

## Banchory Sports Village Public Engagement Event 31/03/16 – Frequently Asked Questions

- Moveable floor in 25m Pool (11)

With two pool areas (main pool and training pool) we are confident of being able to meet local demand without the need for movable floors. The main pool will have a shallow end deep enough (1M) to accommodate competitive swimming tumble turns.

- Will the local primary & secondary schools have regular access to the swimming pool

Yes

- 4 courts instead of 3 (11)

The existing 4 court hall at the sport centre is being retained for community and school use. This is in addition to the 3 court hall within the Academy.

The new facility will create an additional high quality 3 court hall which will be available to the public.

So this means Banchory will have 3 large sports halls in the future.

- More seats if possible in the viewing gallery. (7)

We will aim to provide additional seating (with storage) to supplement the fixed seating when required.

- catering facilities/café (4)

We will be providing a café service.

- Sufficient car parking space? No space(s) for visiting coaches? (3)

The draft car park design is indicative only, this can be amended to accommodate coaches.

- Footpaths (4)

We will be looking at developing safe routes to the facility from the town centre.

- Trampolines (3)

We anticipate trampolining will remain at the existing centre

- Space to develop further? (3)

We expect that the new facility, together with existing facilities will meet demand and will provide additional capacity for growth in usage.

- The sports hall storage is also quite small looking. (2)

The new sports hall is aimed at the casual user, and we expect this to meet demand. Banchory will enjoy the benefit of 3 sports halls when the new facility is built.

- Equipment List for Gym (Wish List) (2)
  - Free bar for chest exercises
  - Squat rack & Olympic bar, also with a deadlift area

- More & higher weight of dumbbells (to 40kg) more benches to use free weights
- Leg extension machine
- Incline leg press machine (Plated)
- More than one cable machine, and ones that go to a higher weight than existing sports centre
- Lat pull down machine
- Preacher arl seat & zig-zag bar for curls
- Leg curl machine i.e a lying leg curl machine
- Smith machine
- Pec desk – overall more engagement of gym users with what equipment they require \*\*\*
- Pull-up bar (and pads for leg raises)
- Decline bench for ab exercises
- Overall area of the fitness room needs to be bigger. If not, then a very efficient use of floor space is required. Wall space being lost with full height windows – not necessary.
- Ratio of the gym needs to be more in favour of weights rather than cardio.
- 18-40 market (majority male) are crying out for a good gym with higher amount of weights equipment
- This market is severely under-represented in the consultation and the drop in event
- Lots of guys head into town as the current Banchory gym is so inadequate
- Overall there is a lack of engagement with this demographic
- Opening hours need to be as long, if not longer, than the existing sports centre. Even if the pool is shut some of the weekend to save on the staff costs,, the gym should be open longer – at least until 8pm
- Overall, disappointed in the size and ambition of the gym, given the size/cost of the sports village

We expect that the gym will accommodate approximately 25 pieces of gym equipment, which will meet the needs of a town the size of Banchory. The exact specification of gym and equipment will be agreed before opening and will take into consideration the list above.

- Sauna & steam room

The plans do not include a sauna and steam room.

- Make sure the pool has slides and proper floats that won't effect anyone's skin?!

We will take into consideration the provision of slides and would only be providing approved industry standard floats.

- Making sure the pool is available to the general public for early morning swims as well as local swim clubs as currently the local pool has limited access.

Yes – this will be the case

- The showers at the pool will not be suitable for other sports.

Current design is indicative – we will look at this to see if it can be improved.

- Good quality courts.

We will provide high quality courts.

- Please can you have gymnastic beams and crash mats and stuff to do with gymnastics and lessons

We expect gymnastics to remain at the existing sports centre. However we may purchase some basic equipment for the new centre for general use.

- Will Academy take preference over public when it comes to sports hall bookings?

No – the academy will use its own halls – which will be available for public use outside of school hours.

- The fitness room (gym) also looks inadequate.

We plan to accommodate 25 stations (design tba) which is expected to meet the needs of a population like that of Banchory.

- The pool should be longer

Pools need to be 25 Metres to accommodate competitions. However it will have six lanes and a trainer pool – so there will be a lot of waterspace for the community.

- What are the sizes of the cubicles?

Not specified as yet – but there will be a mix of single, double and family cubicles.

- Are there hooks inside the door for dry clothes?

There will be

- Is the seat in the cubicle a fair size to take a changing bag?

We don't have a specific size as yet, but standard sizes do accommodate a holdall – though not a larger sports bag.

- Solid seat?

Typically a wood effect bench seat is provided.

- Child changing seats?

Yes – we will provide a mix of these – some fixed in family change and some portable

- Buggy station

Not at this stage, but a good idea which we will consider

- How big is the pool?

Main pool is 6 lanes X 25 metres. Trainer pool is 12M by 5M approximately.

- Will fitness room be air conditioned?

There will be a form of air cooling or conditioning.

- Consider dedicated party room as income generator?

Great idea – we hope to use the convertible squash courts and viewing area for this purpose.

- Suggest main pool depth should be deeper than 0.9m?

We expect the main pool to be 1 metre at the shallow end and 3 metres at the deep end.

- Outside flood lit 4G pitch?

Not at this site – though this may be the subject of a future project for Banchory

- Outside facilities? Tennis courts? Pitches?

Not at this site – though this may be the subject of a future project for Banchory

- Possible hire of fitness rooms by groups

This may be a possibility, though we have to ensure we don't overly restrict the public use.

- Volleyball net fixings should be posts into concrete slab. Not the screw-in fixings as in the current sports centre

We will consider this

- Hall heights

Main hall - 8.1 Metres

Squash – 5.6 M

- H&S for people coming from changing rooms for training.

Design meets current industry standards, but we will continue to look at this

- Gymnastics club question:
  - Will there be staff to set up and put away? Operational details will be discussed with user groups before opening
  - Can we increase the number of let hours as the old sports centre? We expect to negotiate with clubs to increase access equitably.
  - Will we be able to store more equipment at the 'old' sports centre? Operational details will be discussed with user groups before opening.
- Is there a diving board at the pool?

No

- Volleyball Court needs to be central i.e 3.5m clear space behind both ends

This requirement has been noted

- Table tennis provision:
  - Would be good to have some tables available to hire. It doesn't require special markings but is a great sport for all ages from 4-104. Good for physical & mental agility. Banchory currently has two very highly-ranked junior players (one a national champion) and it would be great to inspire more locally

We will look to provide these

- Indoor climbing wall and bouldering room?

Not in the facility plan

- Volleyball: competition posts including:
  - Referee platform

- Antenna
- Safety padding for posts
- Strong large floor fixings (pole in to concrete hole not screw in)

We can consider these – though it is not the plan to be a recognised volleyball centre of excellence at this stage.