

Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis (Chairman), J Ali, P Blaine, T Cole, A M Hill, W Jackson, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, D Quick, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow, S Sutton

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 24 August 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm

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13 August 2015

A G E N D A

- 1 **Apologies for absence** Admin

- 2 **Declarations of interest** Admin
*Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.) This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*
 - i) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
 - ii) *Non-disclosable Interests*
 - iii) *Dispensations*

- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting** Previously circulated
To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 13 July 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

- 4 **Public Participation Session**
Members of the public may ask questions or make representations to the committee about items of business which are on the agenda.

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5 Allotments

To receive and consider a report from Cllrs Aldis and Sutton regarding the proposed allotment site.

6 Cemetery Project Update

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman of the Cemetery Working Group on progress with this project.

7 The Princes Trust

To consider a request from a mentor from The Princes Trust requesting free of charge use of the Town Council premises for meetings.

8 Charity Market Stall

To consider a request from a stall holder for the Council to regard the stall as a charity stall.

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9 Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Outdoor Gym equipment

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To consider a report from the Environment Agency.

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11 Berwick Way Estate

To consider a request from TILCo Ltd for a meeting.

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Robert Orford of TILCo writes I can confirm that having met with some of the local Councillors on 4th June at the site, both myself and the director of TILCo Stuart Oldroyd, were able to walk around the whole site and assess for ourselves the public open spaces. The one site of particular interest has been the land in front of 11, 15 and 17 Pickering Close.

As you will be aware, we obtained pre-application Advice (Ref: CB/14/03996/PAC) for 3 dwellings with associated parking on this particular parcel and we were happy to discuss this with the councillors on site. From our general conversation we appeared to be getting a positive response from them.

However, there was discussion as to whether the mound is contaminated and we are in the process of obtaining quotes for a soil report which will provide us with evidence as to whether it is.

Having now met with the councilors on the site we would like to arrange a meeting with the town council, the planning authority and TILCo.

With all three in attendance we can fully discuss the three dwellings proposal and other aspects of the public open spaces that cropped up in our on-site meeting with the councillors.

An on-site meeting would be ideal but we could meet at the Central Bedfordshire offices. In the first instance, could you confirm with me who would attend on behalf of Sandy Town Council and provide me with dates that would suit.

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12 **Winchester Road**

To receive a report from Cllr Aldis on the results of a meeting re problems in the Winchester Road area.

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Second Report on Allotments Project

Cllrs Susan Sutton and Nigel Aldis have met twice with nominated members of the Sandy & District Leisure Gardeners and Allotment Association to discuss all issues with regards to the management of the new allotment site which has been named a local people as being Amen Corner.

A draft Management Plan was considered along with outline costings for the development of the site and the calculation of rent which would be paid to the Council.

Area of Land Available

The site in total is 8.5 hectares or approximately 21 acres. The Town Council has previously agreed to lease the entire site from Central Bedfordshire Council.

Letters have been sent to all those residents who have previously expressed an interest in having a plot and there has been a press release to the local media. The results will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Heads of Terms for Management Plan

A comprehensive Management Plan has been prepared and discussed with the SDLGAA together with appendices which deal with the duties of each party and a possible time scale both of which are attached to this report.

Preparation of the Site for Allotment Use

There have been initial discussions with a range of suppliers of services including fencing companies, plant hire, borehole experts, architect / planning services and roadway aggregate suppliers.

Car Park / Roadway

The hardstanding currently on part of the site could be utilised as car parking but a roadway of MOT type 1 aggregate would also be necessary to access parts of the site.

Uses

In addition to the growing of fruit and vegetables on the allotment plots the rearing of other livestock might be popular. Hives for bees would be permitted inside the rabbit fence but small mammals and poultry would only be allowed on the meadow area not currently planned to be in cultivation.

Rabbit Fencing

The allotment area would need a rabbit fence around the perimeter where one third of the fence is laid on the ground and other two-thirds are fixed to a wire strand attached to posts. There is an additional strand about one metre off the ground to deter jumping mammals like deer.

Planning Application

Levitts have been approached to give a quotation for a planning application for change of use from agriculture to allotments and their estimate of costs is included in the financial plan which is also attached.

Size of Plots

This has previously been reported. At present it appears that the keenest tenants will opt for a ten pole plot (slightly larger than a doubles tennis court) with those who like to "grow their own" in a green gym environment will have a five pole holding and those very new to the activity opting for a taster 2.5 pole plot as an introduction to the hobby.

Income to Council

Discussions have been held with SDLGAA about the possible charge to tenants for an allotment and the income that this would generate for both the Council and the SDLGAA.

The starting point has been that the Council will always receive the cost of the lease owed to CBC plus a percentage of the income from the number of ten pole equivalent plots above 30. (10 by 10, 30 by 5, 40 by 2.5 poles)

This would allow SDLGAA to maintain the site, invest in future projects and have some "reward" for managing the site on behalf of the Council. More details in Appendix A of which partner will do what.

Water Supply

CBC Officers have conducted a search of services to the site and established that the nearest piped water is to the industrial unit near the roundabout on Sunderland Road. The cost of laying a pipe to the site is not yet known but a borehole would cost between £5K and £15K. This would allow a "milk tanker" load of water to be abstracted on a daily basis without the need for a licence. It is still expected that allotment tenants would store water from sheds and have access to "dipping tanks" only to supplement their supply.

Community Orchard

It is still expected to provide this facility but not necessarily as an early priority.

Recommendations

Members are requested to note the report and make a decision as a recommendation to Council on the following items:

- 1. To name the site “The Amen Corner Allotment Site.”**
- 2. To authorise the Chair & Vice-Chair of CS&E in conjunction with the Clerk (Christopher Robson) to continue acting as the Council’s representatives in negotiations with the Sandy & District Leisure Gardeners and Allotments Association.**
- 3. To note and comment on the Financial Costs for establishing the Allotment Site.**
- 4. To continue researching the costs of setting up an allotment site and to bring a further detailed report to the next meeting of the CS & E Committee.**
- 5. To agree Heads of Terms for a management plan with the Sandy & District Allotments and Leisure Gardens Association and to bring a report to the next meeting of this Committee for ratification.**

Allotment Site Management Plan between Sandy Town Council and the Sandy & District Leisure Gardeners & Allotment Association

Appendix A

Sandy Town Council will:

1. Negotiate a lease for the site with Central Bedfordshire Council paying the legal fees and any other charges.
2. Research the level of interest for allotments in the Town and share the result with SDLGAA.
3. Complete a survey of the site and start a site plan in consultation with the Sandy & District Leisure Gardens & Allotments Society. (SDLGAA)
4. Prepare and submit a planning application for Change of Use from agricultural land to an allotments site.
5. Fund rabbit fencing around the allotments area.
6. Construct and fund a roadway for the allotment area and a parking area for vehicles on the site.
7. Provide a water supply with dipping tanks.
8. Provide and transport from its present location a temporary community building.
9. Fund (60) trees for the community orchard.
10. Provide a motor mower for the maintenance of the grassed strips between each allotment plot and other areas on the site as necessary.
11. Provide a generator to power the community building
12. Provide a suitable composting toilet facility.
13. Convene meetings of the Management Committee.
14. Manage the grass areas outside of the allotments zone.

Sandy & District Leisure Gardens & Allotments Society will:

1. Manage and operate the site on behalf of the Town Council.
2. Peg out the allotments.
3. Prepare a limited number of raised plots for use by residents who would require them
4. Install the rabbit fencing around the allotment zone.
5. Collect the rents for each plot as decided by the Town Council.
6. Ensure that all the terms of the Lease are complied with.
7. Organise the site as a "members' club" with a proper elected committee.
8. Charge each allotment holder a membership fee to become a full voting member of SDLGAA.

9. Organise such events as they see necessary to provide additional funds for additional equipment and other facilities as they feel are required.
10. Pay on Mid-Summer Quarter Day (24th June) the agreed rent as calculated under the Lease and Management Plan.
11. Pay for the metered water supply if installed.
12. Co-operate with the Town Council in convening meetings of the Management Committee.
13. Be responsible for fuel and servicing costs of the mower and any other equipment provided by the Council for the maintenance of the site.

Appendix B

	Action	By	Time Scale
1	Contact Central Bedfordshire Council to express an interest in leasing 8.5 hectares.	STC	August 2015
2	Consideration of Financial Plan	Chair / Vice-Chair CS&E report to STC PF&R	14 th September 2015
3	Survey Site	STC	Early September 2015
4	Update on Project	Chair / Vice-Chair to CS&E Committee	24 th August 2015
5	Agree layout of site	STC SDLGAA	Mid September 2015
6	Apply for Grants	SDLGAA	September / October
7	Agree Management Plan for Site	STC SDLGAA	5 th October 2015 CS & E Committee
8	Prepare planning application	STC Contractor	Late September
9	Update on Allotment Project Sign off Management Plan	Report by Chair & Vice-Chair CS&E	5 th October 2015 CS & E Committee
10	Submit planning application	STC	October
11	Update on Allotment Project	Report by Chair & Vice-Chair CS&E	16 th November 2015 CS & E Committee
12	Occupy Site	SDLGAA	Mid-winter quarter day 26 th December 2015
13	Lay out allotments ect	SDLGAA	January 2016
14	Construct Roadway	STC	January 2016

15	Move former mess room from Stratford Road	STC	January 2016
16	Official opening of Allotment Site	Mayor	Late March 2016
17	Pay Rent	SDLGAA	24 th June 2016 Mid Summer Quarter Day

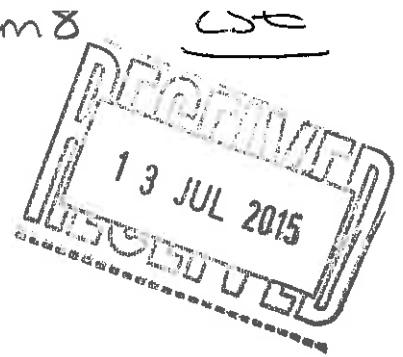
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Allotment Costs

		Annual Cost	Set Up Cost	notes
	Lease	£850		for 8.5 hectares
	Legal Costs		£750	minimum
	750 m rabbit proof fencing, supplied & fitted		£3,750	plus VAT
	4 gates with rabbit netting under		£220	
	160 tonnes Roadway / car park	2300sq m	£3,120	quote plus VAT
	MOT type 1 recycled aggregate			
	Mini Digger Hire - 1 week		£270	
	water supply - borehole		£7,500	TBC
	4 Dipping tanks & associated ball valves	£65.00	£260	
	4 x 50m 400m on site pipe work to tanks	£66.00	£264	
	Moving Outdoor Cabin		£350	estimated
	1 composting w.c.		£1,000	
	1 Clarke G720 petrol generator		£120	
	60 Fruit Trees	£15 each	£900	if an orchard
	4 Raised Plots - 2.5 poles each		£200	estimated
	Planning Application		£385	fee to CBC
			£825	survey
			£900	sketch plan by Levitt
	1 Motor Mower		£250	
	Contingency		£2,000	
		£850	£23,064	

Item 8
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For the attention of Mr W Jackson, Town Mayor

12th July 2015

Dear Will,

Market Stall in aid of Allison House Amenities Fund

Further to my verbal requests, I would ask the Council to treat my sweets and soft drinks stall as a 'charity' stall and therefore not charge me pitch fees for both the Friday and Saturday markets.

I pass on ALL of the net profits made to the Allison House Amenities Fund which enables the residents to enjoy a few extra comforts, for example DVDs, activities equipment and supplies, books and garden items, none of which are provided by the owners and care-providers, CBC. Some money is self-generated from fetes and raffles but I am the only source of outside funding and I currently raise £20 - £30 per week. This is the sum AFTER I have paid £10 per week for the Friday market and £8 for the monthly one; this means that Allison House could benefit by an additional £48 per month (or £58 in a five-week period) if the pitch fees were waived.

With STC agreement, the fees could either simply not be paid in the first place (I will pass on the saving to the fund) or STC could reimburse the fees retrospectively direct to the Allison House Amenities Fund, say once per month.

I would ask you to consider this at the next available meeting please.

Yours sincerely

Michael Groom

cc. Geraldine Smith, Manager, Allison House

Carol Baker-Smith

From: Martin Pettitt <martin.pettitt@virginmedia.com>
Sent: 15 August 2015 12:50
To: Carol Baker-Smith
Subject: Fw: Correspondence with The Great Outdoor Gym Company (to date)

Hello Carol,

Please print and include these emails with the previous attachments and the Report.

One more to follow.

Best Wishes, Martin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Martin Pettitt](#)
To: [Graham Simpson](#) ; ['Gledhill, Luke \(2011\)'](#) ; nigel.aldis1@gmail.com
Cc: [Will Jackson](#) ; [Colin Osborne](#) ; [Carol Baker-Smith](#)
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:29 AM
Subject: Re: Correspondence with The Great Outdoor Gym Company (to date)

Thank you Graham,

These emails and a report are due to go before members of Sandy Town Council at a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee on Monday evening, 24 August beginning at 7-30pm.

Unfortunately I am not going to be able to attend that meeting as I will be in Devon that day attending a funeral.

I will catch up with you (and Luke) again following the meeting.

Best Wishes for now.

Martin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Graham Simpson](#)
To: ['Gledhill, Luke \(2011\)'](#) ; [Martin Pettitt](#) ; nigel.aldis1@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:53 PM
Subject: RE: Correspondence with The Great Outdoor Gym Company (to date)

Hi everyone,

Thanks Luke for your hard work on this. This is much appreciated. Given that I am based in Luton and have a working relationship with Jane Conway I am happy to visit the sites in Luton and get some feedback from the council around costs and usage.

In terms of the facility in Sandy do we have any thoughts or ideas regarding footfall through the park. It would be good to try and get a feel for the number of regular users of the park and demographic (outside of the sports clubs) as part of our ongoing research to support funding. I appreciate that this might be difficult but any information that can be gleaned would be useful.

Kind regards

Graham

From: [Gledhill, Luke \(2011\)](mailto:Luke.Gledhill.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk) [mailto:Luke.Gledhill.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk]
Sent: 13 August 2015 16:21
To: Martin Pettitt; nigel.aldis1@gmail.com; Graham Simpson
Subject: Fw: Correspondence with The Great Outdoor Gym Company (to date)

Dear all,

Please find below my full email correspondence with The Great Outdoor Gym Company which includes information about the issues (other outdoor gyms and maintenance/life expectancy of equipment) we discussed at our meeting at the Recreation Ground on the 6th August.

The key points are that there are gyms we could visit in Luton, Harrold (Bedfordshire) and Milton Keynes (see below for addresses). The life expectancy of the equipment is 25 years, and the warranty is for 25 years as we discussed.

In terms of maintenance there are two options: the council can maintain the gyms itself and send TGOGC quarterly inspection results to retain the warranty, or TGOGC can do bi-annual site maintenance visits for £747 + VAT per annum. This price would be applicable after the 'first year free maintenance' deal included in the purchase of the gym. See the maintenance guideline attachment on the email from Emily Austin (below) for more information on what the maintenance process involves.

If any of you have any further questions or queries for TGOGC re. the above, send me an email and I will get in contact with them.

Kind regards,
Luke Gledhill

From: Peter Bolton <peter@tgogc.com>

Sent: 12 August 2015 16:05

To: Gledhill, Luke (2011)

Cc: Emily Austin

Subject: RE: Small park gym enquiry

Hi Luke

I thought I would step in and expand a bit on Emily's comments.

Gyms for you to visit:

We do have a few gyms that are reasonably close to you:

Luton: Peoples Park, Brantwood Park and Cohens Yard. These are maintained by Luton Borough Council, contact is Jane conway 01582 546708 jane.conway@luton.gov.uk

White Spire School, Milton Keynes: contact Philip Wilson (Head Teacher) pwilson@whitespire.milton-keynes.sch.uk Rickley Ln, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EW

This is a special needs school and is usually closed to the public, but Philip has been most helpful in the past and as it is the summer holidays it is worth a try.

Harrold Odell Country Park: We are installing the Gym at Odell Park this week, so it will be fully open to the public from Monday onwards. The Park rangers are maintaining the gym, but as it is new it is very early days for them to make a comment. Harrold Odell Country Park, Carlton Rd, Harrold, Bedfordshire, MK43 7DS

Maintenance:

Well spotted re the price mentioned in the maintenance obligations document that Emily sent you (in truth we forgot it was there!!). In the past we were offering 4 visits per year, and these visits were aimed at our pre 2012 installations where the equipment was produced in China and was therefore not the easiest to maintain. Since 2012 all of our equipment is designed and produced in the UK (production is in Washington, near Newcastle), and the excellent quality has allowed us to reduce the number of visits to 2 per year, and significantly reduce the cost of each visit.

We do ask that if you decide to maintain the equipment yourselves an obligatory quarterly inspection is required, but this is predominantly to encourage the owners to keep a regular eye on the equipment.

We also supply a 'Light Maintenance Kit' with each gym which includes touch up paint, security bolt heads and the correct oil (universal 3 in 1 oil, not WD40 ☺).

So, to précis the above, if you decide to conduct your own gym maintenance we would ask you to conduct quarterly inspections and send us a copy of your inspection log (supplied when the gym is installed). This would maintain the warranty on your gym. Should you instruct us to maintain your gym we would conduct 2 site maintenance visits over 12 months, and your warranty would automatically be maintained.

The full cost of this is £747.00 + VAT per annum.

I hope this helps to explain a little, but if you need any more info please feel free to ask. I am also happy to visit to discuss the project if you think that would help.

Kind regards

Peter

Peter Bolton

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From: Gledhill, Luke (2011) [<mailto:Luke.Gledhill.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk>]

Sent: 10 August 2015 13:56

To: Emily Austin <Emily@tgogc.com>

Subject: Re: Small park gym enquiry

Hi Emily,

Thank you for your email and the quick reply, it is much appreciated! I am working on the proposal in conjunction with Councillor Martin Pettitt who is associated with Sandy Town Council. I am a resident in the ward represented by Cllr Pettitt. The proposal is being presented to the council later this month, and if accepted, will be carried through by the council as they are the owners of the site where the gym might be located. Since it is still in the early stages of development we do not have a name for the proposal yet. I have a quick question: looking at the maintenance guidelines you attached to your email, a figure of £2000 + VAT per annum is quoted for gym maintenance carried out by TGO. Does that figure include the bi-annual site visits a year you mentioned which cost £747 + VAT, as well as the site owner responsibilities?

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Luke Gledhill

From: Emily Austin <Emily@tgogc.com>

Sent: 10 August 2015 12:55

To: Gledhill, Luke (2011)

Cc: Peter Bolton

Subject: RE: Small park gym enquiry

Hi Luke,

Thanks very much for your email. Unfortunately Isaac has now left TGO but I can answer these questions for you. Great news that your project has moved forward! If you were to purchase one of our packages (such as the small park gym) then the first year's maintenance would be free. After this we could offer an annual maintenance contract consisting of two visits a year for £747.00 + VAT. This price would include the basic maintenance of the

gyms (eg. oiling) as well as the assessment and repair of any minor problems. If major faults were found, the cost to repair these would be discussed with you.

In terms of the life expectancy of the equipment, we expect the steel to last 25 years and so it is under warranty for this length of time. I have attached to this email our warranty document to give you further information about this. It is important to note that in order for the warranty to be valid we expect regular maintenance to be undertaken on the equipment in addition to the bi-annual inspections. I've attached to this email our maintenance obligations which outline the basic maintenance we expect customers to complete to ensure that the equipment stays in top condition for as long as possible. As part of our orders we usually include a light maintenance kit which will give you the basic tools needed to carry out this maintenance.

In terms of visiting an existing gym, both of the ones you mention in your email are from our old range. The gym equipment we provide currently is so drastically different that visiting one of these sites wouldn't give a good indication of what you would receive. Apologies for this! I have had a look at our database and unfortunately we don't appear to have any of our new equipment installed in Bedfordshire or Buckinghamshire in a site that is open to public access. Sorry again for this – it is something which we would love to change!

I hope this answers all your questions but if you need any more information please do not hesitate to get back in touch. Could I just ask which organisation you are enquiring on behalf of and the name of the project? This is just so I can update our records.

I have CC'd into this email my colleague Peter who is our sales representative for your area. If you need anything moving forward please do not hesitate to ask either one of us.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Emily Austin

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From: Gledhill, Luke (2011) [<mailto:Luke.Gledhill.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk>]

Sent: 06 August 2015 12:04

To: TGOGC (Info) <info@tgogc.com>

Subject: Re: Small park gym enquiry

Hi Isaac,

I emailed you a few months ago to ask some questions about the Small Park Gym, and now I have a few more as my initial proposal has moved on quite a bit.

After discussions with one of the local councillors the issue of maintenance costs was brought up. Please could you give an estimate as to what the average yearly maintenance costs are for the Small, and Medium Park Gyms? I realise these costs vary depending on usage but if you had to give some figures what would they be? We would also like to know the estimated life expectancy of the equipment?

Additionally we should like to visit other TGO gyms to have a look at the equipment and how they have been managed. According to the TGO website the nearest gyms to us (Sandy, Bedfordshire) are in Little Staughton (North Bedfordshire) and Eaglestone (Milton Keynes). Please would it be possible for you to put me in contact with the organisations that purchased those gyms, with a view to asking some questions about their gym management etc.?

Thank you very much for your time.

Kind regards,
Luke Gledhill

From: TGOGC (Info) <info@tgogc.com>

Sent: 12 May 2015 12:31

To: Gledhill, Luke (2011)

Subject: RE: Small park gym enquiry

Hi Luke

Many thanks for your enquiry and your interest in our fantastic TGO products. We believe we provide the greenest, safest and strongest outdoor gym equipment on the market. We are recognised as the quality brand for outdoor gyms, so you won't find better value for money equipment.

We have some fantastic new packages for 2015 as shown in the brochure attached. These prices would include supply, delivery, install, grass matting, independent safety sign off and a year's free maintenance.

I have also attached our product price list which details the cost of individual pieces of equipment but these prices are supply only and do not include delivery or install.

With regards to costing of a small park gym, you are looking at a total cost (including supply, installation and grass mat surfacing to high traffic areas) of around £15,000 +VAT. TGO have contractors who do installations so hopefully this answers both questions. With regards to timescale, this can be anything from 6 weeks to over a year, dependent on funding applications and approvals etc.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call (01322314961).

This is a summary of TGO and why we are greener, safer, and stronger:

Greenest - We tree plant for every piece we install with the NHS Forest. We also have a new range that generates electricity from people's workouts. [Click here to see our latest green energy products and installs.](#)

Safest – We are the ONLY company with outdoor gym equipment on the market suitable for both over and under 14 year olds, by complying to British Standards Institute (BSI) *new specification* for outdoor gym equipment – PAS 888, meaning all of our equipment is free from crush, shear, and entrapment points which ensures the safety of all equipment users and non-users (people near the equipment)! Read more here: <http://www.tgogc.com/Why-Choose-TGO.Html#safer>.

Strongest – Our equipment is designed to be strong and make you strong:

All of our equipment is 100% designed, manufactured & assembled in the UK using British Kite Marked Steel & we are the *ONLY* company to do so, which also gives preference to UK workers! We load test our equipment to *2x the maximum user weight and 3x that of indoor gym equipment!*

Our equipment has been designed by *Fitness Professionals, Safety Experts & Royal Marine Personal Trainers*. [click here to view our how to use demo videos](#) with our TGO Trainers Shanie & Tony who will go through each piece of equipment step by step, showing start and finish positions and giving you great tips and techniques to get fit.

All the best

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From: Gledhill, Luke (2011) [<mailto:Luke.Gledhill.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk>]

Sent: 11 May 2015 21:28

To: TGOGC (Info)

Subject: Small park gym enquiry

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Luke Gledhill and I am writing to ask for information about the Small Park Gym (TGO704). I am hoping to propose to my local council a plan to build an outdoor gym in the local park. I live in Sandy, Bedfordshire, UK. I have no prior experience of a project like this so please bear with me!

My first question is the main one: in your experience, roughly how much does a small park gym cost to buy and install? Secondly: can TGOGC install the gym or would I need to approach an external contractor? And thirdly: how long does the typical order period last from start to finish?

Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully,

Luke Gledhill

A Report to the Community, Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council on Monday 24 August 2015.

Proposal for an Outdoor Gymnasium in Sandy.

Background.

On 16 May 2015 I received an email from a young Sandy resident namely Luke Gledhill. Attached is a copy of Luke's email which should be self explanatory. Those reading Luke's email will understand that before writing to me he had already been in contact with Sport England and with a supplier of outdoor gymnasium equipment, i.e. The Great Outdoor Gym Company. Accordingly therefore and also attached to this report are copies of Luke's emails exchanged with the former and a price and equipment guide supplied by the latter.

Meetings.

I responded to Luke Gledhill and shared outline details of his proposed scheme initially with Cllr Osborne and invited Luke to meet with us to talk through his vision in more detail. That meeting took place on 28 May. We congratulated Luke on his initiative and for the research he had already undertaken but told him there would be a great deal more work ahead before his project stood any possibility of becoming a reality and he quite clearly understood this.

It was suggested to Luke that he needed to undertake market research with a view to establishing that there would exist a demand among the various sports and community groups as well as individual residents for such a facility in the town.

The location for this type of facility was discussed with Luke and the realistic options were quickly narrowed down to Bedford Road Recreation Ground and Sunderland Road Playing Fields both in the ownership of Sandy Town Council.

At the meeting on 28 May I told Luke that in light of the contact he had already established with Sport England and what we saw as their encouraging response (please see email from Libby Jones, Grants Manager dated 14 May 2015) I would try to set up a meeting with Mr Graham Simpson, Business Manager who some members may recall is handling the Inspired Facilities Applications for Sandy sports clubs and together with Martin Darlow gave a presentation to a meeting of Sandy Town Council on 13 April 2015.

Accordingly a meeting took place in Bedford Road Recreation Ground on Thursday 6 August attended by myself, Luke Gledhill, Graham Simpson and Cllr Aldis in his capacity as Chair of CS&E Committee.

There appeared a consensus that this would be a preferred location for an Outdoor Gym which

might be positioned parallel to and around 5 metres away from the existing basketball court and about level with the end of the line of fencing behind the zip wire and other play equipment.

The reader is invited to look at the literature supplied by The Great Outdoor Gym Company. Luke Gledhill had previously indicated that he felt that either the Small or Medium Park Gym layouts would be suitable for a site in Sandy with present estimated installation costs of £15k and £20k respectively. The larger of these would require an overall site area of 12 x 7.8 metres or 94sq metres.

Funding.

This matter is being presented on the basis that there will be no requirement for any capital funding from Sandy Town Council. Graham Simpson has confirmed that subject to an application meeting all the necessary criteria then such a scheme would qualify for a 100% grant from the Inspired Facilities Programme which has a minimum figure of £20k.

Criteria.

I would invite the reader to carefully consider the content of all the attached copy emails. However I suppose the 2 fundamental requirements for such a project as this to even get "off the ground" are:-

- That who so ever makes the grant application must have the freehold or a lease of the land on which the equipment is installed. Hence in this particular case and unless Luke Gledhill himself were to seek to enter into a lease with STC (which is most definitely not the case) then the grant application would have to be made by STC.
- That those behind the project must demonstrate a clear need for the facility. Here again the manner in which such a need should be demonstrated is contained in the papers attached to this report.

Maintenance.

The life expectancy of the equipment once installed is stated by the one supplier identified by Luke Gledhill, The Great Outdoor Gym Company to be 25 years. There would undoubtedly be ongoing maintenance required for the equipment just as there is for standard play equipment and indeed for the specialist surface onto which the equipment would be installed. The information provided to date is a little confusing since a figure of £747.00 + VAT is given but variously described as, "per annum" and based upon "bi-annual site visits". More work would be required before the picture becomes clear.

Present Position and Requirement.

The various emails attached reflect the present position. Luke Gledhill is to be congratulated for this initiative but I repeat that his expectations have not been falsely raised at this early stage.

Members are simply being asked to consider and discuss this as a **potential** project and to decide whether they would agree in principle to work proceeding by Luke Gledhill and Graham Simpson supported where necessary by members to work this into a scheme whereby it **could** evolve into a grant application by STC to the Inspired Facilities Programme in due course.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday 24 August but I will be at home on Saturday 22 and most of Sunday 23 August should other members wish to telephone me to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Cllr Martin Pettitt
Ivel Ward
Sandy Town Council

15 August 2015.

2015 Package Price list

Every package price includes equipment, delivery, install, an independent RPII safety sign off and 1 years FREE maintenance (which includes 2 site visits and a light maintenance pack).

Set packages are 5% cheaper than if the equipment was ordered individually!

How it works: 1. First choose the package which fits your budget and space. 2. Decide if you want to upgrade our standard fitness equipment to our revolutionary energy generating Cardio Charge units. 3. If you are within 1km of the coast then you will require a coastal upgrade to protect your equipment from salt spray. 4. Safety surfacing isn't compulsory due to the low fall heights of the equipment, however we can offer a wide range of surfacing options as detailed in the table below.

TGO701 - Full Body Multi Gym

Equipment: Lat Pull Down, Shoulder Press, Leg Press & Cross Trainer

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£9,712		£854		£909	

Surfacing area: 2.6 x 4.6m (13m²) Overall safety area needed: 7 x 5m (36m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£264
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£264
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£381
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£600
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£867
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£433
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£1,548
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£804
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£2,000

TGO702 - Toning Multi Gym

Equipment: Chest Press, Seated Row, Leg Press & The Bench

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£8,666		N/A		£827	

Surfacing area: 3 x 4.2m (13m²) Overall safety area needed: 6.6 x 5.4m (40m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£308
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£308
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£381
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£700
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£867
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£433
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£1,548
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£939
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£2,000

TGO703 - Cardio Multi Gym

Equipment: Chest Press, Seated Row, Recumbent Bike & Hand Bike

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£8,868		£2,251		£315	

Surfacing area: 3 x 4.2m (13m²) Overall safety area needed: 6.6 x 5.5m (37m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£308
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£308
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£411
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£700
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£933
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£467
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£1,644
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£939
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£2,000

TGO704 - Small Park Gym

Equipment: Cross Trainer, Hand Bike, Lat Pull Down/SP, Leg Press/Bench, Dips/Leg Raise

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£14,339		£1,960		£1,221	

Surfacing area: 6.9 x 4.9m (34m²) Overall safety area needed: 9.3 x 7.3m (68m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£660
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£660
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£997
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£1,500
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£2,267
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£1,133
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£3,744
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£2,011
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£3,971

TGO705 - Medium Park Gym

Equipment: LPD/SP, LP/B, D/LR, Cross Trainer, Hand Bike, Spinning Bike, Recumbent

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£18,992		£4,351		£1,221	

Surfacing area: 9.6 x 5.1m (49m²) Overall safety area needed: 12 x 7.8m (94m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£836
Grass	Grass Matting high traffic areas	£836
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£1,437
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£1,900
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£3,267
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£1,633
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£5,304
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£2,547
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£5,631

TGO706 - Large Park Gym

Equipment: Pull Up/Assisted PU, CP/SR, 2x CT, HB, LPD/SP, 2x SB, RB, LP/B, D/LR

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£28,429		£6,350		£2,930	

Surfacing area: 8.7 x 8.6m (75m²) Overall safety area needed: 11.1 x 11.1m (124m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£1,232
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£1,232
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£2,188
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£2,688
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£4,774
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£2,500
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£6,163
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£3,752
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£7,754

TGO707 - Senior Gym

Equipment: CT, HB, Senior Dexterity Bar, LP/B, Ski Machine, Treadmill/Oblique, CP/SR

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
£22,940		£1,960		£1,839	

Surfacing area: 9.8 x 5.7m (56m²) Overall safety area needed: 8.3 x 12.1m (101m²)

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	£1,012
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	£1,012
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	£1,622
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	£2,300
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	£3,539
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	£1,847
Grass	New build Tarmac base	£4,685
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	£3,083
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	£5,865

TGO708 - MUGA Fit

Equipment: 16 x 9m MUGA, TM/O, CP/SR, PU/APU, D/LR, LP/B, HB, CT, SB, RB

Fitness <small>standard</small>	+	Cardio Charge <small>upgrade</small>	+	Coastal <small>upgrade</small>	+
TBC		TBC		TBC	

Surfacing area: 64m² (Gym) + 217m² (MUGA) Overall safety area (incl court pens) 27 x 19.1m

I've got	I want	Cost
Hard standing	Make good to existing surface	TBC
Grass	Grass Matting to high traffic areas	TBC
Grass	Grass Matting to entire area	TBC
Grass	Rubber Mulch to high traffic areas	TBC
Grass	Rubber Mulch to entire area	TBC
Hard standing	Tarmac skim to existing surface	TBC
Grass	New build Tarmac base	TBC
Wetpour	Make good existing Wetpour base	TBC
Grass	New build black Wetpour base	TBC

Abbreviations explained

Fitness (Standard) - Our better than ever fitness range made 100% in the UK will come as standard if you choose not to upgrade.

Cardio Charge upgrade - Cardio Charge units generate human powered electricity when used to charge a USB device such as a smart phone or tablet. When you add the 'cardio charge' price to the 'fitness' price you will be replacing the fitness cardio units (i.e. Cross Trainer, Recumbent Bike, Spinning Bike & Hand Bike) to the cardio charge units.

Coastal upgrade - If your site is 1km from the coast you will need to add the 'coastal' price to your total. The coastal upgrade specification was designed for installation on the top deck of cruise ships, catering for salt spray and as wide protection as possible for different climates, it includes upgrading key parts to 316 grade (marine) stainless steel, including axles, fixings and non-painted parts, replacement of zinc primer with e-coating of all steel parts after fabrication which is equivalent to hot dip galvanizing & TGO's proven polyester powder coat is maintained. Upgrading of bearings to ceramic bearings and stainless steel roller bearings.

Make good to existing surface - If you already have a level tarmac surface in a good state we can simply install the equipment onto this and make the cement foundations of the equipment level with the tarmac. We will add a dye to the cement to make it blend in with the tarmac.

Grass Matting wear pads/to entire area - Grass mat's are a low budget surfacing that can be laid to protect the existing grass from wear. This is not suitable if the area is prone to water-logging and will only be a durable surface if the existing grass is healthy to begin with

Rubber Mulch to entire area - Bonded Rubber Mulch is an alternative to the more expensive version, Wet Pour, rubber mulch is less expensive as it doesn't need a foundation to be laid, it can be laid straight onto grass or tarmac with no excavation required and is just as durable.

Tarmac skim - If you have a tarmac or concrete area we can lay a 20mm skimm of tarmac to the area to make it fresh and level for your gym

New build Tarmac base - If you have a grassed area but would prefer a hardstanding base for your gym we can create a tarmac surface under the gym, this is an expensive option as it involves excavation, foundations, tarmac and kerb edging.

New build black/coloured Wetpour base - If you have a grassed area but would prefer a rubber base for your gym we can create a wetpour surface under the gym, this is an expensive option as it involves excavation, foundations, wetpour and kerb edging.

Lat Pull Down/SP - Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press

LPD/SP - Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press

LP/B - Leg Press/Bench

D/LR - Dips/Leg Raise

CP/SR - Chest Press/Seated Row

CT - Cross Trainer

HB - Hand Bike

SB - Spinning Bike

RB - Recumbent Bike

TM/O - Treadmill/Oblique

PU/APU - Pull Up/Assisted Pull Up

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- Our price includes standard TGO Colours Only (TGO Green & Black for our Standard Range & TGO Silver & Green for our Energy Range). Other colours are available but at additional cost and potentially a longer lead time.
- Our price includes security fencing for the duration of the works. Our price does not include the provision of a site container, we assume this will be provided by yourselves or is not required.
- Our price does not allow for a skip to remove the excavated materials. We assume the excavated material can be left on site.
- Our price includes a Post Installation Inspection by a registered member of RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) upon completion of the works.
- Rubber mulch can only be laid in dry weather, there must be a 5 hour window of dry weather following the installation to enable the surfacing to set. We will endeavor to complete your installation in accordance with the agreed schedule however delays due to weather are out of our control.
- Our prices are based on 'ideal ground conditions' i.e. Flat ground, good access to the proposed area and good drainage.
- This quote is subject to a more in-depth survey, which our installer will carry out upon acceptance of this quotation.
- Our standard lead time 6 – 8 weeks from the date of your confirmed order. However, this lead time is subject to changes & availability, stock is issued on a first come first serve basis.



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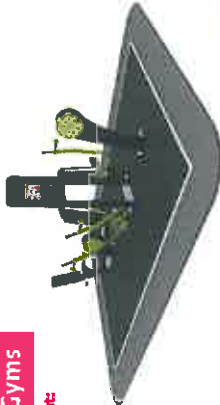
£10k Budget - Multi Gyms

TGO701 Full Body Multi Gym equipment:

- 1x Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press, Leg Press & Cross Trainer

Specification:

Overall safety area - 7 x 5m (36m²)
Surfacing area - 3.6 x 4.6m (13m²)



TGO703 Cardio Multi Gym equipment:

- 1x Chest Press/Seated Row, Recumbent Bike & Hand Bike

Specification:

Overall safety area - 6.6 x 5.5m (37m²)
Surfacing area - 3 x 4.2m (13m²)
4 station gym



TGO704 Toning Multi Gym equipment:

- 1x Chest Press/Seated Row, Leg Press & The Bench

Specification:

Overall safety area - 6.6 x 5.4m (40m²)
Surfacing area - 3 x 4.2m (13m²)



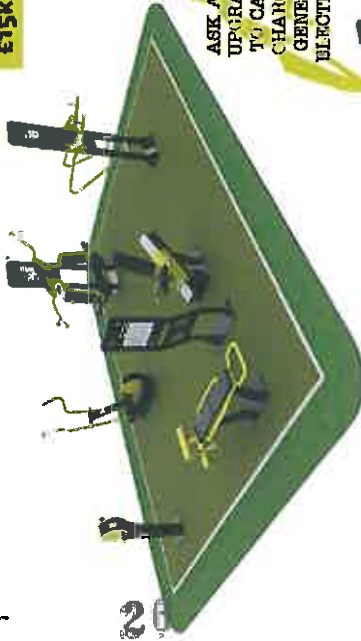
£15k Budget - Small Park Gym

TGO705 Cross Trainer equipment:

- 1x Cross Trainer
- 1x Hand Bike
- 1x Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press
- 1x Leg Press/The Bench
- 1x Dips/Leg Raise

Specification:

Overall safety area 9.3 x 7.3m (68m²)
Surfacing area 6.9 x 4.9m (34m²)
8 station gym
25 year warranty
100% made in Britain
PAS 888 certified
TUV tested to, prEN16630 & DIN79000



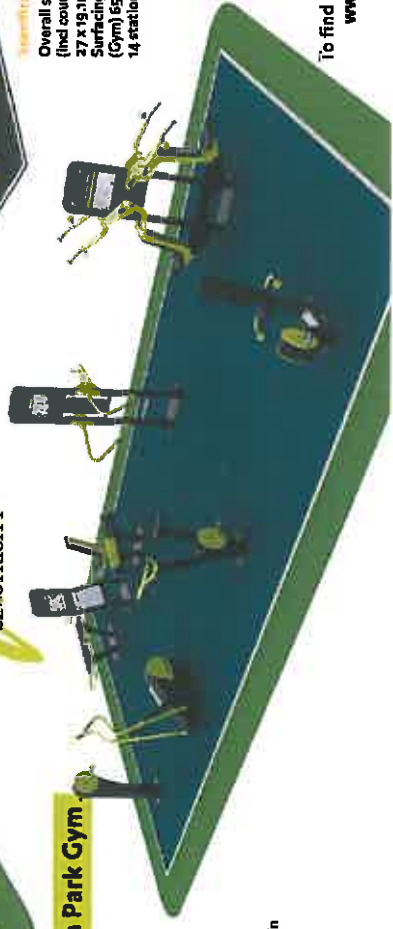
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£20k Budget - Medium Park Gym

TGO705 Cross Trainer equipment:

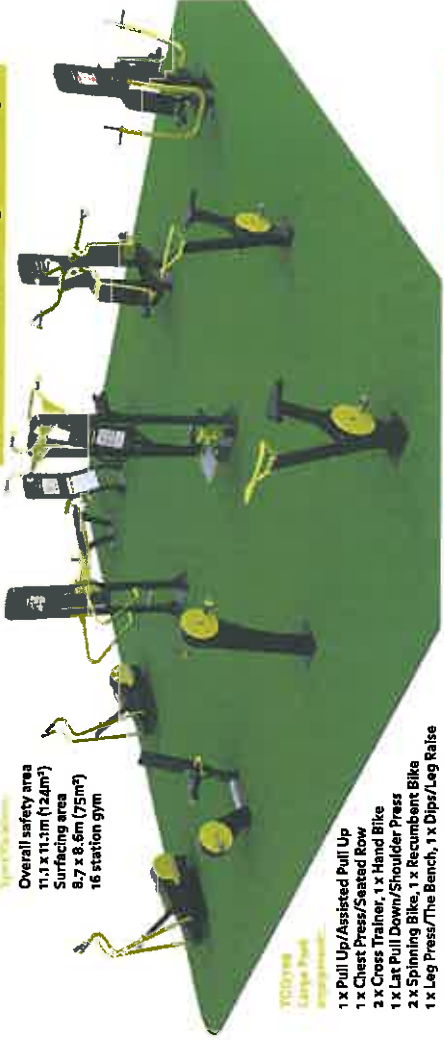
- 1x Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press
- 1x Leg Press/The Bench
- 1x Dips/Leg Raise
- 1x Cross Trainer
- 1x Hand Bike
- 1x Spinning Bike
- 1x Recumbent Bike

Overall safety area 12 x 7.9m (94m²)
Surfacing area 9.6 x 5.1m (49m²)
10 station gym
25 year warranty
100% made in Britain
PAS 888 certified
TUV tested to, prEN16630 & DIN79000



£30k + Budget - Large Park Gym

Overall safety area 11.1 x 11.1m (124m²)
Surfacing area 8.7 x 8.6m (75m²)
16 station gym



- 1x Pull Up/Assisted Pull Up
- 1x Chest Press/Seated Row
- 3x Cross Trainer, 1x Hand Bike
- 1x Lat Pull Down/Shoulder Press
- 2x Spinning Bike, 1x Recumbent Bike
- 1x Leg Press/The Bench, 1x Dips/Leg Raise

Specialist £20k Budget - Senior Gym

TGO707 Senior Gym equipment:

- 1x Cross Trainer
- 1x Hand Bike
- 1x Senior Dexterity Bar The Bench
- 1x Leg press/1x Ski Machine/Oblique
- 1x Chest Press/Seated Row

Specification:

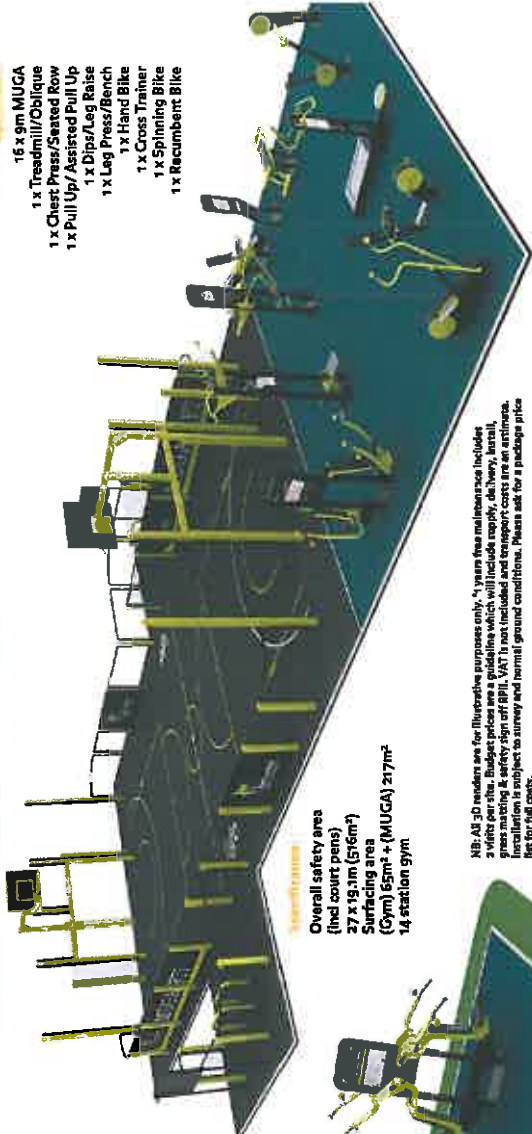
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Over £50k Budget - MUGA Fit

TGO708 MUGA Fit equipment:

- 16 x 9m MUGA
- 1x Treadmill/Oblique
- 1x Chest Press/Seated Row
- 1x Pull Up/Assisted Pull Up
- 1x Leg Press/Bench
- 1x Hand Bike
- 1x Cross Trainer
- 1x Spinning Bike
- 1x Recumbent Bike



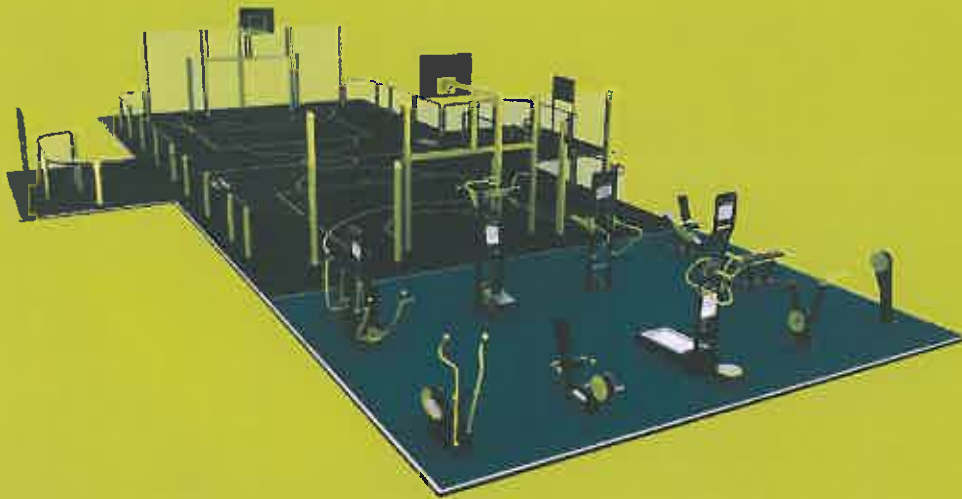
Overall safety area (incl court pens) 27 x 19.1m (516m²)
Surfacing area (Gym) 65m² x (MUGA) 217m²
14 station gym

NB: All 3D renderings are for illustrative purposes only. 3 years free maintenance includes a safety audit. Budgets are estimates and may vary. All prices are inclusive of VAT, grass matting & safety sign off (RPI). VAT is not included and transport costs are an estimate. Installation is subject to survey and normal ground conditions. Please ask for a package price list for full costs.

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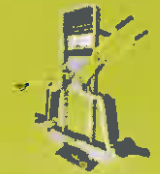
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From: Admin
Sent: 14 July 2015 11:04
To: Carol Baker-Smith
Subject: FW: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns
Attachments: Ivel fact sheet May2015_Final.pdf

From: angliaRBD [mailto:AnglianRBD@environment-agency.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 July 2015 15:10
Subject: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns

Dear All

Thank you for your participation in the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) consultation. This consultation has helped us better understand local issues and concerns. In your response to our RBMP consultation, you expressed concerns about the proposed River Ivel Project and its potential impact on river structures and water levels in the Sandy area.

The River Ivel project aims to review how we best manage flood risk locally and what should be done with any existing structures that we maintain, alongside looking into options to improve the water environment. While the River Ivel Project is linked to the Anglian RBMP, as each project that we undertake near a watercourse has to take into account any Water Framework Directive requirements, the two projects are different.

We have produced a fact sheet that provides an overview of the River Ivel Project and attach a copy to this email. It covers the project aims, how it links in with the RBMP, key considerations and our engagement with local communities and organisations to work in partnership.

We will be in contact shortly with the overall RBMP consultation summary information and you may be contacted directly about other specific points you raised.

If you have any further questions about the River Ivel project please contact Chris Lenton, Project Manager on 01480 483099 or alternatively email Chris.Lenton@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Kind Regards

Stephanie

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River Ivel Project

Fact sheet

May 2015

This fact sheet provides you with some information about the River Ivel Project.

About the River Ivel Project

Historically, the River Ivel has had a variety of uses and continues to provide recreational value to a wide range of people and groups. These uses have led to modifications in the river for navigation, milling, land drainage and flood defence.

Due to this history, there are a number of structures (for example: river banks, sluices and weirs) on and next to the river, that the Environment Agency had a hand in building or maintaining over the years. We are currently reviewing the purpose of the structures that we maintain to see whether they are still required for works within our remit, particularly around managing flood risk to people and property.

We are also looking into any environmental improvements that could be carried out on the river to improve the ecology of the river, for the benefit of wildlife and recreational use.

What are we planning to do?

- Look at each of the structures that we currently maintain and review what, if any, flood risk management purpose they have, both individually and as part of a system. Initially, we will do this using computer modelling.
- Link into the River Basin Management Plan to see what actions could potentially be undertaken to achieve Water Framework Directive objectives. For example: improvements in riverine ecology
- Work with local councils, interested groups and individuals to see whether there are options that could be taken forward.

What is the difference between this project and the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)?

River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) are required under the Water Framework Directive for all river systems in England. The plans describe each river basin district and the pressures that the water environment faces. They also look at actions that could be taken to improve the water environment and restore watercourses to a more natural state. The Anglian RBMP covers a vast area of eastern England, from the South Bank of the Humber to the Thames Estuary.

The Ivel Project is linked to the Anglian RBMP, as each project that we undertake near a watercourse has to take into account any Water Framework Directive requirements. However, the two are not the same thing. The Ivel Project aims to review how we best manage flood risk locally and what should be done with any existing structures that we maintain, alongside looking into options to improve the water environment.

What options are being taken forward?

No actions have been decided upon at this stage. In fact, we have not yet set out any potential options for the project.

We are at an early stage of the project, the first part of which is to gather data about existing structures to understand which are still required to manage flood risk.

When we have confirmed which structures, we would like to maintain in future (subject to available funding), we plan to engage with all interested parties about what could be done with the remaining

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structures through a full and planned public consultation. Structures with limited or no flood risk benefit will not automatically be removed. There may be a range of options that would work and it is possible that structures could be:

- Altered
- Removed
- Replaced with an alternative structure
- Maintained by other organisations, groups or landowners.

Key considerations

There are 4 main considerations for the Environment Agency on this project. These are:

1. **Funding** - We cannot spend public money on works outside of our remit. We have to follow rules associated with all funding that we receive and ensure we spend where there is the greatest benefit. Therefore we may not be able to continue to maintain some existing structures.

Funding is also vital for any new proposals along the River Ivel. At this stage there is no guarantee that funding will be available from central government and it is likely that partnership funding will be needed as part of any works that change the status quo. The type and amount of funding that the project can draw on will depend upon what the project will deliver in terms of the governments environmental or flood risk management targets (outcome measures).

2. **Flood risk** - We have powers to manage flood risk (from main rivers) to people and property.
3. **Water Framework Directive** - We cannot carry out actions which would prevent the River Ivel from reaching good ecological potential, as required under the Water Framework Directive.
4. **Water Resources** - We need to consider the impact any project has on river levels and the availability of water for abstraction.

Working in partnership

This project has the potential to provide some great opportunities to work together with local organisations and people to make improvements to the River Ivel. It is not a piece of work that we can, or want to, produce in isolation and we will be sharing our findings and working with other risk management authorities and local groups to develop options for the project.

We will begin this engagement in earnest when we have gathered and collated our data and have sufficient information to discuss with interested parties. This is unlikely to happen before autumn 2015.

If you are interested in this project and would like to hear more about future engagement events, please use the following contact details to register your interest and let us know how we can contact you.

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River Ivel Project

Three documents refer:-

1. **The Water Framework Directive**
2. **The 2009 European Eel Regulations**
3. **River Ivel Restoration Project – now superseded by the River Ivel Project**

The EA have repeatedly said that we have confused these documents, this is not so. We merely took the opportunity of a consultation period ending to make some noise. All 3 documents are full of good things, but all three also have removal of man made structures as a stated measure.

In addition, two other factors caused us to react as we did. Firstly a meeting with Ellis Selway, author of the IRP where he looked at Lock Corner Weir and said 'its redundant so it will go'. Secondly, an EA spread sheet (basically a wish list) showing £533k in 2014/5 for structure removal.

1 Water Framework Directive – under this legislation, all regions are charged with formulating River Basin Management Plans in 6 yearly cycles. Man made structures score heavily against the status of a river. Removal of barriers, a stated aim, can thus permit an under-performing river to achieve good status. This is with no improvement whatsoever in water quality. Surely water quality should be the prime mover within the WFD.

2 The 2009 EU Eel Regulations – not everything is bad within this legislation, for example the proper guarding of turbines is essential to prevent wildlife from being chopped up. But the regs also state that all man-made barriers must be addressed by constructing eel passes or by complete removal. The EA will be responsible for those under their control, private landowners will need to pay for measures on theirs. This is just so much nonsense it is laughable, a real knee jerk reaction. The EA's own website has video of elvers climbing a vertical surface. A local licensed eel netsman of 60 years experience used to catch elvers by scraping them from vertical lock gates on the R Ouse into a net, and then use them to stock his own lakes. The dramatic decline of eels in the early 80's coincides with a serious spread of a lethal parasite in eels (*Anguillicoloides crassus*) from the far-east, and a massive increase in predation in our rivers, notably by Cormorants, but possibly also by Otters and American Signal Crayfish. Studies at Southampton University further blame the introduction of water turbines into rivers for destroying virtually 100% of eels that use them as a prime means of migration downstream. Conversely I have found no studies looking at how many new barriers were constructed in rivers that might have even the merest impact on eel migration UPSTREAM.

Despite all of this, in 2013/14 there were two years of such huge numbers of glass eels entering the Severn estuary that netting operations had to be stopped and the price of glass eels plummeted. It is perfectly evident that mature eels were returning to the Sargasso in significant numbers for so many young to arrive back in Europe. This year is apparently just the opposite, a poor year. Like lots of things in nature, eel recruitment would appear to be cyclical. However, this year, anglers in some estuaries are reporting large numbers of small eels being hooked, and certainly good numbers of medium sized eels are being caught in the R Ouse near Bedford. Small eels have been found recently on lawns near Blunham after wet weather.

3 The Ivel Restoration Project – aimed at returning the river to a natural state by removing all man made structures. An 'initial consultation' document intended to identify interested parties and gauge support, but not circulated.

Replaced by **The River Ivel Project** document in May 2015 which states that where a structure has no flood risk benefit it cannot be maintained using EA money and may be removed under WFD criteria or simply abandoned.

Lock Corner Weir – in summary

The River through Sandcast Wood is part of the heritage of Sandy and is enjoyed by many local people and organisations. Any change to the levels and flow governed by Lock Corner weir will have a significant impact on that heritage and enjoyment. Removal or abandonment of the weir are equally bad news and should never be an option, it should be maintained at its current level to ensure that this valuable resource is available to present and future generations. All legislation referred to above should have as an equal priority the consideration of the wishes of local people, not just the blind pursuit of perceived benefits to nature.

Some extracts from sources of information:-

The Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009

“obstruction” means anything (whether natural or artificial) in or near waters that impedes, or is likely to impede, the passage of eels through those waters;

Eel passes

14.—(1) This regulation applies where the Agency determines that the passage of eels is impeded or likely to be impeded by—

(a) a dam or obstruction in or near waters to which these Regulations apply;

(2) The Agency may, by service of a notice, require a responsible person, **at their own cost**, to—

(a) construct an eel pass;

(b) make alterations to an existing eel or fish pass;

(c) operate an existing eel pass in accordance with any conditions stated in the notice;

(d) remove an obstruction; or

(e) take any other action specified in the notice.

Extract from Ivel restoration consultation document

The Environment Agency is currently investigating options **to dispose of structures** which no longer serve their original purpose and, if removed or modified, could offer environmental benefits. This document outlines the reasoning behind and details of the proposal, how it's funded and the potential environmental benefits. This represents an initial consultation to identify interested parties and to gauge support.

Proposal - Historic modification of the River Ivel for navigation, food production and flood protection between Tempsford and Arlesey have disrupted the natural functioning of the river and the ecology it supports. Many of the structures such as lock pens and weirs, as well as some of the flood embankments are **obsolete and offer little flood risk benefit**. **Picture of Lock Corner Weir**

University of Southampton

Since 2005, Dr Paul Kemp (Reader in Ecological Engineering) and colleagues, at the Faculty of Engineering and Environment, have developed new approaches to address these issues. In 2007-2009, Kemp et al. experimentally quantified the swimming performance and behaviour of European eels. **Since the 1980s, eel populations have collapsed by over 90%. River features like hydroelectric dams are among the main causes, as up to 100% of eels passing through turbines can die.**

Anguillicoloides crassus^{[2][3]} is a **parasitic nematode** worm that lives in the **swimbladders** of **eels (Anguilla spp.)** and appears to spread easily among eel populations after introduction to a body of water. **It is considered to be one of the threats to the sustainability of populations of European eel (Anguilla anguilla).** It was introduced to the European continent in the 1980s, where it was reported independently from Germany and Italy in 1982, having probably been introduced from Taiwan.^[4] It is thought to have reached England in 1987 from continental Europe.

Extract from EA bundle sheet for R Ivel as part of their River basin management Plan

Operational Catchment name: Ivel

Unique measure name	Which water body/ies will your measure be implemented in? (first insert relevant unique identification numbers/names into column headings below)				Has the measure already been funded and is underway?	Is the measure's primary objective to improve a protected area?	Will the measure cause:		What are the one-off / capital of the following years? (For a include the adjacent columns)	
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Remove structures		X	X	X	No	No	X			£533.61

Measures proposed on the R Hiz and Ivel – remove structures giving a change to improved status at a cost of £533,610

Carol Baker-Smith

From: Martin Pettitt <martin.pettitt@virginmedia.com>
Sent: 30 July 2015 10:11
To: Nigel Aldis
Cc: Max Hill; Colin Osborne; Will Jackson; Carol Baker-Smith
Subject: Fw: Meeting to discuss Lock Corner Weir on the River Ivel at Sandy
Attachments: Meeting with Alistair Burt 24 July 2015.doc

Hello Nigel,

This is the exchange of message that I mentioned to you on Monday evening and which Will and Colin felt should appear on a future CS&E Agenda.

This could perhaps be linked with the item that I forwarded to you on 24 July under the heading, Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project Concerns with the accompanying report and email from

Stephanie North, Area Customers & Engagement Officer (Cambridgeshire & Bedfordshire Area) Environment Agency?

attached

Bye for now.

Martin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Graham Inwood](#)
To: [Martin Pettitt](#); [Max Hill](#)
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 4:11 PM
Subject: Fwd: Meeting to discuss Lock Corner Weir on the River Ivel at Sandy

Hello Martin, Max

Alistair Burt asked for a briefing on the Ivel Project and specifically Lock Corner Weir prior to a conference with the EA. A copy of my notes is attached for your information.

Regards.....Graham

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Meeting to discuss Lock Corner Weir on the River Ivel at Sandy
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 2015 16:07:19 +0100
From: Graham Inwood <graham.inwood@gmail.com>
To: Alistair Burt <alistair@alistair-burt.co.uk>

Hello Alistair

Very good to see you again on Friday evening, many thanks for your time and interest.

Attached are some notes from our discussion, if anything is not clear or there is a need for additional information please get back to me.

I would appreciate an update on your talks with the EA. From my point of view I am happy there is an understanding that full consultation will happen on any measures proposed on the River Ivel as part of the newly renamed River Ivel Project. However, I remain concerned that Lock Corner weir will not be maintained in its present form should EA funding not be available, which would be in the event that modelling shows it to be of no value to flood risk prevention.

Very best regards.....Graham



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Carol Baker-Smith

From: Martin Pettitt <martin.pettitt@virginmedia.com>
Sent: 24 July 2015 10:21
To: Carol Baker-Smith
Cc: Will Jackson; Nigel Aldis
Subject: Re: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns

Hello Carol and thanks,

As you will see I have copied to Nigel as chair of CS&E and the Mayor.

Nigel may have a different opinion but I would have thought this can be deferred and put on an agenda for all members to consider when we have the overall RBMP consultation summary promised (shortly) in the pultimate paragraph of Stephanie North's email?

Best Wishes,

Martin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Carol Baker-Smith](mailto:Carol.Baker-Smith@virginmedia.com)
To: martin.pettitt@virginmedia.com
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:29 PM
Subject: FW: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns

Hi Martin

Does the attached need to be on a committee agenda?
Carol

From: Admin
Sent: 14 July 2015 11:04
To: Carol Baker-Smith
Subject: FW: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns

From: anglianRBD [mailto:AnglianRBD@environment-agency.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 July 2015 15:10
Subject: Draft River Basin Management Plan Consultation - River Ivel Project concerns

Dear All

Thank you for your participation in the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) consultation. This consultation has helped us better understand local issues and concerns. In your response to our RBMP consultation, you expressed concerns about the proposed River Ivel Project and its potential impact on river structures and water levels in the Sandy area.

The River Ivel project aims to review how we best manage flood risk locally and what should be done with any existing structures that we maintain, alongside looking into options to improve the water environment. While the River Ivel Project is linked to the Anglian RBMP, as each project that we undertake near a watercourse has to take into account any Water Framework Directive requirements, the two projects are different.

We have produced a fact sheet that provides an overview of the River Ivel Project and attach a copy to this email. It covers the project aims, how it links in with the RBMP, key considerations and our engagement with local communities and organisations to work in partnership.

We will be in contact shortly with the overall RBMP consultation summary information and you may be contacted directly about other specific points you raised.

If you have any further questions about the River Ivel project please contact Chris Lenton, Project Manager on 01480 483099 or alternatively email Chris.Lenton@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Kind Regards

Stephanie

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Sandy Town Council

Community Services & Environment Committee 24th August 2015

Winchester Road Site Visit

Recently there was a tour of the former GLC estate based around Winchester Road by the Chief Executive of Aragon Housing, an Amey Highways officer, and members of Central Bedfordshire Council's Community Engagement Team, local CBC ward members and Cllr Nigel Aldis as one of the members for Pinnacle ward on STC. Cllrs Jafor Ali and Colin Osborne were unable to attend due to other engagements.

The group looked at various issues around the estate including vegetation which needs management, the decaying raised beds, the ownership and upkeep of the amenity areas and most importantly the lack of parking and the damage that cars cause to grass areas.

Aragon Housing Association as the major holder of social housing in the area are willing in principle to consider improving the parking situation in partnership with CBC but would like to fund the work by providing additional housing units on some of the least practical amenity areas. They also agreed to undertake maintenance of the tress and hedging where this was causing a nuisance to residents.

Recommendations

Members are requested to note the report and decide on further action:

- 1. To request the Assistant Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities of CBC (Cllr Caroline Maudlin) to give a report at a future Town Council meeting on the progress of the project, the actions that have been taken and the plans for the future maintenance and improvement of the area.**