Appendix 9: Chichester District - Stakeholder Consultation

| **Name/Organisation/Role** | **Summary Feedback** |
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| **Sarah Peyman**  **Divisional Manager – Culture and Sport, Chichester District Council** | Main facility needing investment is Westgate- internal bid for capital funding currently being considered. The Council is unlikely to build a new facility but recognises the importance of sport and physical activity at local level.  Westgate is in the right location for the district - very well-used.  Very happy with current operator but will be going back out to the market - just starting to think about their procurement options.  Could do with the new contract having more outreach responsibilities.  There is a health and wellbeing focus in the district but issue is capacity. Need to think about this in relation to the contract.  Clubs - generally good and pretty independent- some need support - nothing specific mentioned.  Opportunities for closer working with the University - over facility use and development. Education provision is important in the district as it complements what the Council provides. |
| **Stuart Mills**  **Contract Manager**  **Everyone Active** | **Westgate LC**  The centre will need significant investment in the short/medium term and/or a rebuild in the next 10 – 15 years.  Although the facilities are fit for purpose, the fabric and infrastructure is starting to age e.g. the roof is leaking in places.  Most of the facilities are of a good standard.  One of the key issues is that the main pool is 33.3m in length and therefore cannot be used for galas/competitions. Although the inclusion of a boom was considered or replacement pool on the space currently occupied by the skate park, no progress on these option have been made.  The main pool water is also directly linked to the learner/leisure pool water so unable to vary the temperature of the different spaces.  The main pool is used by the Cormorants Swim Club and Senior and Junior Triathlon Club for training. Chichester University also use the pool.  Facilities for the disabled are very good on site e.g. Changing Places toilet provision.  The contract is due to end in 2026 and it could be possible to tie any future investment in the site into the new contract.  Provision at peak times is an issue particularly in the studios, but also the gym, which has recently been refurbished. Need a slightly larger gym ideally.  No parking issues on site. EA are considering introducing Pael Tennis on part of the existing car park, which would reduce capacity.  Members travel approximately 15 minutes to the centre. There are good transport links although better secured cycling storage/parking could be provided on site.  EA responsible for all maintenance excluding structure and foundations.  **The Grange LC**  Opened in 2014. No issues with this site.  Could consider an outdoor play area to compliment the café/patio area. Also considered indoor soft play but not sure that the demographics for the area would support this. Ageing population.  EA responsible for all maintenance excluding structure and foundations. The Council has an ongoing snagging/defects list from the original build. Issues with the roof etc.  **Bourne LC**  The site is very friendly with a good community culture.  The health and fitness suit is no big enough.  Gain, there is an older demographic although new housing development in the area is attracting families.  Need to make the site more attractive to younger people. Possibly extend the gym upstairs into the existing multi-function room (currently also used for Spin).  Membership is currently @700.  Dual use facility but EA are responsible for all maintenance. School has 20 hours use per week, predominantly in the sports hall.  The gym is available for community use at all times.  EA also gets access to/use of the school’s 1 court sports hall and MUGA in the evenings. The school also has a 5-a-side 3G pitch which A books out but the school maintains.  Future facility needs in the district? More activities for young people e.g. Clip ‘n’ Climb.  EA’s main competition is Nuffield Health, Gym Group and More Gym in Chichester. |
| **Anthony Stacham**  **Head of Operations**  **Active Sussex** | Active Sussex launched a new strategy in March 2023 – Getting Sussex Moving 2023 – 2028.  The core focus is about getting people moving and being physically active. Addressing inequalities is also a priority, particularly older people, those with a disability or long term health condition, children and young people, and diversity and inclusion.  Another priority in terms of facilities is around engaging people in use of outdoor spaces. They are also doing some multi sports facility work with Sport England at the moment and undertaking projects in key areas.  Active Sussex main relationship with Chichester is with EA and specifically Ben Polhill and Amy Chamberlain who deliver a wellbeing programme as part of the EA contract. EA deliver outreach and centre based activities. Difficult without a leisure strategy in place. Greater ownership by the Council of the wellbeing programme would be welcomed.  Active Sussex has supported the opening up of schools for community use, via the Schools Facilities Fund. They have been working with a school in Chichester City (Anthony to confirm name) in establishing a CUA.  There are some very affluent parts of the district but also pockets of relative deprivation, particularly in more rural areas. Anthony to provide Active Sussex insight data relating to deprivation and physical activity.  There are a wide range of clubs and lots of activity. The Chichester Racquets and Fitness Club is very active. There is also Chichester Falcons Softball Club, the Rifle Club, Rugby Club, Chichester Priory Cricket Club etc. There are also other sporting facilities including Goodwood horseracing, the motor circuit, cricket club etc.  The University campus has a large sporting presence locally and EAA work closely with the university as well as Chichester College. Both a sports focussed institutions offering facilities and sport career training.  Challenges are mainly around partnerships. For example, Public Health in West Sussex is provided through Wellbeing services which are not co-ordinated centrally but through individual districts. In Chichester they are based at the Westgate Centre. Better co-ordinated work could be achieved by bringing the Wellbeing Service, Chichester District Council, EA and other third sector agencies etc together on a regular bases to discuss co-ordinated health and wellbeing programmes and best use of places/spaces across the district to deliver this.  Most of the provision in Chichester seems to be based around the urban centre. There is concern as to how those living in more deprived and rural parts of the district can access sport and physical activity if all the facilities are in one area e.g. lack of leisure provision in Tangmere. |
| **Professor Mike Lauder**  **Director Institute of Applied Sciences**  **University of Chichester** | ***University of Chichester***  ***Update since previous Assessment in 2018***  *• Fitness Gym too small to meet requirements of casual use, physical development and elite*  *performance.*  *The fitness suite has been extended by removing internal walls (Summer 2023). There will be a programme of work to refurbish and equip the space from January through to the end of the Summer 2024.*  *• The Dome lacks adequate temperature control and floor surface issues through design and*  *maintenance issues have inhibited usage.*  *Floor surface issues have been resolved through the installation of a DYNAMIK Flexi-Beam Plus Sprung System Finished in a Sports Seamless Polyurethane Playing Surface, Colour RAL 7001*  *• Changing and shower facilities – need refurbishment and/or replacement. The two ground floor changing facilities were fully refurbished in the summer of 2023 and now provide inclusive changing and shower facilities for individuals and teams.*  *• Potential for completion of athletics track and provision if indoor athletics training facilities*  *(sprint, jumps, throws and Sport performance Centre). There are no current short or medium term plans for the University to prioritise the completion of the 400m track, although the 100m J-track and jumps provision remains in use. This does however remain an aspiration.*    **Mike Lauder, Director, Institute of Sport**  ▪ The Chief Executive’s Team would welcome further engagement with the District Council to explore opportunities for sport, physical activity and recreation for its staff and students and would seek to work in partnership on future plans. *We remain open to further engagement on any opportunities around sport and recreation. The vision of a ‘Chichester Sports Park’ centred around college lane/Oaklands park remains.*  ▪ The University is committed to maintaining a cutting edge and forward thinking approach to secure and sustain its academic, pastoral and campus facilities, including for sport. *We remain committed to this and have been creative in our thinking about the usage of our fitness suite going forward to support community initiatives such as our UCHAMP Pulmonary rehabilitation scheme run with St Richards hospital to support student placements and provide a service.*  ▪ For the University of Chichester to punch within and above its weight when competing with other universities in the region and nationally, the quality and range of sports facilities on offer (for teaching, for sports performance, for recreation) must be outstanding. *We maintain this is essential for our continued recruitment and level of performance. We have teams competing at the top level of University BUCS sport and wish to maintain this.*  ▪ The University’s Institute of Sport (IoS) conducted a Review (February 2017) (status -confidential draft) of its own campus sports facilities and those in the local areas (Chichester and Bognor) - straplined “Your future......your health and well- being......your sport”. It recognises that constraints and opportunities for the development of sports facilities on the two campuses are necessarily linked to:   * available space, existing buildings and funding, planning considerations; * agreed access to neighbouring sports and recreation facilities in the local area where partnership arrangements can be negotiated.   ▪ The full review has identified priority areas for built sports facilities development as: athletics track and athletics performance centre, both 3G and sand-based synthetic turf pitches (STPs) (with grass pitch improvements), new Fitness Gym with Strength and Conditioning area, Studio(s), Martial Arts Centre, adventure sports area, improvements to changing facilities. *We have revisited our priorities following investment by the university into its sports facilities. We have replaced the synthetic turf pitch to a FIH national standard, maintained our sports pitches, supported the Football Foundation bid for Chichester City FC’s 3G pitch and are looking to form a closer relationship with the club and the new facility. Our changing facilities on the ground floor level have been fully refurbished this year and we have extended the fitness suite. In 2024 we will refurbish the fitness suite to form an educational and performance facility to support learning, physical activity and performance measurement.*  ▪ There is no Community Use Agreement in place but the University offers indoor sports facility access to a range of community clubs and events subject to mutually beneficial arrangements. *This remains to position and we work well with the local community and access to our facilities in the available hours where we are not teaching or providing facilities for student recreational and competitive sport.*  The tennis court markings are for teaching only (PE course) and the floor is not conducive to tennis competitively. The competitive student tennis is played at the racquets club and we would be supportive of this development in Chichester (wouldn't it be wonderful to have a 'Chichester Sports Park' where the facilities benefit everyone in the area)!    Details of the floor are (red indicates the sports we aimed to meet in terms of floor/court specifications):    DYNAMIK Flexi-Beam Plus Sprung System  Finished in a Sports Seamless Polyurethane  Playing Surface, Colour RAL 7001    Court Markings:  3 Basketball, 3 Netball, 1 Volleyball, 4 Tennis, 3  Futsal, 1 Show Futsal, 3 Handball, 1 160m Running  Loop, 1 40m Sprint Track |
| **Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club**  **Graeme Bennison - President** | The club has around 300 members from age 5 to 77 years.  W&G section has around 50 members.  Two facilities used are:  • W&G section: Chichester Free School  • Other sections of the club: Bishop Luffa C Of E School  The facilities are of standard quality. Overall satisfied with the quality and the quantity of both the facility provision.  The nets Require upgrading. |
| **Chichester Rifle Club**  **Roger Burton** | We have NSRA Approved instructors who train members in the safe handling of firearms for target shooting.  Level: Very good in our estimation. (All members are trained to shoot to County and National competitor standard).   * **Facility Upgrades**: The recent hike in energy prices has resulted in the Club reviewing its energy consumption. Lighting, heating and ventilation systems are under consideration. These ageing infrastructure items would benefit from upgrading to newer, more energy efficient solutions. * **Administration Improvements**: The club still relies on cash payments and paper accounting as opposed to chip and pin or digital point of sale terminals. We are researching options, but the main challenge is to keep costs proportionally low to match the clubs’ limited finances. * **Equipment**: The club is a non-profit organisation and has a financially cautious approach to asset acquisition. The armoury is stocked with older rifles, many of which have been donated. Some club rifles would benefit from being upgraded to more contemporary models in time. * **Additional Facilities**: Since the recent closure of a local outdoor range at Fittleworth, the Club would benefit from access to, or provision of, additional outdoor shooting ranges to provide 50 metres and 100 yards disciplines. It may be impractical to extend the current facility. (No feasibility study has been undertaken, but it is an area where the club is lacking opportunity). Some Club members are researching alternatives. 50m and 100 yard classes are an important part of the National competition leagues and the Club has a strong core of experienced members at this level, two of whom also shoot for Great Britain. |
| **Bognor Amateur Boxing Club**  **Alan Wise – Head Coach** | A community gym which offers pay and play. The number of people fluctuates from 50-70 per week.  All people are welcome. The club has young people with ADHD, autism etc too accessing the facility.  Uses one site in Bognor Regis. The facilities are very good quality but located on the first floor with no lift so not disability friendly.  What is needed to improve the site? New and additional equipment. A brown directional road sign so that people know where they are located. |
| **The Academy of Gymnastics** | The club has approximately 250 members.  The club is located at Unit 5, 30 Terminus Road, Chichester, PO19 8GT.  It is a good quality facility.  The Club is always in need of an upgrade and new equipment. |

**Key sports clubs in Chichester District who did not respond to request for consultation**

| **Club Name** | **Contact** | **Status** |
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| Chichester Fencing Club | Sharon Blackman:  Peter Beadle:  Andrea Elliot: | Did not answer the call. Email sent, no response |
| Sensei Karate |  | Did not answer the call. Email sent, incomplete response received |
| Chichester Aikido Club | Scott Luckham | The club has completed the survey |
| Westgate Gymnastics | Tracey Angell | The club has completed the survey |
| Chichester Boys Club |  | Emails sent, no response |
| St Gerard’s Boxing Club Chichester | Gerry Lavelle | Did not answer the call. Emails sent, no response |
| Chichester Ronin Judo Club |  | The club has completed the survey |