

Wallingford Sports Park – Outcome of Community Consultation – August 2024

In early July 2024 Wallingford Sports Trust held a community consultation to give external stakeholders and club members an early opportunity to find out about and feedback on plans to improve the sports and other facilities at the Sports Park. An exhibition was in place, information added to the website <https://www.wallingfordsportspark.co.uk/about-us/> and three staffed drop-in sessions were held. This note sets out the results of that consultation. Comments made are provided verbatim but anonymised.

EXTRACTS FROM CONSULTATION BOARDS – OPTIONS 1, 2 & 3 (to aid understanding of the survey results)

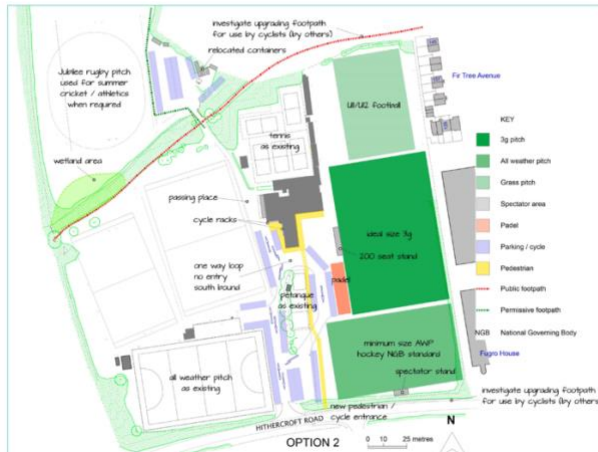
OPTION 1

3G IN THE CORNER & AWP BY HITHERCROFT RD



OPTION 2

3G BY FUGRO & AWP BY HITHERCROFT RD



OPTION 3

3G BY HITHERCROFT RD & AWP BY BY-PASS

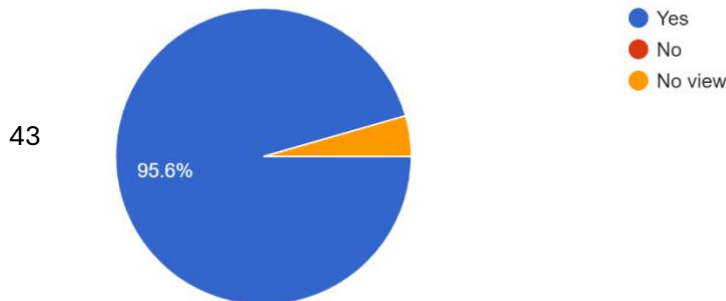


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Wallingford Sports Park Survey Results

1. Do you support the vision and strategy as outlined on Board 4 - Vision & Strategy, Key Drivers?

45 responses



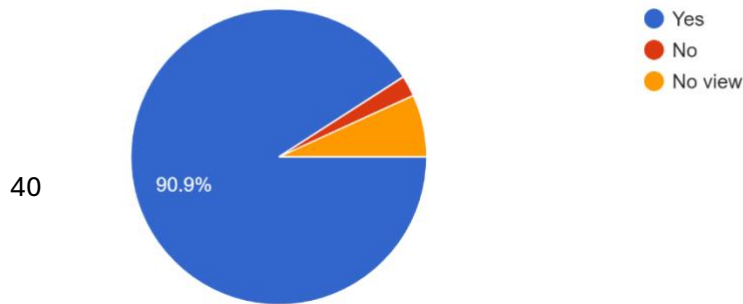
2. Is there something missing from the vision and strategy outlined on Board 4?

1. No
2. Some form of changing and toilet facility over the brook to support moving Cricket there.
3. That a proportion of the traffic is drop off and pick up NOT parking
4. Would like to see option for adult cricket on a rollout wicket - e.g. for women's softball. But understand value of not needing to accommodate cricket vs adding the 2 new artificial surfaces. Getting the 2 new surfaces is a compromise worth making.
5. No
6. It should follow the wording in the constitution and business plan
7. Is there scope for a collaboration with the new school and sports facilities being constructed as part of the Highcroft development, given its proximity to the sports park?
8. With the increase of sporting facilities, will there be a consideration towards the current services being developed like the clubhouse area and the carpark to suit the mass flow of people?
9. no
10. I've put all of my response into part 13.
11. Expanding diversity members
12. I am in agreement with the strategy in general and you highlight the need to grow existing sports, however you will be reducing the footprint of the Petanque area and taking away our dedicated parking, which could impact the growth of our club. Many of our members have reduced mobility and would struggle to walk some distance from a parking area. There is no consideration for expansion or improvement to our facilities, such as the need for better lighting and a clubhouse to allow us to grow the club further and to enable all weather play.
13. Maybe something more detailed about active travel and the need to reduce parking and cars, also meeting the growing changes in Olympic sports through British athletics strategy?
14. NA

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3. Do you think we have identified the right key drivers as outlined on Board 4?

44 responses



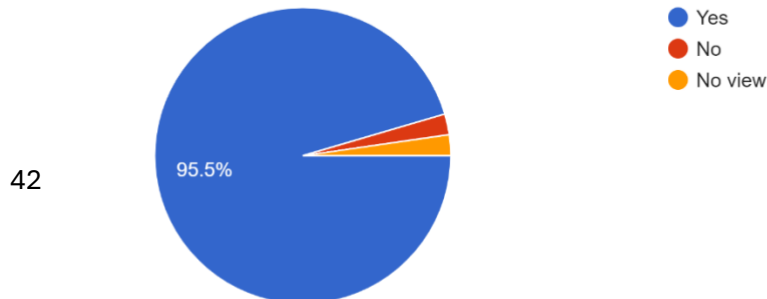
4. If something is missing from the key drivers on Board 4?

1. No
2. Hmm
3. Yes, a key driver should be to reduce the risk to children moving around the site. At the moment children need to cross a busy car park to access the toilet facilities in the club house. When we have two AWP's, it will be likely that children and parents need to move between them, so keeping pedestrians and cars apart is important.
4. To maintain facilities which are convenient and attractive to use for all sports involved to ensure the long term success of the sports park. I am not clear why all weather pitches will encourage more women or veterans to participate in sport, surely this is a manament issue in allocating sufficient playing slots for these groups and providing coaching opportunities.
5. You talk about widening access to sport, however you not taking into account the growing population of veterans wishing to take part in sport. Petanque is a all inclusive social / competitive sport that caters for reduced mobility, all ages and genders who can play together on equal terms. Reducing our car parking space will impact some of members who are unable to walk or cycle.
6. Have you spoken to the youth and future generations as my understanding is a skate park is the youths number one want and nobody wants to take it on board so feel you should run a focus group session at Wallingford school
7. Consolidation for the Football club is nice, it's a shame that consolidation of venue for the Archery club has not been considered.

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5. Do you support the concept for improvements outlined on board 5 - 'The Improvements We Want to Make'?

44 responses



6. If something is missing on Board 5 -'The Improvements We Want to Make', 'The Concept', please say here?

1. Grass pitch for 11 a side should not be lost as this is required for U16-U21 football in addition to the proposed 3G
2. The Padel courts are a nice to have if they can be accommodated. In making improvements to parking, this should ensure that provision is made for disabled and those who have difficulty walking to be able to park on-site close to facilities. It should also aim to ensure that smaller clubs are not disadvantaged by the scale of parking for the larger clubs.
3. It would be great to include considering improvements to spectator facilities (seating, toilets etc) at the existing pitches such as the current AWP as well as at the main club building, such as adding an upper level with balcony viewing
4. One way to help with parking issues is to restart the bus service from Didcot/Abingdon that stops at the bus stops that are near Wallingford Sports Park.
5. I agree in general, however again pétanque is the poor relation. There is plenty of improvements planned for all other sports. The only mention of pétanque is that it might have to be moved. What about improvements like lighting, fencing, retractable roofing as you mention for padel, this would provide all weather use for our members which would give us the option to grow the club further.
6. should you look at site D to extend the site as the town grows with another 1000+ houses being built until 2030 and clubs already at capacity
7. No mention of possible future indoor archery facilities
8. Nothing missing

7. Is there anything missing from the key issues outlined on Board 8 - 'Key Issues We Have To Consider'?

1. No
2. Where the new warehouse building opposite the entrance to the sports park shades the touch line of the existing hockey pitch which has caused more games to be frozen off since it's construction, whether any other existing buildings would have a similar effect on any of the proposed locations of the new pitches.
3. Nothing obvious
4. Ease of use for parents with multiple children taking part in activities at the same time. It's often the case that parents are on site with multiple children in different age groups doing the same sport or one doing hockey at the same time as another doing rugby. It would be helpful to those parents if they can quickly and easily move between those activities, so siting the new AWP next to the existing one and the kids rugby pitch next to the AWP's would be useful.
5. Perhaps not a 'key consideration' but probably something to bear in mind for ongoing maintenance of the new AWP is the surrounding vegetation/trees in terms of leaves etc getting onto the pitch. I know good work was done around reducing this around the existing AWP so worth considering this as part of the new AWP location and whether any tree removal/management as part of the development work needs to be included/considered. Other possible considerations (and I appreciated I'm coming at this from a hockey perspective) ... Is there a particular orientation that hockey pitches should ideally face to minimise sun in eyes for goalkeepers? Again, not suggesting this is a key issue for board 8 but perhaps something to bear in mind if there is a recommended orientation. Also for minimising likelihood of the pitch freezing (and maximising defrosting potential due to sunlight/shading).
6. Irrigation, not mentioned, this is essential to maximise the grass growth in summer months, this will produce healthier, stronger coverage to give a deeper and more oxygenated root system, which in turn will help with drainage and flooding suffered in a more natural way during the wetter period. Report has been produced to show the levels and pressure producing bore hole that will be required, available on request, to make sure sufficient water is provided to maintain maximum growth. Business Plan, you are using a 2 year old out of date plan on a new project, you need to bring this into the current period to be of any use, otherwise complete waste. 1st Team pitch realignment can't see anything on the options regarding this. Wetland Basin, flawed idea and major health danger. This will grow with the continued new housing developments and the 3G pitch installation into a stagnant pond with all the associated health problems. This area is also used for the rugby's mini and junior teams, 380 members in your 2022 business plan. There are currently insufficient areas to play and train on and with this "idea" will provide even less, and unfortunately over time will encroach on to the J1 pitch, which in wet weather is only just playable on in very wet conditions. Lights on 1st team rugby pitch, the cost of this could be used elsewhere, with potentially 3 other pitches with lights, this should meet requirements
7. There isn't a cricket club associated with the sports park at the moment so presumably the cricket element here is for the Cranford House kids. I'm not sure we should be using taxpayers' money to provide cricket facilities for private school children.
8. What'd happens when Cranford House fiend their own facilities?

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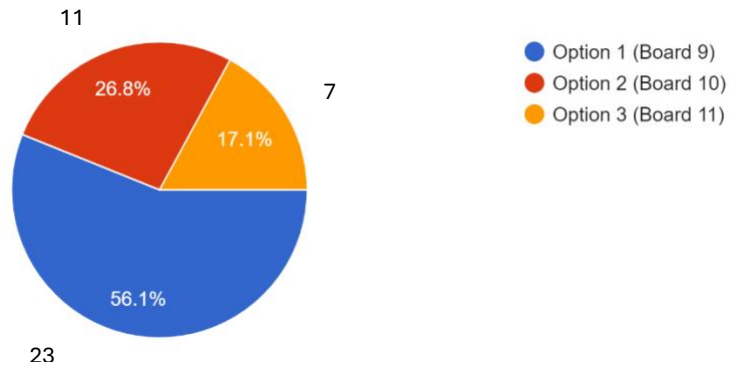
9. Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC need to consider FA guidelines of a stadium pitch including access turnstiles, blocked external view of the pitch and a secure path for players from changing room to pitch. There are other requirements that the FA stipulate and will have to be considered as the 3G pitch cannot be simply caged area like that of the AWP. Other reference 3G pitches of clubs will need to be reviewed for comparison.
10. Encouraging sports park users and visitors to walk, cycle, car share or use public transport with this in mind a permissive path from Highcroft to Hithercroft Road should be included in the plans together with seeking improvements to the existing footpaths which provide access to the park.
11. O
12. Check the factors for the new AWP to be safe to play on when there has been a frost as there are more areas of the existing AWP that now takes longer to be safe.
13. the town grows with another 1000+ houses being built until 2030 and clubs already at capacity, any view on a satellite area maybe at the old council offices in Crowmarsh?
14. Ensuring changes do not adversely affect existing activities

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Options

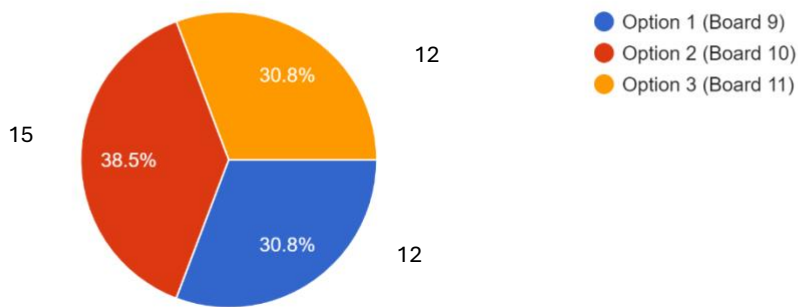
8. Please rank the 3 options presented on Boards 9,10 and 11. Which is your 1st choice?

41 responses



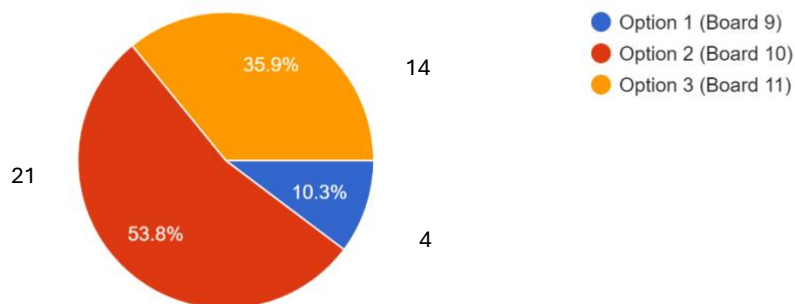
9. Please rank the 3 options presented on Boards 9,10 and 11. Which is your 2nd choice?

39 responses



10. Please rank the 3 options presented on Boards 9,10 and 11. Which is your 3rd choice?

39 responses



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11. Please offer ideas for improving options 1,2 and 3.

1. If the 3G pitch was located as in option 1 and hockey as in option 3 could this allow more flexibility of use of the pitches nearest Fugro?
2. As mentioned previously some facilities for changing and toilets over the brook to support Cricket, Rugby, Archery and other sports that could be held over there.
3. Drop off and pick up facility Scope to extend Padel to 4 courts if succesful.
4. Move the cricket/athletic track beyond J1 rugby pitch to the three remaining pitches where rugby youth play and archery use. Both these activities do not happen during school time, which is the time there maybe a requirement for cricket and athletics
5. AWP on Rugby training pitch, 3G on Stadium and two grass football pitches left as is to retain option for Cricket
6. Pedestrian access from the Hithercroft Rd/Fugro corner.
7. Create a shared warm-up/spectator area between the two AWPs along with separate toilet facilities by the pitches. This would make running the kids hockey sessions significantly easier and safer.
8. Rain gardens as part of the drainage strategy, using rain water on site rather than just slowing the rate of discharge off the site
9. Has the joining of the existing and new AWPs been considered for option 3? Appreciate this would remove the additional new parking located the other side of the AWPs but wondering whether the two being connected and having a warm up area in the space between them may have some value?
10. Option 2, "Use of when required athletics and cricket" can be played either on J2 rugby pitch, which is in the corner beside the ring road and new development, or in the new ground new to the new development. This would give an area that during the summer could be marked and not used too much be others. As you say on board 3, 3G, focusing on football and AWP focusing on Hockey, seems to be sensible to be closer to their areas of the sports park
11. the new area created by the house estate could be an ideal area for a cricket and athletic track
12. No wetland area as this could potential cause grass pitch drainage issues. Cricket to move to the far end of jubilee by Highcroft. I would prefer a combination of option 1 and option 2 where the main football pitch is not moved but the cricket option is moved to the far end of jubilee field.
13. options 1 and 2 would be better with a warm up hockey area as on saturdays there will not be space on the existing warm up area for 4 teams to warm up prior to their matches
14. Option 2 - needs the cricket and athletics moving further away from the main pitch. Option 3 - This has come yup many times, the astro will not fit here. If it is pressed ahead despite not fitting, it will destroy the grass pitch during construction. Option 1 - Not sure how this works, as the summer is the time the pitches Arte allowed to recover and prepared for the winter season.
15. Option 1: Moving the padel courts in between the AWP and the grass area makes sense because:
 - the football club retain the grass area for overspill for training when fixtures take place
 - Retain usage of floodlights funded by Sports Park and funding providers
 - the sports park can still utilise the area for party, fun days and fitness classes
 - no interference to 3G pitch for spectators or maintenance regimes
 - reduces the impact on both hockey AWP size and 3G pitch size.
 - Grass area can also be used by rugby club
 - Grass area can continue to be used for Car shows, car boots
 - Better flow for 3G users/visitors
 - Grass area could be

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- utilised for overflow parking (if ground conditions allow it) Option 2 means that the existing floodlights in what would be the old stadium pitch can continue to be used for U11/12 football/ training and warm up area. Option 3 poses challenges due to distance from 1st team player changing room to All options will result in a vital 11 a side pitch being lost. Due to the ever-increasing number of residents in Wallingford and surrounding areas the number of playing spaces required by Wallingford & Crowmarsh needs to grow. Whilst the 3G pitch will help in our view we cannot lose this space especially as other options in Wallingford are impacted by a) regular river flooding at Crowmarsh recreation ground, and b) the loss of 1 x pitch space at the Bullcroft Park for a path to be built when the new building is developed.
16. Option 1 - the National Sports centre in Bisham has restricted use of its floodlit pitches because local residents complained. It's important to look after the locals which you have mentioned. Option 2 doesn't flow as well, and the AWP is minimum size. Option 3 flows better but it's not ideal that 3G and AWP are minimum size.
 17. I still don't feel any of the options resolve the significant issue of lack of parking. Is it inconceivable to suggest that one of the areas set aside for grassed facilities is turned into a large car park with permeable ground covering? Whether it's one of the grass football areas or the back field? This could potentially allow one or more of the new pitches to become of ideal size rather than minimum size.
 18. I would prefer an size AWP
 19. Board 1 makes most sense - however as discussed, could new hockey pitch locate at rugby training area. Keeping hockey located next to each other. Football 3g to be put at current stadium pitch. Leaves plenty of grass
 20. Summary Pétanque club members verbal views Option 1 Concerns over loss of parking on grassed area adjacent to the piste Provide parking for blue badge holders Affect of parking on the trees Provide wind break to south west corner of pistes Option 2 Concerns over loss of parking on grassed area adjacent to the piste Provide parking for blue badge holders Affect of parking on the trees Provide wind break to south west corner of pistes Two way / one way system does not seem to work very well Pedestrian / cycle path has to cross road twice. Not efficient use of space; lots of white areas Option 3 Concerns over loss of parking on grassed area adjacent to the piste Provide parking for blue badge holders Affect of parking on the trees Provide wind break to south west corner of pistes Did not like padel at front of park; why not with tennis Will feel hemmed in with 3g so close Football players crossing the piste and over fences already an issue; 3g will make it worse
 21. Compare the 3 options for the AWP to be safe to play on e.g. flooding, frost etc.
 22. You talk about widening access to sport, however you not taking into account the growing population of veterans wishing to take part in sport. Petanque is an all-inclusive social / competitive sport that caters for reduced mobility, all ages and genders who can play together on equal terms. Reducing our car parking space will impact some of members who are unable to walk or cycle.
 23. skate park and other upcoming olympic sports
 24. I have no additional thoughts or options at this stage
 25. With all options, we should not try and squeeze Padel into the main area and locate the courts in the spare space between the tennis courts and footpath. With lighting, tarmac surface and CCTV applied to the jubilee carpark, padel users should be encouraged to park there leaving space for the AWP users in the main parking area. Also there is a natural fit, racket sports are together and field sports are also. Aesthetically, it will looked more balanced

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12. Do you have any other options or ideas you think should be investigated?

1. No
2. Having a decent gym facility on site too. Having the ability to show multiple sports events on different screens inside the pavilion.
3. Pedestrian access from the Hithercroft Rd/Fugro corner.
4. Moving the entrance and all parking to one edge of the site, making everything beyond pedestrian only, reducing the risk of moving around the site, especially for kids. As Fugro is used as overflow parking, putting the parking on that side makes sense.
5. Can't stress enough how the use of irrigation can be of great assistance
6. scrub area behind the tennis courts could be used for extra carparking
7. It's not clear to me which of these options, if any, improves the sporting opportunities of people with disabilities. I would like to see specific proposals for those please. Those may not be about infrastructure per se, rather plans, funding, and initiatives to create opportunities for disabled people within current clubs and initiating new ones. I see no current initiatives for disabled people at the sports park other than the rugby one - nothing in tennis, football, hockey, squash, or pétanque. To that end I'd suggest the padel area could be larger and allow for other sports to use the retractable roof
8. As above
9. the existing hockey astro is poor and should be relayed
10. Option 4. This is a combination of existing options 1 and 3. - 3G pitch to be built where the current stadium pitch is located. - AWP to be built where the existing rugby training pitch is located. Whilst the rugby team may not support this initiative there could be an option to add additional lights on the top pitches that accommodate winter training. The new option 4 would also mean the existing grass 11 a side football pitch can be retained along with floodlit grass in between that will allow expansion of both 9 a side with (2 x 5 a side youth pitches marked within the 9 a side). Having the AWP on the rugby training area will also simplify additional parking overflow as the side of the AWP will be fully fenced providing a clear demarcation between parking and AWP.
11. The existing needs for different sized grass pitches should be identified in order to help identify the best option It is not clear how the key drivers have influenced these options, how are disabled facilities incorporated.
12. If none of the grassed pitches could be 'lost' to car parking then I feel there should be some discussion with Fugro to negotiate semi-permanent use of the office's car parking. The office car park is almost always empty, especially at weekends which is when we experience significant parking problems. There is Fugro's large car park at the northern end of Moses Winter Way that could become a significant parking resource for the sports park, potentially with convenient pedestrian access via the existing footpath from Fir Tree Avenue
13. The club houses ability to provide further services to the sporting groups that hire and are based out of the Hithercroft sports park - ie, better food facilities like a canteen that could provide food for the sports teams when needed
14. Considering the benefit of not adding paddle to the sports park and use that space for much needed parking
15. Gravel surface the new car park behind the AWP as additional pétanque facility.
16. AWP and 3G pitch at Cantley Park - does it have similar flooding issues to Wallingford Sports Park?
17. There is a need for additional toilet facilities and hand washing areas aside from the main sports centre.

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18. skate park and other up coming olympic sports
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13. Do you have any other comments or suggestions in respect of the overall development of the Sports Park?

1. No
2. Would be great if the whole site was presented on the plans. Whole of Jubilee pitches and Highcroft site.
3. Having a separate footpath to the club house from the road is a good idea to save having to walk through the middle of the car park.
4. A looped vehicle route seems like a sensible idea
5. Sounds really exciting - thanks to everyone involved!
6. the wetland area, again could be utilised for carparking with the access point running tightly on hte footpath so not impeding the first team rugby pitch.
7. better cycle access is required
8. As above
9. Answering on behalf of Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC
10. Optimising the size of the new 3G and new AWP pitches is very important. It is great to see drainage concerns being given so much consideration too. As a hockey club member I feel it is so important to get a second AWP pitch as soon as possible so we can actually grow our club. There are very few tenable local alternative pitches that can be used for more game time on a Saturday and Sunday as well as suitable (early enough for juniors) training times in the week. With a very substantial membership and current waiting lists for juniors - a second pitch is REALLY crucial to our club. It is also good to see a new sport being introduced.
11. As a hockey player and member of the hockey club committee I naturally have the interests of playing and spectating hockey at the top of my priorities. Having experienced the facilities at other sports parks such as Tilsley Park, I see the benefit of positioning 2 AWP's next to each other as ultimately there are some excellent space-saving options that can then be considered such as double-sided spectator seating, shared warm-up areas, potentially shared lighting. Option 3 is therefore my preferred option for these reasons but it also is the option with the most segregation of the facilities for each sport taking place, which I think is also beneficial for reasons such as planning parking areas etc
12. I am responding as a resident, not a Sports Park user. The Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan Review has a Policy CF1 in Chapter 9 that supports your proposals. The Green Network (Map 7 in WNP Review) shows the two footpaths across the Sports Park as opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. Please develop a Sustainable Active Travel Plan with OCC, Oxford Bus, SODC to encourage more people, especially children, to walk, cycle, wheel and bus to and from the Sports Park. I've seen OCC Cllr Pete Sudbury and his daughter cycling to the Sports Park from central Wallingford where they had parked. Develop proposals for better, safer access for people from Highcroft and Winterbrook Meadows. Please develop a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan with Wild about Wallingford, SODC and EA to maximise opportunities for nature recovery by improving/creating land and wetland habitats for

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wildlife. Both plans will encourage more people to visit the Sports Park, organise and attend events in the clubhouse, use the public footpaths across the Sports Park.

13. Would be great to have a gym on site. Underused squash facility could be a perfect location
14. I belong to a club that is not materially affected by the plans. I welcome further use of the Sports Park and each option seems to offer an improvement. I am glad to see additional parking offered and wholeheartedly agreed that plans should strive to avoid the mixing of pedestrians and cars around the site. As an aside, I hope that with increased utilization of both the sports facilities and Pitchside Cafe that litter can be kept to a minimum and perhaps offer recycling.
15. Provide designated nature areas in addition to wetland area Provide cycle racks close to sport playing areas
16. Please be clear: My comments in response to this consultation are intended to be supportive. I have really appreciated prior constructive conversations with some of the dedicated and hard-working trustee team. I also appreciate the tremendous work that has gone on to get the consultation to this stage across such a broad array of topics from flooding to ecology to travel with sport in between itself(!)– well done. And, I feel it is appropriate for me to include some of the challenges I and other councillors have voiced to you over the last year, as we've started to work together. It is in this context that I write the below. I look forward to further conversations as we go forward to improve WSP to serve our growing community as best we can under ever-more-challenging environmental and financial conditions. The yes/no response format is too constraining for me here in some places: e.g. I support the vision & strategy partially, and recognise many of the key drivers. Somethings are missing: 1. Given the emerging SODC Playing Pitch Strategy and Leisure Facilities Strategy which identifies as need for a wheeled (skate) park in Wallingford, I'm keen to see WSP actively consider this. I know from our conversations that this isn't easy. But it is such an obvious potential site. In addition, I wonder about providing an informal space specifically aimed to make space for girls: <https://www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk/our-work-3/councils>. Being alongside other sports might also have other positive consequences. I welcome the consideration given to an emerging sport (padel). And I am curious about the demonstrated need for it (sorry if I forget something from a prior conversation / consultation), and also the retention of - at least - the same space for all other existing other sports. We know there are other emerging sports that have Olympic status, and what chance is there that some of the current big sports, such as football and rugby, may diminish due to the increased understanding of the health downsides – e.g. concussion and long term brain diseases (and of course they may just change how they are played significantly)? 2. It is great to see you acknowledge the reality of the significant impact increasing flooding is having on peoples' ability to play sport. And I'd hate for us to have unintended consequences of our decisions. I again draw your attention to 2 such of AWP: A. We need to pay close attention to the choice of materials. Eg Athletes likely to have higher levels of PFAS after play on artificial turf – study | PFAS | The Guardian (Part of a broader section on PFAs: PFAS | The Guardian) drawing on https://peer.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/3_6_2024-Dermal-absorption-PFAS-AT.pdf. I obviously have no sense of the robustness of this research, but wish to draw our attention to the issue, if it's not already been registered. B.: Where does all of the plastic that gets abraded off the pitches (and sports' kit) go? We are clear that this is a nature emergency. We have the opportunity to demonstrate appropriate adaptive and mitigation approaches. Not make the emergency worse. E.g how can we ensure that we capture the micro-plastic run-off so that it doesn't end up in our waterways, and thus bioaccumulate in otters, kingfishers, pike etc

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downstream? We've seen that Chris Boardman at Sport England believes sport needs to work to ensure that the climate and nature emergency is not made worse by our actions. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate this in practice in partnership. Travel: Rather than give more space to car parking on site, I'm sure you'd love to decrease it, so there is more space to actually play sport. How about a 2- or 3-storey car park? And / or further partnership with Fugro, Screwfix et al about peak time parking? Alongside your desire to get better walking and cycling links within Wallingford, how about we investigate linking into Wallingford Town Council's embryonic community travel scheme ideas, find out how other sports parks manage, pilot the use of some kind of lift share app, (dis-)incentivise driving and parking on site at all. I know this is a bigger issue than WSP, and not easy, else you would have done it. I'm interested in what you write about W&Crowmarsh football club consolidating their space – I'm curious about 2 things: the assumptions that lead to this, and the impact on other playing field space in WF & C/M – would such a move free up? It prompts me to wonder about a cross-Wallingford / Crowmarsh overview, whether now is also a prudent moment to talk about "Site D", when it comes to expansion? And a final question: what are the plans for the Jubilee Field?

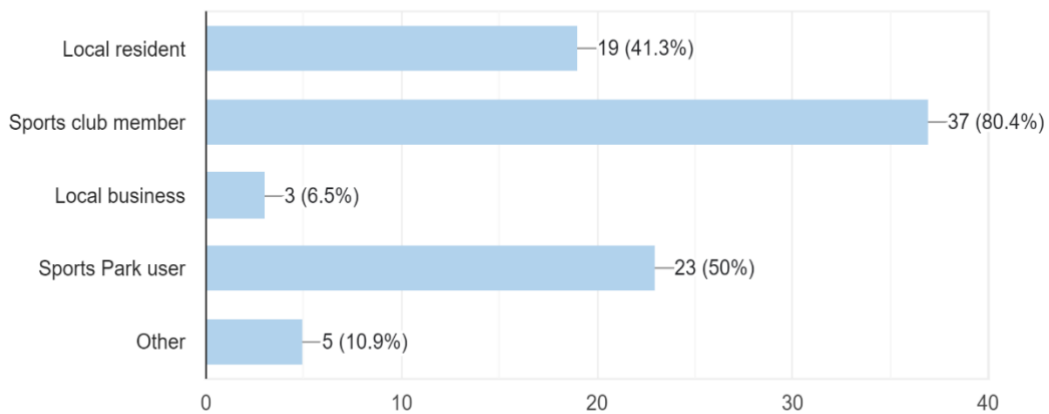
17. A new cycle/pedestrian entrance and cycle paths added to both entrances is needed.
18. great work and manager is a real asset, skate park and other up coming olympic sports. Bio diversity net gain consideration when putting in 4G pitches etc
19. None of the proposed plans appear to directly impact the archery club, in a positive or negative way. We do however have some concerns we think will need considering in the details of the planning process. - Displacement of existing football or rugby activities up to the Jubilee fields during the summer months (April-September) could impact the Archery club, and would definitely require much stronger planning of facility usage - there remains no proper booking system for this space. Our club is also growing in its usage of the facilities both for recreational and competitive archery, up to National level. - Similarly, any usage by Cranford House on the northern parts of the Jubilee Fields after 5pm would cause the Archery club significant difficulties, and should be avoided. - We are concerned whether drainage improvements might affect the size of our usable range space. - We are looking forward to hearing the specifics for parking and drainage work as to when it may affect our usage. It seems likely that such work would take place during the summer as overall sports park utilisation is lower at this time, but significant work during the summer could have a major or even catastrophic effect on our club activities. With no other locations on the sports park large enough to allow for archery, if the club is to be displaced off site we would expect that the cost of this would be included in the overall costs of the project and supported by the sports park. The archery club is not keen to support this from their own membership, as we have no benefits from the work being undertaken - even the drainage issues in the winter cause us no problems. - We are disappointed that the proposed indoor range mentioned in previous version of the business plan seems to have been completely dropped. We also understand one early proposal for the future of the Sports Park was to look at expanding to an additional site to increase capacity rather than building new artificial pitches. We are disappointed that this was effectively discarded before the clubs were consulted, as this probably have been our preference - a fully integrated site for archery is our long term ambition and this project overall makes us feel that it is less likely this will ever be achievable at WSP.

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Any one of these options will involve a huge amount work for the Trustees and small team of employees and this will test our existing infrastructure. A review is needed to identify the best model for managing the projects and once in place, the future management of the Sports Park.

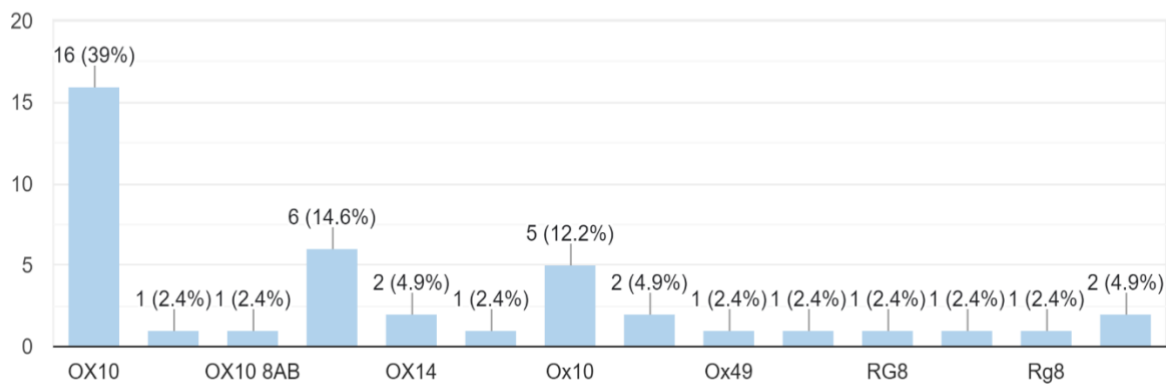
14. What is your interest in our plans for the Sports Park? Tick as many boxes as apply.

46 responses



15. What is the first part of your postcode? (e.g. OX10) Optional

41 responses



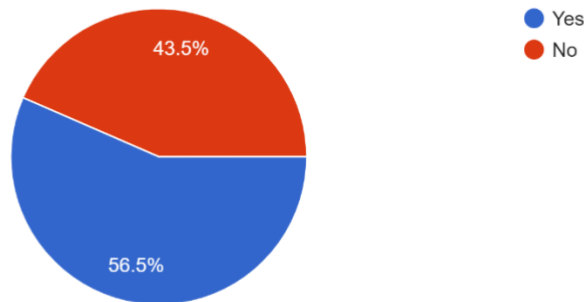
Over half (25) of the 41 respondents live in Wallingford.

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15. Are you happy to give your personal details so that you can be contacted by a member of the project team to?

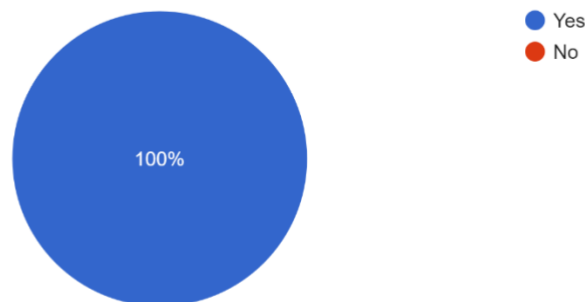
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46 responses



17. We are committed to protecting your personal data. This form is used to collect your personal data for the purpose of Wallingford Sports Park pro...r personal data for the purposes described above.

26 responses



16. If you have consented to the above, can you please provide: Your name and email address? Thankyou

26 individuals gave their email addresses for contact to be made, if appropriate.

Note regarding other comments - two other sets of comments were received by email and the points made are summarised here:

- Parking will be inadequate and needs more consideration - traffic numbers and flow
- Padel should replace the existing football stands area between tennis and grass football which is a problem anyway (access and maintenance)
- Petanque could move to the east of the skittles/ function hall, with the space where petanque is now used for more parking
- Putting bits of parking around the site with connecting access roads is both relatively expensive and likely to create traffic issues

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- A bio-diversity pond should be linked to the removal of the trees beside pétanque, as a trade-off
- The patch of land west of the existing AWP must be safeguarded for biodiversity and for future drainage solutions in view of more wet winters

- Whilst the Sports Park needs to continue to expand (in scope if not size) there is no benefit apparent for the ABM Skittles Club
- There may be a minor negative impact for the skittles club (which has a particular age demographic) due to lack of car parking and a busier bar with longer wait times
- To note that skittles is to expand with a second, portable alley. First booking to be Bunkfest.