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Submission: Neither

Comments: i have used the centre for 20 years for football, squash, swimming, badminton and gym.

given the length of the closure, i am worried that the all-weather pitch in particular will be unattended and vulnerable to misuse/vandalism. i realise this is not a planning matter, but it is a potential consequence of the plans.

as a squash player, i understand that we face losing one of the courts for re-purposing as a community wellness suite. this end of the centre is not visited currently by most users and the re-vamp is a chance to make it much more accessible and welcoming. squash court 1, with a long outside wall, is often too cold for squash in the winter. it is near the rear fire doors which open out to the AWP and are the site of some anti-social behaviour and unauthorised access. would it not be possible to open up that rear access and make it both an easy link to the AWP and a direct access point for the community wellness suite (including for wheelchair users and people with reduced mobility)? that suite could then be conveniently sited for its users where court 1 now is, so that the squash offering remains as usable and viable as possible. with squash in the 2028 olympics, it should not be neglected now.

the pool improvements should allow a small viewing area to give reassurance for parents & children and to facilitate competitive swimming/galas. as with the squash changes, improvements should not cause unnecessary impairment of already-existing facilities.

the car park is always very busy at peak times with many vehicle movements. full consideration in planning should be given to pedestrian safety and encouraging pedestrian access to the the centre from the town via the park.

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