

Meeting RE potential re-development plan for Twerton Park

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Nick's brief:

'Get a true understanding of what the people and organisations in and around Twerton would want' & 'Capture some of the additional ideas to feed back into the Bid team and any possible re-development plans.'

Attendees providing input on behalf of community organisations local to the ground:

- Nick Blofeld (Bath City FC)
- Jamie Luck (Mentoring Plus)
- Sally Harris (Age UK B&NES, Bath Welcomes Refugees, Bath Amnesty)
- Penny McKissock (Southside)
- Dave Wiles (Southside Youth Hub)
- Helen Stockwell (First Steps Bath)
- Joe Rayment (Twerton Councillor)
- Ben Summers (St Michaels Junior School, Twerton)
- George Samios (Twerton Infants)
- Mark Hayward (BANES Council)
- Helen Fisher (Bath City Farm)

Existing pros of Twerton Park:

- Space for discos/events
- Informal environment
- Safe space for young people
- The pitch(!) – exciting to access the ground itself
- Parking

Ideas for redevelopment:

1. Classroom/meeting space

- Teaching space that keeps the visual identity of the club, reinforcing the connection with the football
- After-school club facilities e.g. art workshops
- Good-sized meeting space (in short supply across Bath)
- Affordability vital

2. Office/working space

- Hot desks (as per The Guild, based at the Guildhall) for local organisations
- Internet
- Neutral work space

3. Subsidised gym/exercise area

- Accessible and affordable exercise classes & gym membership

4. Café/social space

- Regular opening hours (through the week)
- Accessible toilets and changing facilities (needed throughout)
- Pre-school/early years provision desirable/needed e.g. Soft play area
- Family activities & intergenerational opportunities, particularly for autumn/winter e.g. fun days
- Family-friendly eating space (as per success and demand for lunchtimes at Rose Cottage across the road)
- Serving alcohol? (though potential conflict and reduction in trade for local pub)
- Music venue (very popular) & event space

5. Youth activities

- Indoor sport
 - i. Climbing wall (very popular)
 - ii. Table tennis
 - iii. Football
 - iv. Trampolining?
- Cadets/Air Training Corps training facilities
- Film screenings/music events

6. Football

- Open training sessions
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Opportunities for school groups to visit the club for coaching rather than coaches visiting schools
- 3G/4G plastic pitch (very popular)
 - i. Could be used year-round
 - ii. Events could be held without risk of damage to pitch
- Visual access to the pitch from inside to maintain connection

7. Community involvement

- Vital to keep local voices involved on an ongoing basis
- Regular meetings to be held
- Broad collection of views and feedback, especially from those whose voices aren't typically heard (being clear on what the Q is and where the parameters lie):
 - i. Open consultation as plans progress
 1. Roadshow to present ideas (St Michael's Church? Rose Cottage? RNID?)
 2. Door-knocking
 3. Questionnaire for distribution
 - ii. Presence at Bath City Conference
- Consideration over the loss of space in the carpark
 - i. Local market and fair could be impacted (how much space will be lost?)
 - ii. Will there still be adequate parking provision?

- iii. Potential partnership with dial-a-ride or community transport scheme to compensate and enable equal access