Results on feedback can be seen at: -

- 🌐 <https://bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Summary-of-Feedback-forms-redacted-26082021.pdf>
- 🌐 <https://bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/BEJSC-Swimming-Pool-Questionnaire-results-as-at-26082021-redacted.pdf>

Community Consultation Feedback

A key aspect of community involvement in plan-making is providing feedback on how comments made have been taken into account in the development of a Plan or document. BEJSC will produce a report following each consultation stage setting out the notification and engagement techniques employed, a summary of the main issues raised, officer's response to these issues and information on how these have been taken into account as appropriate. Such reports will be published on our website. The Plan or document and any Consultation Statement will then be submitted to the Wycombe

District Planning authorities if required.

Duty to Co-operate

The Local Planning Authority is required by the Localism Act 2011 to effectively and constructively engage with relevant partners on strategic cross boundary matters on an ongoing basis – the Duty to Co-operate. This includes neighbouring local authorities and other statutory bodies.

To assist with this BEJSC have been communicating with the neighbouring Parish, known as Cookham Parish Council

Email Chain below: -

From: Cllr Mark Howard <Cllr.MarkHoward@cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk>
Date: Thursday, 4 November 2021 at 10:41
To: BEJSC <office@bejsc.co.uk>
Cc: Cookham Parish Council <office@cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk>, Councillors - Cookham Parish Council <Councillors@cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Proposed new swimming pool in Bourne End

Dear Matt

Re Swimming Pool consultation

Thank you for engaging with Cookham Parish Council as part of the wider consultation process.

After our recent Full Council meeting on 2.11.2020 I have been asked by the Council to respond positively towards the swimming pool project.

The Council wishes the project and its team well and we trust that you continue to keep us informed as details evolve.

Best regards
Mark Howard
Chair, Cookham Parish Council

From: BEJSC Office <office@bejsc.co.uk>
Sent: 21 October 2021 11:38
To: Cookham Parish Council <office@cookhamparishcouncil.org.uk>
Cc: Malcolm Silver <clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk>; Liz Hutton <huttonliz@gmail.com>
Subject: Proposed new swimming pool in Bourne End

Good morning,

As part of our wider public consultation into the proposed development of a new community led swimming pool for Bourne End Junior Sports Club, we thought it prudent to contact our neighbouring parish to let you know what was being proposed.

We feel it will be great asset to the area and know that a lot of our current members come from your parish. In conversation with the chair of WBEPC at our public consultation evening, it was sensibly suggested that we make contact with yourselves in case you wish to make any comments or lend your support to the scheme.

All of the details, including planning documents and drawings can be found at www.bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk or please do pop down to the sports hall, New Road, BE, SL8 5BS on 22/10/2021 if you like.

I've also attached a copy of the latest questionnaire results from the website as an insight into the proposal.

If you have a questions please do not hesitate to drop me a line.

Many Thanks,
Matthew Todd
Chairman
BEJSC
www.bejsc.co.uk

Co-ordination with Consultants

BEJSC have engaged with a variety of specialist consultants to provide a considered and coordinated submission to the Local Planning Authorities. The consultants have taken into consideration the feedback received via the community consultation process and the pre-planning advice issued by Buckinghamshire Council Planning Department.

Each consultant will state the parameters of their report and the considerations taken in reaching any summary decisions within their field.

The main planning submission details all the consultants used.