

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

Community Area View – South West Wiltshire - Tisbury

A total of 113 responses were received, which is 4% of the total received responses. Of these responses 91% were completed questionnaires and 9% were letters or emails.

Of the total responses received 45% were male and 52% were female and 3% considered themselves to have a disability. A total of 1% of respondents were under the age of 18, 4% were aged 18 to 24, 6% were aged 25 to 34, 14% were aged 35 to 44, 14% were aged 45 to 54, 21% were aged 55 to 64, 27% were aged 65 to 74 and 10% were aged 75 and over. Tisbury had the highest response rate for 75 and over.

Of the respondents 9% indicated an interest in being involved or running their leisure centre. A total of 68% of respondents visited a leisure centre weekly, with 8% daily, 11% monthly and 13% less often. Tisbury had the highest response rate from monthly users of the leisure centre.

In specific response to the questions;

- 91% agreed with the principle that providing high quality, modern facilities with a variety of activities will encourage more people to become more active
- 63% agreed that local communities should be able to directly influence and / or manage their local services and only 18% of respondents disagreed
- 78% agreed that the price of using leisure facilities can be a barrier to taking part
- 85% of respondents felt that pricing should be reflective of the size and quality of facility whereas 65% disagreed that a standard pricing policy across all facilities, irrespective of the size and quality would work for Wiltshire. The agreement with a pricing policy that reflects the size and quality of the facility was the highest response from any community area
- 79% of respondents agreed that the council should try to provide multi-purpose indoor leisure facilities within 20 minutes travel time from home
- 91% 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 using the gym (21%), swimming (18%), fitness classes (17%), and Badminton (10%). Other facilities within leisure centres also proved popular with the inclusion of meeting spaces (5%), café facilities (4%), and crèches (3%).

There were 149 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;

- Keep the centre open – 19%
- Happy with facilities/staff – 10%
- Improved facilities/equipment (additional stuff 6 lane pool, squash etc) – 7%
- Swimming pool/gym included in existing facility – 7%
- All leisure facilities should stay in control of the council/have support from the council – 6%