

Q8 COMMENTS

Q8. Please also give us any other comments you think would be relevant.

FOR

- I think this is a good idea
- This is an overdue facility for the town.
- The project seems ideal for the town [60+]
- People have spoke of these ideas for a few years now, I hope this time something actually materializes. [Age 27]
- A wonderful idea for people able to use the facilities [80 years]
- Would be of great benefit, particularly for young people and should encourage all ages to participate in active sports & exercise. [60+]
- I'm sure once they are old enough both my boys would be very glad of a multi use games area - excellent idea!
- We are very pleased that this idea is being put forward. The young have little to do in Northleach.
- Think it would be worth having a "sports day" once every two weeks, just a day of playing sports to bring the community together [age 16]
- Anything that keeps the town alive and provides activity for disaffected teenagers would be v good. [40-59 with children]
- A multi use games area would be of tremendous benefit to the town. We are grateful for the effort that has gone into getting this project this far and will support getting an area for the young people of the area and supporting the well being of the residents. [20-39]
- There are so many young people in Northleach. There is a great need for sporting facilities to be available to keep them occupied!!
- At present all winter training is held at Bourton. A multi use surface would benefit everyone. [60+]
- A great idea for all ages, will help with the problem of kids around street, let's hope that this is not a wasted questionnaire!
- My age (79) precludes me from active involvement but we should provide sports facilities where possible and encourage their use - particularly the youth of the town
- It should be reasonably costed so all family members of the community can benefit [20-39]
- Would be good to run in conjunction with football/cricket/tennis clubs so they can use for floodlit games/practise - reduced fee for these members?
- You only have to walk round the field on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to see how popular an all weather football pitch would be [ticked "Football" in Q4, aged 20-39]
- An all weather football pitch can be used for other sports would get more use all year round.
- As many sports as possible with organised periods but also to have free access at other times

AGAINST

- £100,000 would be better spent developing the Cotswold Hall. We have facilities for football, cricket, tennis and a sports hall where netball, basketball, possibly other team games could be played, especially as insufficient space for full size pitches is available on nominated sites.
- There is no point in spending £100,000 on a new facility when there are ample facilities here already. Rather than another sports facility we need a place for people to sit and relax i.e. grassed area. [60+]
- The local parish rate is too high now. Northleach can't support wild schemes such as you propose.
- Is it really needed? Already tennis courts, football pitch & cricket pitch. Seems a waste of money when it would make more sense to update the existing facilities. [age 30]
- Most sports already catered for, others available at Bourton, project not needed. [60+]
- This facility is an appalling waste of money!! Furthermore it would in no way enhance Westwoods Centre - in fact, quite the reverse! [60+]
- I understand on talking to some locals that the facilities already available are not fully used. Can Northleach afford to staff and maintain a project of this size over the years? [80+]
- How do you propose to fund the cost of maintenance?
- The parish precept is to be increased by 5% this coming year. How much more will be required to maintain this proposed floodlit facility?! Perhaps those that want this should pay to maintain it.
- Even if grant applications proved successful, the future maintenance of the area would be costly. Since there is no surplus money to support and help existing social venues in the town (other than Westwoods) the suggestion of this new project poses some dubious questions.
- We think that better availability and use of existing facilities e.g. sports & social club and tennis courts would be more cost effective. We think that an upgraded indoor youth facility would be more important. [40-59 with children]
- Not the time to consider new facilities
- There is a facility locally in Bourton. A new facility would create light & noise pollution.
- The impact on local residents, as far as noise, light and access, would be a very important factor in any decision process. (20-39)
- Highly likely this would become an under used facility - and think of the rise in light pollution when it is in use.
- Already at Bourton & Ciren. Would the area be supervised? Particularly for informal play.
- Children in Fallows Road, Basset Road, Nostle Road need somewhere to play. Their interests will not be served by an enclosed area. [60+]
- Why not support the clubs already in Northleach. Use the land at Westwoods for a bowls or croquet lawn, something different and for the older age range.

MIXED VIEWS / OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- The area needs to be supervised otherwise it will just be a place to hang out at night, thus becoming a nuisance.
- This sounds like a fantastic idea as long as it doesn't turn into a hang out for young drinking teenagers
- Will require a full time manager whose salary should be met through charges to participants NOT from town precept.
- Although we would probably not use the facility we would support its establishment if sufficient used and demand are demonstrated.[60+]
- Not relevant for us but might keep young people occupied [40-59]
- Won't be any good to me but for the young ones of Northleach it will be good and maybe keep them out of trouble. [40-59]
- Although it would be of no interest to us, the idea is a good one which will benefit Northleach. [40-59 / 60+]
- Although we ourselves would not use it, I think young people would benefit. [age 60+]
- Building an indoor gym and studios would benefit all age groups [40-59]
- The children's play area in King George V Playing Field is very old with lots of metal and damaged parks (see saw seat cut my toddler's head). It would be wonderful to have some of it replaced with wooden climbing frames and obstacles.
- Would it be possible to have an additional small area for arts & crafts for siblings who are less sporty? [Age 40-59 (children 5-10)]
- I would be happy if the site could be used for low cost housing - much needed, particularly in areas such as Northleach. [60+]