

Leisure facilities – Our plans to invest and improve Consultation Analysis Report

Community Area View – Devizes

A total of 124 responses were received, which is 4% of the total received responses. Of these responses 99% were completed questionnaires and 1% were letters or emails.

Of the total responses received 36% were male and 61% were female and 2% considered themselves to have a disability. A total of 2% of respondents were aged under 18, 4% aged 18 to 24, 8% were aged 25 to 34, 20% were aged 35 to 44, 17% were aged 45 to 54, 26% were aged 55 to 64, 18% were aged 65 to 74 and 2% were aged 75 and over.

Of the respondents 13% indicated an interest in being involved or running their leisure centre. A total of 68% of respondents visited a leisure centre weekly, with 23% daily, 1% monthly and 8% less often.

In specific response to the questions;

- 89% agreed with the principle that providing high quality, modern facilities with a variety of activities will encourage more people to become more active
- 76% agreed that local communities should be able to directly influence and / or manage their local services and only 4% of respondents disagreed
- 86% agreed that the price of using leisure facilities can be a barrier to taking part
- 54% of respondents felt that pricing should be reflective of the size and quality of facility whereas 38% disagreed that a standard pricing policy across all facilities, irrespective of the size and quality would work for Wiltshire
- 79% of respondents agreed that the council should try to provide multi-purpose indoor leisure facilities within 20 minutes travel time from home
- 86% agreed that introducing car parking charges at leisure facilities could be a barrier to stop people taking part

In terms of activities the most popular are swimming (32%), using the gym (16%), fitness classes (14%) and Badminton (7%). Other facilities within leisure centres also proved popular with the inclusion of café facilities (9%), meeting spaces (5%) and crèches (3%).

There were 163 comments made, which is 3% of the total comments received with reference to the leisure review, with the following comments being the most highly stated;

- Improved changing facilities – 12%
- Improved facilities/equipment (additional stuff 6 lane pool, squash etc) – 10%
- Cafe on site (better quality) – 10%
- Greater/more variety of classes/courses/exercise options/timings – 9%
- Happy with facilities/staff – 7%