Consultation on Riverside (Chester-le-Street) Leisure Centre facilities

Have your say on leisure transformation proposals at Riverside (Chester-le-Street) Leisure Centre.

Background

See our [Leisure transformation consultation](https://www.durham.gov.uk/leisuretransformation) page for information about the leisure transformation project.

What we are proposing

We are proposing to offer a wider range of sporting and physical activity facilities that will improve opportunities for all users.

For this phase, we want your views about the outdoor facilities. ~~As a minimum this will include:~~

* adding new football facilities to expand the current number of pitches available
* improving the standard of facilities to support the continued growth and development of our existing partner clubs and organisations
* refurbishment of the athletics facilities

Our longer term goal is to create a 'sports village' which improves and expands upon the facilities on offer. This will create opportunities for the everyone to get involved in physical activity, from beginners to elite level, including clubs, and community organisations.

The plans are extensive, and the project will take a phased approach to minimise disruption at the centre.

Proposals at a glance

The table below shows the planned changes at a glance:

| **Activity** | **Current space or activity** | **Proposed space or activity** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 3G artificial grass pitch | Yes | Two new artificial grass pitches will be created |
|  |  |  |
| Athletics track and facilities | Yes | Will be refurbished to meet UK Athletics standards |
| Tennis courts | Yes | No change |
| Cricket pitch and practise nets | Yes | No change |

Proposals in more detail

3G artificial grass pitches

We propose to create two full size, floodlit, 3G artificial grass pitches that meet Football Association design guidance. These will be to southeast of site, on existing grass playing fields. We propose to offer daytime use to schools, evening use to communities and weekend use to clubs. They will also be available for anyone to hire.

In a later phase of work we also propose to replace the existing artificial grass pitch and upgrade the existing floodlights to meet current standards.

Natural grass pitch

We propose to keep one grass playing field.

Athletics track and facilities

We propose to re-texture the track and other synthetic areas including the area for throwing, jumping and vaulting. We will work to UK Athletics Trackmark standards to provide safe, sustainable facilities for use by schools, the resident Athletics Club, and anyone to hire.

Floor plan

See the  Icon for pdf [Riverside proposed floor plan (PDF, 2.9mb)](https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/37358/Riverside-proposed-floor-plan/pdf/RiversideProposedFloorPlan.pdf?m=637819122466800000)  for where this work will happen.

Have your say

* [Leisure transformation consultation form](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/DCCLC2022)
* attend a drop in session at Riverside Leisure Centre on 22 March between 4.00pm and 8.00pm, or on 31 March between 4.00pm and 8.00pm
* [contact us](javascript:;) for help to complete survey

**The closing date for comments is 5.00pm on Friday 8 April 2022.**

What happens next

We will consider all of the comments from the consultation and use them to help create the final proposals for Riverside leisure facilities. Once the plans have been finalised, we will share these with you.

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