



Amersham Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Amersham Community Board held on Thursday 18 February 2021 in MS Teams Meeting.

Members present

S Andrews (Public Health), J Barnes (Amersham Action Group), D Bray (Cllr), A Brown (Amersham Retailers Group), J Burton (Cllr), P Carroll (Lifestyle Centre Resident Lead), S Catanach (Amersham TC Clerk), F Copp (Little Chalfont PC Clerk), M Crowe (Little Chalfont Parish Council), I Darby (Cllr), M Dormer, B Drew (Little Chalfont Parish Council), S Drummond (Community Services), M Flys (Cllr), R Funk (Little Chalfont Community Association), A Garnett (Chiltern Chamber of Commerce), C Grey (Clerk), G Harding (Localities Welfare Lead), M Harker (Cllr), P Harper (Trading Standards), G Harris (Cllr / CB Chairman), J Herbert (Coleshill PC), D Hulme (BFIS Community Coordinator), B James (The Fitness Garden), C Jones (Cllr), V Jones (Amersham Kids Together), J Keeler (Amersham Swimming Club), D King (Chesham Bois PC), P Lawson (Chiltern Lifestyle Centre), N Magrath (Sustainable Amersham), C Marchant (Head of Environment), P Martin (Cllr), P Matza (Amersham Residents Association), H Mee (The Clare Foundation), P Milliner (Local Resident), J Moxon (Social Prescribing Link Worker), K Murray (Communications Officer), B O'Meara (Leisure Centre Contractor), V Patel (Little Chalfont Parish Council), J Pateman (Parking), M Pegg (Dr Challoner's Grammar), D Pinkney (Local Resident), B Poole (Voices and Choices), L Richardson (Amersham TC Clerk), J Roads (Amersham Retailers Group), S Salwa (Everyone Active), M Stokes (LEAP), M Tett (Cllr), S Thomas-Ellis (Everyone Active), M Turner (Amersham Coronavirus Help), J Walford (Little Chalfont Parish Council), L Walsh (Cllr / CB Vice-Chair), J Waters (Cllr), G Williams (Cllr), C Wilson (HS2 Action Group), L Wright (Community Board Coordinator) A Zaman (Estates Project Manager).

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and asked speakers to introduce themselves and their organisation prior to speaking.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from C Jackson, D Phillips and C Rouse.

3 Declarations of interest

Representatives of Little Missenden Parish Council (LMPC) declared their interest in item 10, LMPC having submitted a funding application.

Cllr M Harker declared an interest under item 10 due to her involvement in The Big Community Takeaway project who had submitted a funding application.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020 were AGREED as an accurate record.

5 Petitions Received

The following petitions had been submitted for consideration:

A355 speed limit

Description: To reduce the speed limit to 40mph

Discussion: It was noted there had been fatalities in the area. This petition was also being discussed by the Beaconsfield and Chepping Wycombe Community Board.

RESOLVED: The petition would be taken to the Transport working group for joint discussion with Beaconsfield and Chepping Wycombe CB.

Magpie Lane, Coleshill, speed limit

Description: To reduce the speed limit to 30mph.

Discussion: Coleshill Parish Council representatives described the road as a narrow, built up lane that should have never had the speed limit increased. It was noted that the petition had received 330 e-signatures in an area with approximately 440 residents on the electoral roll indicating strong local feeling. An initial report, by Transport for Bucks (TfB) officers, in response to the petition did not support the change. CPC stated they had not been contacted to share vital local knowledge and clarification would be sought as to whether a site visit had been carried out.

RESOLVED: The petition would be taken forward with transport officers and TfB.

Coleshill Weight Restriction

Description: To introduce a 7.5 ton vehicle weight limit through the village.

Discussion: Historically, issues related to vehicle movements from the reservoir but CPC were now looking ahead to the effects of HS2 construction. It was felt the initial report did not address previous difficulties experienced locally such as significant traffic backlogs caused by oversized vehicles becoming stuck when trying to turn around which caused a wide ranging impact. It was confirmed that such a limit would not restrict emergency services or agricultural movements, but formal signage would give a clear indication to drivers they would struggle to manoeuvre larger vehicles.

RESOLVED: Amersham transport working group would discuss the petition further with TfB officers and CPC.

6 Neighbourhood Matters

Questions from members of the public were requested in advance of the meeting. Copies of the questions and answers would be appended to these minutes.

Mr P Carroll continued to have concerns about the state of the Kind George V Road field.

ACTION: To explore the option of a meeting with Cllr C Harriss to address Mr P Carrolls concerns.

7 Update on Lifestyle Centre

Mr B O' Meara, BAM, gave a presentation on the progress of building works a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

- It was confirmed the new building was still on budget. There were some unknown factors with the removal of the old swimming pool which would become clearer as the task progressed.
- A question was raised about the new sites carbon footprint. It had been stated that the old leisure centre site had accounted for approximately 50% of the old Chiltern District Councils carbon footprint. The target was to make the new building carbon neutral by design, the true impact could not be known until the building was operational.

Mr S Salwa, Everyone Active, gave a presentation a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

- Staff were looking ahead to the opening of the lifestyle centre with an understanding it would need to be tailored to meet any covid restrictions in place at the time. This could include a VIP day for stakeholders and a family fun day.
- Everyone Active were keen to see cross party working between the services using the site. They proposed to create a Chiltern Lifestyle Management Group with management representations from all services using the site.
- Front line NHS workers would be offered one months free membership when sites re-opened.
- The Lockdown Legends campaign would allow residents to nominate local people who had gone above and beyond during the crisis for the chance to win a years free membership.

8 Update on Parking Implementation

John Pateman, Project Manager, Transport for Bucks (TfB) gave an update on the parking changes being implemented across the Amersham, Chesham Bois and Penn area.

The following points were highlighted:

- The legal orders behind the new parking controls were implemented in December 2020.
- There had been delays in installing the road markings and signs due to cold weather, increased workload and the need for whole work parties to self-isolate. Work would now be carried out the week beginning 22 February.
- Some areas would also have residents parking included as per the feedback from the consultation process.

- Copies of signage had been circulated with the minutes. The plan was to have standard signage and procedures in place that could rolled out across all Community Boards streamlining the process for parking implementation.

9 Update from Sub-Groups

The Chairman and Vice Chairman gave a presentation updating on the Community Boards actions since the last meeting, a copy of which would be appended to these minutes. Also see the update report circulated with the agenda.

10 Community Board Funding Applications for Approval

The Fitness Garden

Requested: £4,140 (with £1,440 match funding from Leap).

Description: To offer 2 separate 8 week programmes of Online, Health, Fitness and Mental Wellbeing support two different groups (young people and carers). A copy of the application was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

The request £4,140 for funding to The Fitness Garden was AGREED.

Little Chalfont CCTV

Requested: £3,700 (application for match funding made to Heart of Bucks).

Description: CCTV to discourage vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Little Chalfont Nature Park and improve the visitor experience.

Discussion: Care would be taken to ensure the cameras themselves were not vulnerable to vandalism. Local councillors had spoken to some groups of young people behind the ASB and had found they wanted their own space within the village; there was a young person's working group looking at local provision.

RESOLVED

The request £3,700 for funding to Little Chalfont CCTV was AGREED.

The Big Community Takeaway

Requested: £2,500 (match funding from The Clare Foundation).

Description: To provide one restaurant quality hot meal a week to vulnerable residents.

Discussion: This application was a last minute addition, further information was included as a presentation and would be appended to these minutes.

The service had already been operating in Chesham since April 2020.

11 Any other business

Consultations

<http://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Census Support Service

Support was available to help residents to complete their census forms online or to request a paper copy.

Buckinghamshire Libraries 0300 131 6000

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning 01296 382403

Covid-19 rapid testing

Testing was now available for volunteers and those working in the community.
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/

Trading Standards

Ms P Harper, Trading Standards, wanted to make attendees aware of the support they had available. They could support those targeted by scammers including installing free call blocks on phones and free doorstep cameras. Details would be shared on the Boards social media.

12 Date of Next Meeting

17 June 2021, venue to be confirmed.

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Amersham Community Board - Questions from the Public

Chiltern Lifestyle Centre:

1. As the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre Community Liaison Forum has been disbanded since the demise of CDC, & as the Residents' Representative on that Forum, could I please ask for a progress report on the construction of the Centre against the programme, to residents & local businesses & stakeholders who were part of that Forum, who no longer have direct access to information about the project apart from this Board? In particular, I see that on the hoardings around the site, the opening date is advertised as Autumn this year, but according to the published Construction Traffic & Logistics Management Plan, at that stage, the existing buildings will not yet have been demolished, thus severely restricting the number of parking spaces available, & access to the delivery/refuse/coach parking bay will not be possible. Could the appropriate Council Representative on the Board please report to the meeting on what plans are in place to meet the requirements of Planning Permission Condition 13, which requires that *"The scheme for parking and manoeuvring indicated on the submitted plans shall be laid out fully in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of the development...."*?

Response:

A BAM are providing an update presentation at the meeting detailing the building progress. BAM are currently on programme for completion in September and handover to the occupants, there are some programme risks as it currently stands due to COVID but these are being proactively managed and the Council are being continually informed of any changes.

B Planning Condition 13 – As highlighted at the previous Community Liaison Forum the Council is not in breach of condition 13 as this is a pre-occupation condition. The project team is currently considering this matter and will put a proposal to the planning department shortly. The final plans once approved will be shared via the planning portal and can be presented to this group if requested.

2. Also, after seeing the muddy mess that is KGV Field during this winter, has any further consideration been given to providing proper surfacing to the log trail area, or fencing-in any of the play/exercise areas to contain children/exclude dogs?

A This winter season has been exceptional, lockdown has increased the use of outdoor spaces, this mixed with the normal winter weather conditions has caused increased mud in the area. The play equipment has a suitable surface treatment to the play features where required, however recent heavy rain has impacted the field. It was of importance to both Amersham Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council to maintain a natural look and feel in this particular playground. We will continue to discuss this with Amersham Town Council, of course once the new play area at the front of the building is open, the demand on the wooden equipment will reduce, most notably in winter.

B Perimeter hedge rows will be installed to the skate park during the current planting season, intended completion is March 2021. There will not be perimeter hedges around the natural play features having previously taken advice from Thames Valley Police throughout the planning process, comments included maintaining clear site lines in the playground.

The playground which will be situated at the front of the building will be fully fenced in, similar to the playground that was previously at the site.





Bill O'Meara : Project Manager
Chilterns Lifestyle Centre,
Amersham

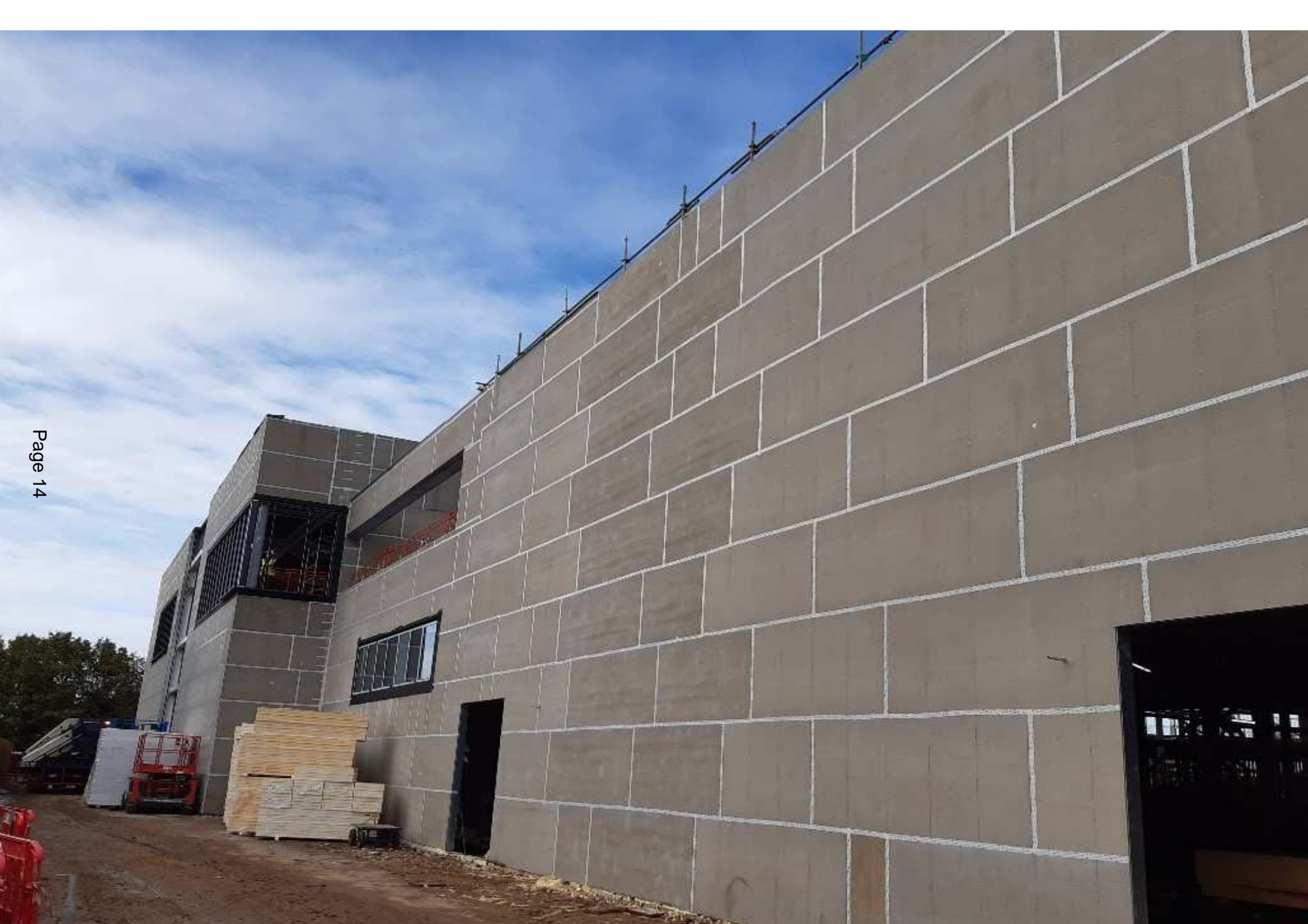


Progress photos as the
works progressed



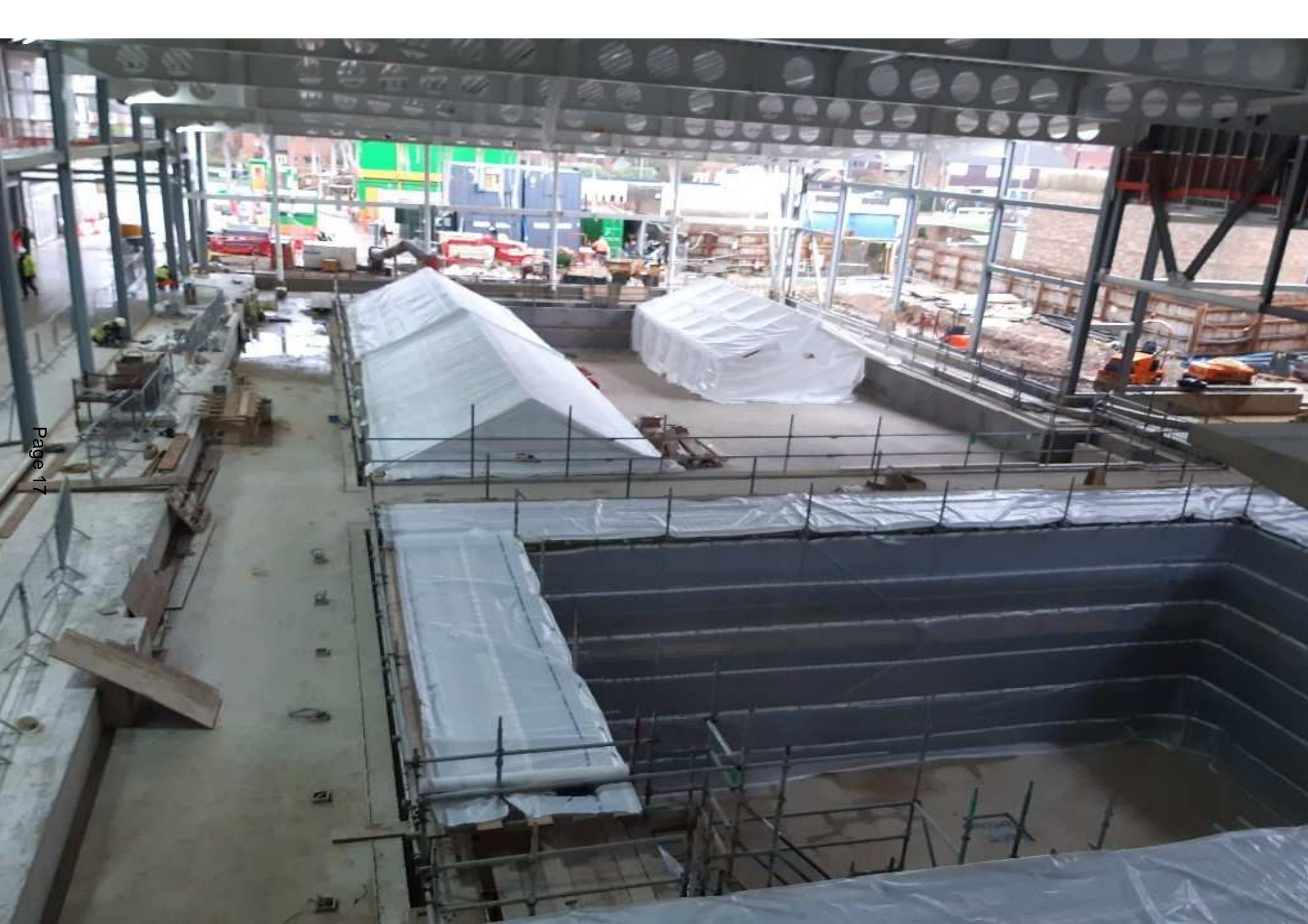












The building sub-structure including the swimming and diving pools has now been completed. This also includes all underground drainage.

The steel frame and all upper floors and roof structure are complete.

The roof waterproofing is complete.

The external wall structure, including windows, is installed to all areas other than the pool hall.

The external wall finishes are now being applied and specifically at this stage the brick slips

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All major plant such as boilers, air handling units and pool filtration equipment is on site and being installed.

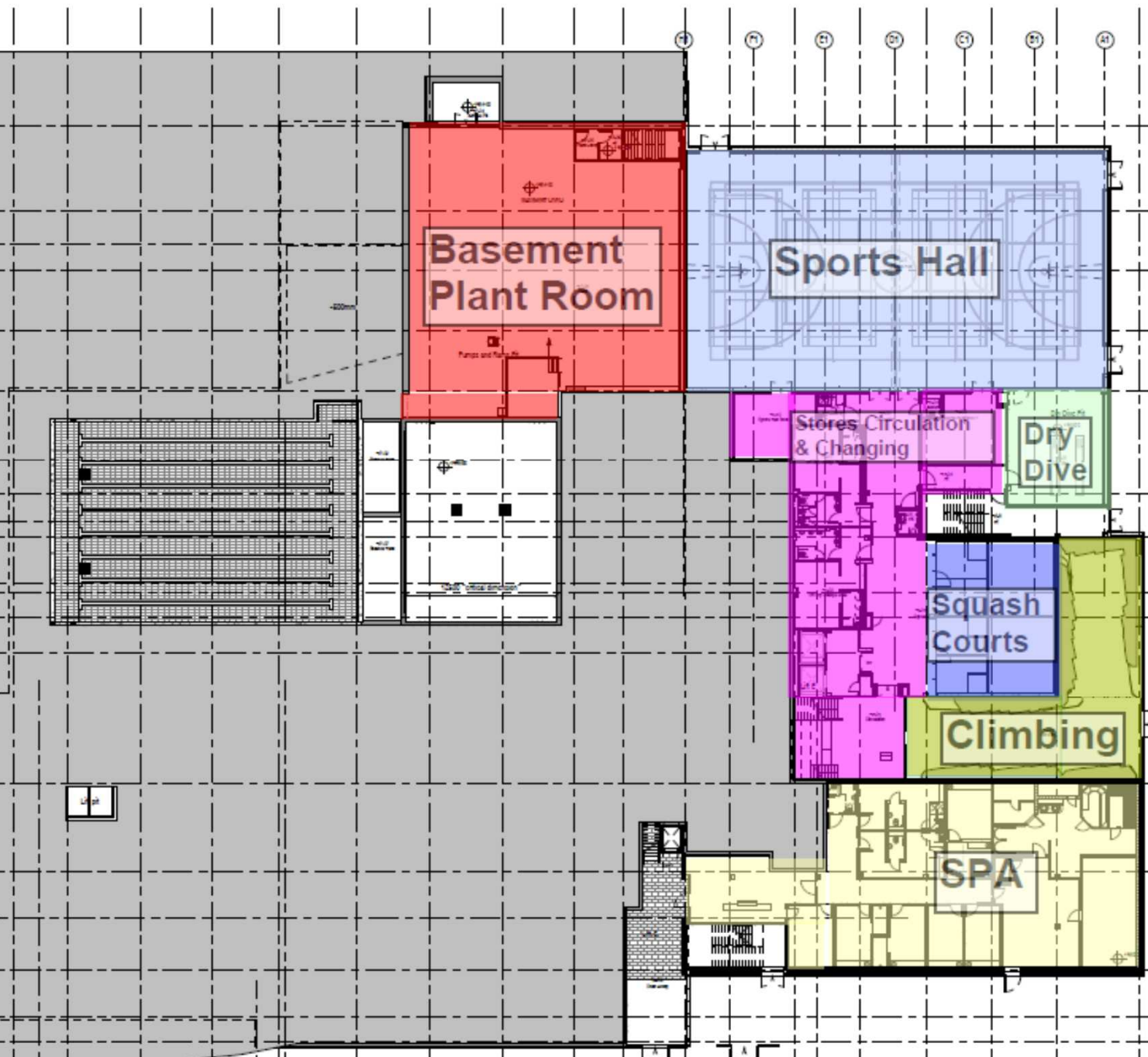
Internal high level services is well progressed.

Internal walls are well progressed throughout and are being prepared for mist coat painting to commence.

Ceiling installation will begin imminently.

The swimming pools are being rendered and screeded in preparation for tile application.

Mains services [gas, water and electricity] installation is progressing with the infrastructure in place



Revision	Date	Description
R 01	05/04/15	Planning Approval
R 02	24/04/15	Amendment to Planning
R 03	03/05/15	Minor amendment to plan
R 04	06/04/15	Minor amendment to plan

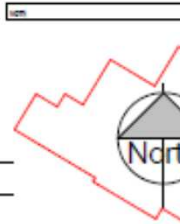
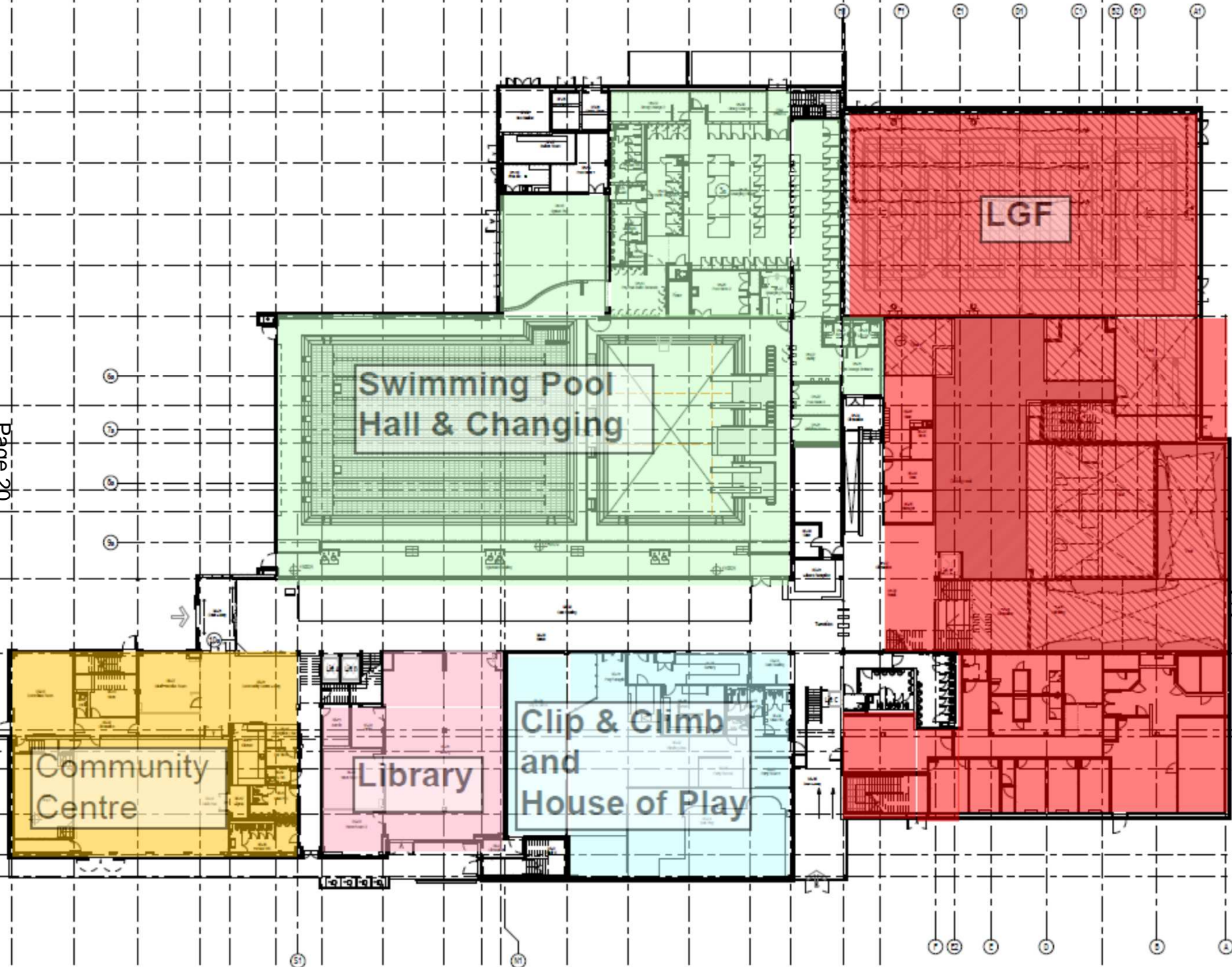
Client
Chiltern District Council

SPACE 8
LONDON MANCHESTER

10 Judd Street
London WC1N 2DF
Tel: 020 7417 1000

Project
Chiltern Lifestyle Centre

For Construction Drawing Number: 010 - 01 - 01 - 01
01/01/15



Revision	Date	Description
P 01	23/04/15	Planning Permitted
P 02	24/04/15	Planning Indicated
P 03	03/03/20	Minor amendments revision
P 04	08/04/20	Minor amendments revision
P 05	14/02/21	Minor amendments revision to the Club Deck doors and layout

Client
Chiltern District Council

SPACE 8 P
LONDON MANCHESTER GLASGOW

SP ARCHITECTS
15 PRINCE STREET
MANCHESTER
M4 1BT

PROJECT
Chiltern Lifestyle Centre

For Construction Drawing Number: 210520-001-01-10
DRAWING

Education and Community Co-ordinator, June Wilkinson has been working hard in the virtual world and has :

delivered a virtual maths lesson to schools in Bucks showing how logistics is used as part of the Bucks Skills Show

A number of virtual careers talks.

June has developed podcasts/talks etc for schools to use as virtual careers fairs as we can't be there in person.

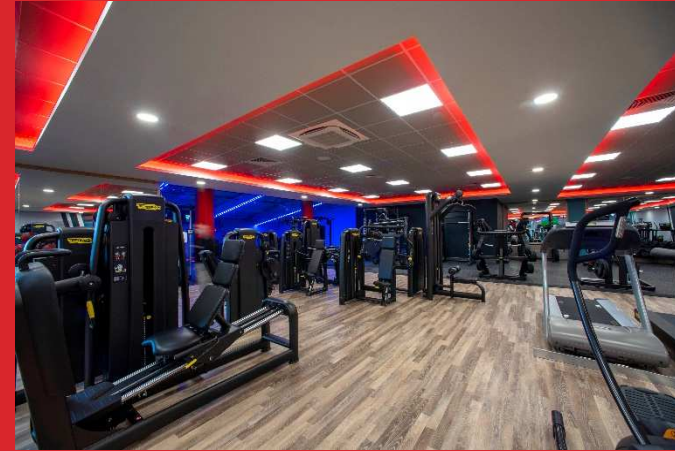
June has also perfected a virtual work experience platform and created an opportunity for students to sign up for the half term, all of the schools contacted around CLC have been advised and the opportunity was also sent to Bucks Careers service.

BAM are hosting a virtual work experience week for students as part of Green Skills Week

Apprentice Olive McHale joined us in October on a degree programme. She will be taking part in International Women's Day on 8th March 2021



Current Investment



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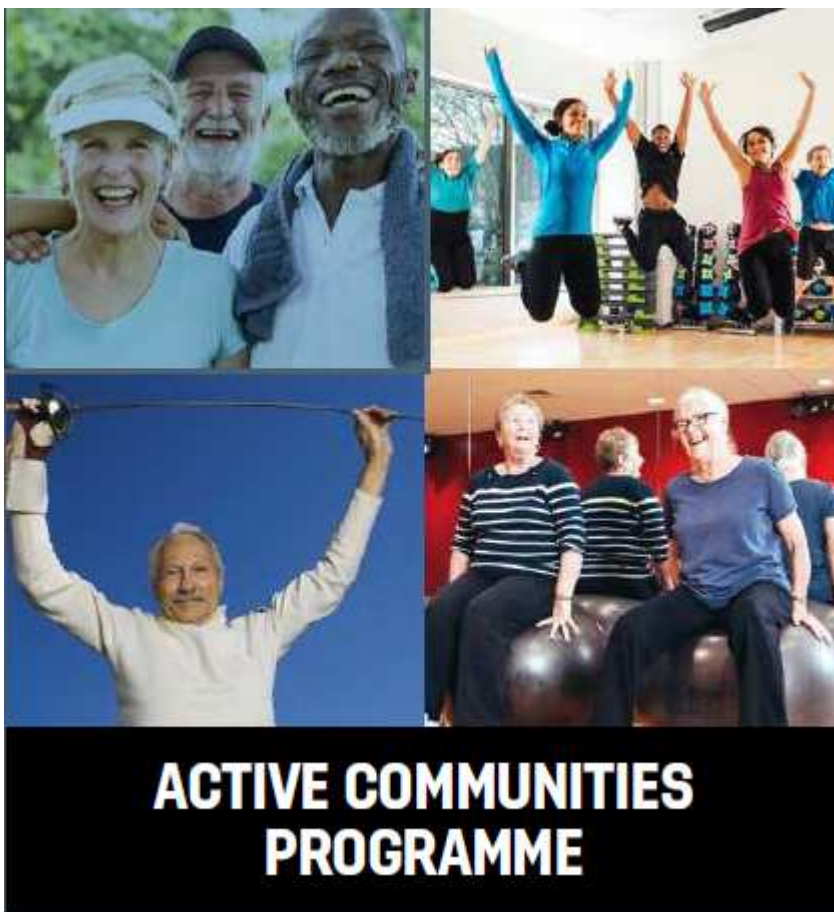
Family Fun Day For All



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Community Activity



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www.everyoneactive.com/promotion/lockdown-legends/



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Amersham Community Board

18 February 2021 7pm

Since we last met in November...

PROUD OF BUCKS AWARDS – LOCAL IMPACT AWARD



PROUD OF BUCKS AWARDS

Local Impact Award Winner

The Little Chalfont
Community Food
Bank Collection



Working group updates and ideas for new projects...

Coronavirus Recovery and Ongoing Support

Latest updates:

- Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Crisis funding agreed
- Supporting the distribution of LEAP Home Activity Packs for elderly and vulnerable residents
- Debt caseworker funded through Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Dementia Friendly Communities and Safe Places Schemes
- Food provision in the board area
- Discussions with leisure provider 'Everyone Active' to understand outreach programme in the area

Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Young People

Latest updates:

- Chiltern Rangers projects progressing
- Restore Hope FoodLife Hampers delivered to vulnerable families at Christmas
- Radio Christmas took place throughout December
- Youth Council progress – on hold during lockdown

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Future meeting to be scheduled – any thoughts from the wider board?

Village/Town Centre Revival

Latest updates:

- Oakfield Corner display progressing
- Totally Amersham review and next steps

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Amersham Action Group retail survey
- Working collaboratively with existing groups
- Ideas for projects to enhance the villages and town centres

Green Issues

Latest updates:

- NEW working group to be established
- Sustainable Amersham – promoted small changes for local people to make at Amersham Market in December

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- Amersham Museum Shopping Before Plastic – mobile museum project
- Sustainable Amersham – Projects in collaboration with Town and Parish Councils, new working-group for sharing ideas and informing about current activities

Transport



Latest updates:

- Chesham Bois VAS project to be scheduled
- Coleshill weight and speed limit – Petitions to be discussed
- A355 speed limit petition – joint discussion with Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye
- Parking procedure draft and parking request template – for discussion with the board

Upcoming projects and ideas:

- HS2 joint discussions with neighbouring community boards
- Parking discussions with local businesses and residents
- Little Chalfont Cokes Lane – ongoing discussions with TfB



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

FUNDING AGREED SINCE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Amersham Scout Hut	£25,000
Radio Christmas	£1,000
Restore Hope	£2,000
Chiltern Rangers	£10,000
ATC Oakfield Corner Display	£7,300
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride – Crisis Fund Application	£500

Applications to be discussed today:

The Fitness Garden	£4,140
Little Chalfont CCTV	£3,700

The Big Community Take Away (see next slide)	£2,500
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The Big Community Take Away

Coronavirus has left many people including friends, neighbours, relatives and community members struggling to eat, at a time when nutritious meals are more important than ever. The BCTA are fundraising to provide meals each week for all those affected.

Since launching in April 2020 the project has provided over 6,200 meals in the Chesham/Amersham area.

Identification of need is 2 fold:-

1. Allowing people to register freely online if they are in need. The Big Community Take Away complete verification checks to confirm need.... This protects individuals privacy and pride
2. We have reached out to charity organisations who complete vetting and need and register on behalf of recipients

The project benefits individuals, and families who are struggling from the effects Coronavirus both in relation to Covid/recovering, self isolation or with mental health issues and those who have been financially affected either through furlough, loss of hours or redundancy and cannot afford to cover meals.

Costs are approx. £5 per meal covering a main course and desert. No cost is allocated to volunteers for expenses. Based on current and projected need for Amersham and Little Chalfont we are expanding from 27 recipients to 50+

Total cost based on 50 recipients = £250 per week.

Match funding of £2,500 has been secured from The Clare Foundation if the Community Board agree to contribute.

The team are working on setting up a crowd funding page to keep the project sustainable and funded ongoing.

BUDGET (2020-21):

Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities	Health & Wellbeing	Local Infrastructure
Budget	£84,704.00	£22,693.00	£36,150.00
Allocated	49,686.15	20,486.00	25,000.00
Remaining	35,017.85	2,207.00	11,150.00



Consultations

yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

Close date

Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order consultation

21 Feb 2021

Help shape the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Buckinghamshire

26 Feb 2021

Town and Parish Charter feedback

7 Mar 2021

Involving local people in the planning process

22 Mar 2021

Call for brownfield sites in Buckinghamshire

22 Mar 2021

What matters to you and the neighbourhood where you live or work?

Opening soon

Census Support Service

- This March the 2021 Census will be taking place and this time it is the intention that as many people as possible complete the census form online, although there is a paper version available for those who cannot complete the online form.
- To support Buckinghamshire residents complete the form online, where at all possible, or signpost to request a paper copy, Buckinghamshire Libraries (from Aylesbury Library) and Buckinghamshire Adult Learning (from centres in Buckingham, Aylesbury and High Wycombe) are offering a census support service, whereby we will answer questions about the census, help people to complete the form online if required, help with understanding the questions and/or asking for an access code and signpost to translation support or to request a paper copy.

Contact if you require any further information.

- Buckinghamshire Libraries **0300 131 6000**
- Buckinghamshire Adult Learning **01296 382403**

Covid-19 Rapid Testing

- We have recently launched rapid COVID-19 testing in Buckinghamshire – with four sites now available in Aylesbury, Wycombe, Amersham and Buckingham - allowing people who leave home to go to work or volunteer to get tested regularly for COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the infection.
- <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/>
- Tests can be pre-booked, but all the centre's are also accepting walk-in's.



Forward plan of meetings

Working Groups:

- Covid Recovery – 2 March 6pm
- Young People – 10 March 6pm
- **NEW** Green Issues – 11 March 1pm
- Transport – 16 March 6pm
- Town Centre - 24 March 6pm

Board Meetings:

- Thursday 17 June 7pm
- Thursday 16 September 7pm
- Thursday 18 November 7pm
- Thursday 17 February 7pm

Follow us on Facebook to be kept informed about working group meetings and activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/Amersham-Community-Board-103122731565359>