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Comments: It is apparent that there is no formal pool viewing area within the plans. From other leisure centres I have visited there is ample seating available, either at poolside level or above and looking down on the pool. As a parent with a child who undertakes classes here, she and I both find comfort knowing that I am able to sit in her line of sight and know that see how she is performing and be there if she is upset. This omission is a serious concern. It should also be noted that there are a number of signs around the leisure centre stating that they are the 'home of competitive swimming in Leek' - however the lack of a viewing area would potentially rule out the option of Leek ever hosting a gala, something which needs to be considered if this amount of money, planning and disruption is to occur.

From a positive perspective I am encouraged by the proposed gym expansion and larger indoor cycle studio, as well as the soft play area, and for the clear opportunity for the public to voice their concerns and thoughts.

A quick question - what are the current plans for children who undertake swimming lessons at Brough Park? Are alternative classes going to be arranged or will this be up to parents to source with the centre closed for a number of months? Thank you

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