

Strategic Review Q&As

Q - Does the council have sufficient funds to deliver the entire design illustration?

A - Not at this point in time. The illustration has been designed to provide the best fit for the future and will require additional funding through loans, grants and other fundraising activities to deliver in its entirety. This ensures that short term decisions do not adversely affect the opportunities to provide excellent facilities in the village in the longer term.

Q - What other grant sources are being considered?

A - Many grant sources such as FA, National Lottery, Veola, Local Development and other funds are being considered. However many of these come with strict conditions that may impact decisions made regarding the development.

Q - What is the timeframe to deliver elements of the illustration?

A - This will depend on the consultation process, agreement of Newark and Sherwood District Council, planning approvals and project phasing to deliver the best value through the development process. The aim is to start as soon as possible as the deadline for deploying a portion of the funding expires in 2020.

Q - Is the illustrative design fixed?

A - No this provides an example of an optimum design based on the neighbourhood plan, ideas from residents, available resources, governmental and other best practice guidelines and available resources in terms of funds and land. The consultation process gives the residents of Farnsfield the chance to comment on and influence the final solution.

Q - Why is access to the bottom car park via a single lane track down the far side of the Hadleigh park area?

This is the best solution allowing entrance and queuing via the upper car park and a barrier to be installed at the track entrance restricting access when necessary. The line of sight down to the bottom of the field allows a single-track one-way system to be used. The existing hedge acts as a safety barrier on one side of the track and a knee-high rail will restrict vehicle access onto Hadleigh Park. This solution does not subdivide the open area and does not need any permissions or works for changes to the existing Notts County Council controlled road layout. The provision of a path at the side of the track provides a linkage through the development for pedestrians.

Q - Are any of the individual elements in the design fixed in specification?

A - No the council has not made any firm decisions regarding any of the individual elements. Individual element design specifications will be based on resident preference, available budget, and value for money. A key criterion is to consider individual elements as part of the overall design so economies can be made by sharing design elements and construction resources.

Q - How will clubs and associations have a say in the design of specific plan elements?

A - Yes the council will encourage such bodies who commit to use facilities to be engaged in design decisions to ensure the best design solution, within budgetary constraints, to meet their needs.

Q - Does the illustrative design reflect our Neighbourhood plan?

A - Yes a detailed comparison has been made between elements of the illustrative design and needs documented within the Neighbourhood plan with correlation in many areas.

Q - Will a detailed design using expert resources be commissioned?

A - Yes the investment to be made is one of the largest in the history of our village and as such we will engage appropriate professionals to ensure the plan covers all requirements and can be delivered in an efficient and cost effective way.

Q - Are the needs of all village residents considered in the plan?

A - The parish council has sought to include elements in the plan for all age groups and the widest range of special interest groups and clubs active in the village whilst providing some new opportunities. This means that the individual aspirations of specific groups may not be fully achieved due to resource limitations and they will need to accept compromises in the facilities they aspire to.

Q - What are the next steps?

A - Following the consultation and agreement of an outline plan in principle this will require to be presented to the villagers and put forward for council resolution.

Q - Will the eventual plan require planning permission?

A - The council has sought extensive advice from a number of agencies regarding element of the plan and it is not believed planning permission is necessary. However, to give the maximum opportunity for consultation and public comment outline planning permission consent will be sought.

Q - What impact will the development have on future village running costs?

A - Following its completion elements of the development will lead to additional maintenance and running costs which will impact on village annual funding requirements. It is a design aim to ensure the development is as self-sustaining as possible and future operational costs are minimised.

Q - How will clubs and associations be involved in the future operation and management of the facilities?

A - Clubs and associations will be given preference in the use of facilities and their input in running, maintaining and operating the facilities will be encouraged.

Q - Has the impacts of the development on residents been considered?

A - Yes the illustrative plan has been designed to optimise travel too and parking at the facilities without further increasing the traffic and inconvenience for residents of Quaker and Cotton Mill Lane.

Q - Will the facilities at the lower end of the Acres be secure?

A - Yes after facility closing time, (yet to be agreed), access to parking at the lower end of the development will be prohibited, the all weather and skatepark facilities will be secured behind fencing and the whole area including the pavilion skate park, all weather pitch, shed etc. will be covered by CCTV.

Q - Will there be a free area for picnics, ball sports, and other social outdoor events?

A - Yes this will be provided within the area at the top of the development at the side of Parfitt drive. This will benefit from services to be made available from the multipurpose indoor sports hall.