

The Council and the Scouts and Guides groups will continue to work together to identify whether this accommodation could be provided on the Castle Farm site or whether an alternative location can be found in Kenilworth. If they stay on the site, the current proposal would be to provide a separate building so that the groups and the Leisure Centre could function independently.

- Car parking is difficult to Increase or move closer to the pool
- Sensitive site in planning terms as It is located on a Scheduled Ancient Monument
- All development will require additional permission from the Inspector of Ancient Monuments
- Significant habitat and ecology value in the surrounding park

As part of the design process the team noted that Kenilworth Wardens Sports Club have aspirations to relocate their sports facilities to a site next to Castle Farm Recreation Centre. However at the time of both design and consultation their proposals for a move were not yet developed sufficiently to be referenced within either process. The Council have further noted to the community that they have been and will continue to work closely with the Wardens on the connection between the two projects and will ensure that the two projects can work together well if required. This was reaffirmed to all consultees throughout the consultation events, when concerns were raised about the Warden's project.

Opportunities

Located in a superb setting within the Abbey Fields the brook and lake border the site on two sides. The new design should relate more to these surroundings.

- The venue is well-used and known to the majority of Kenilworth residents
- The facilities need to be brought up to modern standards
- The natural and historic nature of the setting requires a modern but sympathetic building

2.3 Abbey Fields

Abbey Fields Swimming Pool is extremely popular with local users and as with Castle Farm initial consideration was given to the site's constraints and opportunities, these were identified as being:

It was noted as part of the design process that refurbishing this facility offers the opportunity to make the most of this idyllic setting whilst also providing top-class, modern facilities that reflect the high quality of the town of Kenilworth.

Constraints

- Current on-site car parking is distant from the pool and this impacts on accessibility

In line with the work undertaken on Castle Farm and once the team identified the opportunities and constrain the following options were

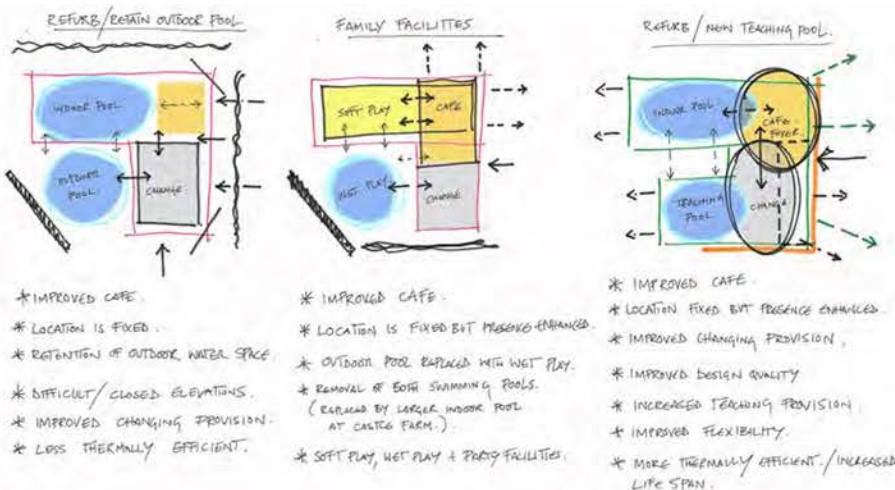


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