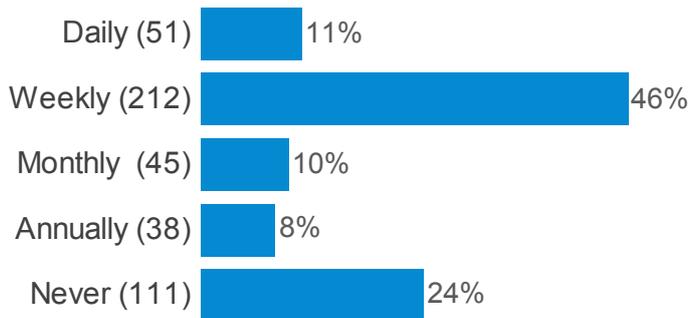


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How often do you use Bulmershe leisure centre?



If never, why is this?

- Old and tatty
- Out of area
- Time factor - used a lot when son small
- Left and closed membership due to lack of facilities and no swimming access for daughter
- Nothing interesting to get
- The place looks run down and old
- Down at heel. Looks mucky
- Not recently as getting challenging
- Recently retired so looking for swimming
- Not appealing
- Have done in past but now belong to a health club that provides everything I need in one place
- Not use anymore (since 20 yrs) needs updating - pool especially
- Out dated
- Children learnt to swim there but now they can the pool is quite boring compared to other local facilities
- Newly moved to area
- Just moved to the area
- Shabby and old
- New in the area
- Use Hockey Club
- Not up to date
- Generally use Carnival Pool
- Member at a different gym
- Facilities not up to standard
- Cost

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If never, why is this?

- No chance at the moment
- Use other facilities
- Not got round too
- Planning to join gym soon
- Timings are not convenient
- Had moved out of area
- Lack of awareness
- Not appealing
- Does not have good enough facilities
- Closed down my aikido club
- Old and tired
- Poor facilities/changing for swimming. Aerobic class provision poor - yoga, zumba, ballet barre, body combat
- Don't like swimming, womens only
- Children grown up, building unappealing, Woodford Park is nearer
- Lower Earley is closer
- Not sure what available
- Nothing. Really tired needs upgrade
- It's not up to standards
- Use Woodford and Loddon Valley
- Run down
- I have used the swimming pool in the past and Ti Chi class 4 years ago
- I live very close by (Fairwater Drive) for about a year now. I find the times of the classes don't really suit me, I work outside of the area so need an early morning or a late evening class but nothing really comes up. Secondly, I have kids but the swimming pool doesn't really look an attractive option, I'd go further away to Loddon Valley or Carnival.
- Gym too expensive for teenage sons to use Early swim not well run lane swimming is not being used as intended
- Too expensive re membership.
- I am a member of 1Life and signed up at Bulmershe Leisure Centre however I never use the facilities. I prefer to use Loddon Valley Leisure Centre as the facilities there are far superior to Bulmershe. The swimming pool, change rooms, cafe and racquet sports are ideal, well set out and well maintained. My daughter and I use Loddon Valley numerous times a week because of this even though I live in walking distance from Bulmershe.
- I dont use any leisure centres
- Too old and out of date
- Better facilities elsewhere (like loddon valley)
- The facility isn't needed anymore with other options available for H+F. Would be better off as extra space for the school or even housing! A drain on the community!!!
- I stopped using the pool when there was Legionnaire bacteria found around 2006 and the management lied about the reason it was closed. My daughter went there for swimming lessons and they did not bother to tell us she could have been at risk. I found this lack of concern for centre users' safety and wellbeing unacceptable.
- Been once and it was dirty and shabby.

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If never, why is this?

The swimming pool is very old fashioned and having to pay £11.10 for a family to get active and go swimming is shockingly expensive. The whole building is not appealing and does not allow for social gathering. (Café and even library integrated to the facilities neededd).

I used to swim there but at £4.80 to swim it has put me off.

Too expensive.

I used to use the gym but cancelled my membership last year. The gym didn't offer enough equipment.

I used to use these facilities regular but now I drive out of Woodley and use a better place.

I live very close to the Bulmershe Leisure Centre and used to go to some of the fitness classes there. However I got fed up with the number of times I turned up at the Leisure Centre only to find classes were cancelled with no replacement cover, or if they did manage to find cover, it was always the same member of staff who sadly seemed to be very junior and he led a class which was confusing and unmotivating. I did try feed this back to the Leisure Centre but no changes were made. I also felt the number of classes i wanted to was too low, but I suppose it's only a small Leisure Centre. Additionally I was annoyed when they increased the price of a class without warning from £5 to £6, therefore a 20% increase.

The quality of the gym is very poor and very small and clostaphobic. I would prefer to use the leisure centre as its close and would be handy to have a workout and not easy to go to far once I've put kids to put and then sneezing in dinner for me! I think keeping fit and healthy important so being able to exercise regularly would be fab. I think he quality of classes aren't very good and think the overall srandard and quality needs to be improved. There is a big population in woodley and I think if the quality was there and car park better size you would have no problem getting more members. The water needs to be warmer, the changing room is nice and close to pool and easy to access the pool but needs a refurb. It's handy having a playpen for when you're getting changed or those seats you can pop kiddies in to keep them safe are good and handy.

The changing rooms and showers are terrible!

It's tired, run down and the upstairs is unbearably hot and uncomfortable

Too expensive less facilities

Poor quality of facilities and lack of private shower provision in the swimming pool.

Too expensive.

I use the leisure centre 2-3 times a week

More modern/better facilities elsewhere

The centre is pretty run down and there are better facilities available in neighbouring towns such as carnival pool and Loddon valley

Having bought a lot of season tickets we were then told they were non-refundable once the centre changed operators

I use to visit weekly as I was a member of the gym & also my daughter use to have swimming lessons. However the building is run down the staff are unfriendly and unhelpful that I cancelled all memberships and go to other facilities.

Because they do provide enough for females only.gym should be half the price and be portioned of for females only use. Also should be female only swimming lessons and session s. Also female group activities. Thanks

Too busy at work, but I look forward to using it regularly when I retire.

can't swim

too far building is tierd

If never, why is this?

1. The membership options at Reading Sport & Leisure are much more varied than what is offered by 1Life and WBC e.g. you can select gym or exercise classes and so for myself I would only choose the gym option and pay £17 per month. 2. The membership options are more cheaper than 1Life and WBC e.g. the higher membership cost for Reading Sport & Leisure is £34 per month and the membership entitles the member to use the facilities at all Reading Sport and Leisure venues. Whereas the 1Life and WBC membership options are for a specific site and are vastly more expensive in comparison.

I use the leisure centre 2-3 times a week.

It offers limited activities that I'm interested in. I am a member of the Reading University sports Park which has much better facilities

I did use it but I found better facilities else where.

Have heard not very pleasant things about it. Also youths hanging around outside makes in intimidating to go in

most of the swimming session are at night time.

It is old tatty the changing rooms by the pool have it changed in 20 years . Showering facilities are terrible pool side no cafe parking terrible

Old, run down! No kids swimming pool.

Too old

Nothing for the children i.e swimming sessions

We used it for swimming lessons for a couple of years. But stopped because 1.groups were too large. 2.no staff in the water 3.teaching practices were not working 4. Progress too slow 5.Facilities are; a.dirty b.cold c.uninviting d.staff do not have any knowledge. e.lacks fun & excitement . d.no special events or advertising.

It's old, worn and dirty.

Didn't know it existed

Other than swimming lessons for kids and occasional swimming with my girls in the past i never used facilities

Up until recently never! Joined 1life and now a few times a week

I often forget it exists but know that my son's school (St Dominic Savio) use it for swimming in the summer term. My son has been to pool parties there

I used to use it for swimming lessons for my children but have stopped. This is due to: 1. Difficulty parking on a Saturday morning 2. Unpleasant cramped, hot viewing gallery

Out of date facilities

Used to use thengum but left, never used showers or pools as i did not like the facilities

Its a dump.

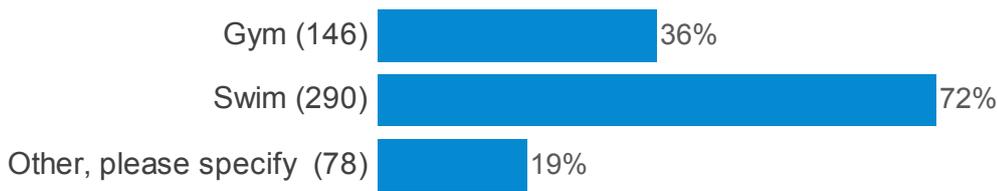
Old building and swimming changes rooms very dated.

As you say, it is tired and run-down. It isn't an inviting place to go. Tthe swimming pool and changing facilities are worn out. The pool itself seems dirty (even though it isn't, I'm sure). I attended Bulmershe school many years ago and it doesn't seem much different from then.

There is nothing for toddlers and younger children. No dedicated toddler pool or water slides. Bulmersche needs knocking down its outdated and needs modernization. Prehaps rebuilt with younger families in mind for swimming as well as the dedicated swimmers. We now have to go to aquadrome in Basingstoke whilst coral reef is refurbished. Aquadrome is really what Woodley needs being an upcoming area with plenty of families to use the facilities

Pool too cold when used in the past. Prefer Lodden Vale or Bracknell Leisure Centre - favorite as warmest pools.

What is the main reason you use the leisure centre?



- Classes
- Badminton
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- Roller hockey and school events
- Classes
- Badminton
- Badminton
- Woodley Basketball Clubs
- Badminton
- Parking for goals
- Aqua
- Classes
- Sports activities over holidays
- Badminton
- Classes (7 per week)
- Badminton
- Classes
- If more available possible change
- School visits by my children and holiday activities eg football camp
- I teach there
- Football
- Boxercise
- Pilates
- Thames Valley Triathletes Sessions
- Teach classes
- Classes
- Child swim school
- To get fit
- Exercise classes
- Zumba
- Classes
- Aqarobics
- Zumba

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Work at Bulmershe School

Snorkelling club

Inline Hockey

Badminton

Classes

Shine Coordinate Cost

Lack of facilities put me off using more frequently

Aqua Aerobics

Classes, pilates

Martial arts

Badminton

Classes

Badminton Hall

Aqua classes

Dance

Circuits classes

Group training

Boxercise

Badminton

Classes

Did use gym until recent increase in disability. Swimming helps to maintain fitness

Badminton occasionally

Childcare

Circuit training (Mon 6.30pm)

Also trampolining Monday 5-6 and futsal Friday 7-8 and Sunday morning

Swimming lessons for 10 year old

Pure gym totally better

I don't!

Fitness class or gym session

Kids swimming class

I am not using it anymore as too expensive.

Fitness classes,

Sports hall

I also attend classes

Used to bring my child swimming

Group classes; spinning, boot camp and body bump

Swimming activities but I chose to go else where.

Live Well Gym for Long Term Health Conditions

I used to swim but coldness of the pool and dirty facilities I grew t hate it. I have used the gym but horrible music staff were more interested in their mobile phones than help you

Badminton court

I don't

Classes

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My son attends his roller hockey training with the Reading Sharks every Saturday

Football

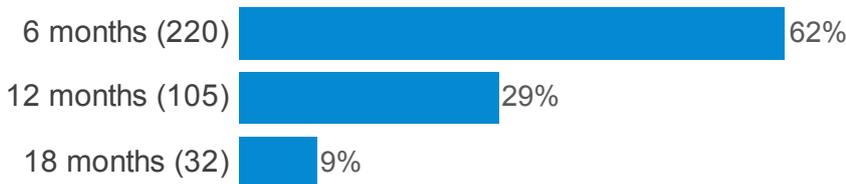
Badminton

Netball in sports hall

Kayak pool sessions

Regarding disruption, what timescales would be acceptable for either refurbishment or new build? (if new build, the leisure centre will be completely closed - during the closure residents can still use the facilities at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre in Lower Earley or St Crispin's Leisure Centre and Carnival Pool in Wokingham)

Refurbishment



New Build



What facilities or improvements would encourage you and your family to use our leisure centre more often?

Modernise the entire building. Swimming pool is outdated just like the entrance and changing rooms.

Increased number and range of classes. Better training of staff to ensure suitable replacement cover for classes if need. Bigger gym with separate ladies area.

Cleaner and more up to date facilities

more car parking spaces

More activities for babies and toddlers in the holidays and term time, water to be warmer.

Better lighting in main hall for badminton as currently the lights are awful so cannot play there.

Better changing facilities and a cafe.

Change of the sports hall flooring and the baskets. And a mounted scoreboard

Nicer changing rooms with more private cubicles in the swimming area, warmer water in the pool, showers that work and more stringent financial processes, as I had massive issues with my direct debits with 1life.

The building itself it's unsightly and needs a fresh coat of paint, as far as facilities go I would make the gym more available for a wider variety of sports including futsal, basketball and badminton. I would also promote the availability of these sports more to ensure the gym is used

State of the art gym, more classes, swimming pool and steam/sauna and possibly a cafe.

What facilities or improvements would encourage you and your family to use our leisure centre more often?

Decent showers! Communal family changing area, paddling pool; sauna and whirlpool, spa facilities and treatments

Gym

A better swimming area and changing rooms , the viewing area of the swimming pool is disgraceful,over heated and having to get there early to get a seat then have a massive plank of wood in your eye line,!

Better pool and changing area. Cafe. High quality gym equipment.

The showers are terrible - barely any water comes from the poolside showers. The showers allocated for the gym are communal which means I will never use them and have to shower at home after using the gym. I don't think many people at all use these showers. Compared to loddon valley everything is old especially the gym equipment. The viewing area for the pool is tiny so when lessons are in progress about 8 parents can watch their child compared to how many children are in the pool this is a small amount. There are also barely any classes at the centre.

Sufficient car parking. Clean changing rooms. Efficient staff, rather than the useless 1life staff.

Better shower facilities Better viewing for parents during swim school

More adult only swimming times. Earlier opening times to enable a swim before work. I currently use a private gym because of its longer opening hours.

Showers on pool side need replacing alongside changing rooms. If possible make unisex changing rooms if it allows room for enough cubicles and lockers. Viewing area was always a bug bear for me when watching swimming lessons. Either bring it down stairs to wrap around the pool like Loddon or make the area upstairs bigger by opening up room next to it. Also put some upto date air conditioning in so it's bearable for spectators. This would have to be applied to whole building.

Reasonably priced gym.

More times for adult swimming

Sports courts

Modernised equipment. Improvements are needed across the whole gym - there are often leaks and damp areas - especially in the roofs of the toilets. It should also be cleaner.

All round more modern/user friendly facilities/surroundings, modern cafe

A more modern gym... Virgin/Nuffield involvement? Improved swimming pool, perhaps with slides/attractions, similar approach to Bracknell forest council with coral reef. I've also seen others mention the idea of an ice rink or bowling alley... Leisure facilities that the reading, woodley and wokingham areas are really lacking and that could potentially really benefit the community

Better showers,

A more child friendly pool, like at carnival. I live 5 minutes from Numerate, but wouldn't ever take my toddler swimming there currently as it's too scary and daunting for him, however carnival has different depths and is children friendly. An on site crèche, like is available at carnival and loddon valley is often requested by myself and fellow parents I know who would like to stay active but don't have child care help. And lastly generally a nicer gym, more equipment, less bunched together, nicer changing rooms (dry side womens still have a communal shower?!?)

A gym where teens can use a personal trainer to help with confidence/self esteem Small pool alongside main pool for younger children Decent spa facilities

The swimming pool needs to be updated and the toilets are a disgrace in the ladies clockroom of the gym.

Upgraded exercise machines, more parking spaces, clean changing rooms, responsive staff

New showers and bathrooms - existing ones are horrible Earlier opening times on weekdays (6am) would be great

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What facilities or improvements would encourage you and your family to use our leisure centre more often?

Better management that actually cares. We would use it more as it is now but limited opening times, inconsistency of staff info re opening times, disappointment when turning up after calling only to find out that we were misinformed. We would love to use pool more often or be able to attend sports classes for kids.

Squash Courts

Coffe shop larger gym bigger swimming pool better showers more classes

-Changing rooms aren't very pleasant to use at all -Floorplans if the entire building need reviewing as they don't work -a wider pool would be a bonus -more of a coffee shop/refreshment area would be a benefit and money maker -sports hall is incredibly tired -with the nice new school behind and modern university pavilion across the road the whole building is very tired! With a new build development of 200+ houses across the road, the leisure Center has huge opportunity for new membership etc with these people. So it needs modernisation to keep up and be attractive for use

I would be happy if the whole place was knocked down and re-built. We would certainly as a family use the swimming pool more often and also I would consider putting my children back into swimming lessons at the centre.

Private shower cubicles in swimming area

A more modern, updated swimming pool with new changing rooms.

2 pools not unlike Carnival pool so that there can be adult swim separated from children's water play. Conservatory with cafe and lounge area.

Everything but it must be cheaper

Just a good swimming pool.

combine it with library services

An outdoor swimming pool would be welcome - like the one there used to be at Wokingham. If funds allow, perhaps a retractable roof - for our inclement weather. Even an indoor pool with one side that opens to the elements would be an improvement. Being able to see the sky and having fresh air rather than smelling chlorine is a huge benefit.

move its location to the centre of woodley

1. 2 or more swimming pools: 1 for experience swimmers and 1 for beginners and for mothers/fathers with their young children and/or babies similar to what is at Loddon Valley Sports Centre. 2. A place to eat that has a separate entrance that could be leased to an external organisation to generate income e.g. Cafe Nero or Starbucks or a shop that encourages recycling etc where you can eat and drink either before or after a workout. 3. Better gym facilities, a indoor soft play area for kids so that parents who are members can exercise or attend exercise sessions (income generating).

Improvements The swimming pool - a larger swimming pool (25-50m in length) A steam room Gym equipment- modern gym equipment.

much better and cleaner swimming pool with dedicated adult only sessions during weekends and peak times. More indoor court facilities ie badminton courts, squash courts etc bigger gym with better equipment

Disabled facilities, life coaches. Covered areas for bikes or wheelchairs etc maybe lockable. Parking restricted to users.

Good badminton facilities, including lighting. Appropriate showers with two options for hair wet or not. Over 60 activities that run all year and don't stop when schools break up! Yoga, Zumba, aerobic activities for over 60's. Cafe/refreshments.

Modern Individual cubicle Changing Facilities for Swimming Pool users. A swimming Pool environment that had properly controlled heating and ventilation.

Cheaper membership - when it was first refurbished and taken over it was very reasonably priced but now its expensive for what you get. More classes. Adult only areas and times, including in the pool. Steam room

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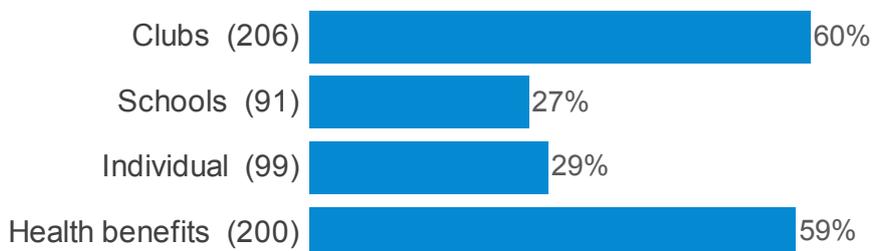
- Better swimming pool and diving one.
- Better changing rooms, cleaner showers that are more efficient, better viewing area. Making pool larger, maybe a baby and toddler pool. Modern reception area, very dated at the moment.
- I think a new build would be too long for the pool to be closed - I think a refurbishment is the right way forward.
- Sports hall suitable for badminton
- Sauna, Steam & Jacuzzi if provided like in Loddon valley would definitely encourage people to use this facility more. I think, at the moment, people have to attend to Loddon Valley Leisure Centre to use these services.
- New pool proper changing rooms . I would join straight away
- Would love there to be a high quality swimming pool including paddling pool area with slides for toddlers
- Nicer pool, higher temperatures of pool, kids pool. More classes & bigger studios!
- Better pool. Easy booking-online. Access in holidays.
- Improved light in badminton court and better gym facilities
- Child friendly, activities for children to do rather than just swim
- Air & water temperature Staff, prices, cleanliness, Incentives I.e family passes, memberships
- Diving facilities.
- We like it as it is: a simple, inexpensive pool. Just needs a bit of smartening up!
- Fully kitted, warmer studio for yoga or Pilates, cleaner changing rooms. Mini kitchen for church group. Expand on children party facilities
- Swim, gym, classes and clubs
- Swimming pool needs updating, my son has lessons here. Showers need descaling as water trickles out. View gallery is not big enough to accommodate parents when children are having lessons, you hardly ever get to see your child swim, & the lessons are not cheap.
- I am looking at joining the gym with my older 2 girls 17 and 18 years old but am waiting for outcome of this as dont want to get into a contract to pay monthly then not be able to use it. As i dont drive its hard to get to other gyms. but would also like to do some fitness with my younger 2 girls 6 and 10 years old to improve therlir fitness but would love if somewhere.done fitness classes for adullts and their kids to do together.
- A decent pool. Decent clean and safe changing rooms. A decent and well equipped gym. Showers. Modern up to date classes and facilities
- The outside of the building looks shabby and doesn't look like a leisure centre. If it was rebuilt to look attractive then I'm sure more people would visit.
- Better changing facilities and cafe
- A variety of classes for adults, children and families but must offer pay as you go options. Have a nice coffee shop, perhaps run workshops.
- Better changing facilities and decent lockers for the pool area. Updated pool facilities
- Increased carpark capacity for leisure centre users only. Not for people playing football on adjacent playing fields Nicer environment generally A cafe
- Variety of pools Coffee
- air conditioning, viewing area for main hall. upgraded
- Nicer pool and changing areas, individual showers, sauna/steam room, jacuzzi, hairdryers in changing rooms

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What facilities or improvements would encourage you and your family to use our leisure centre more often?

- Squash courts Air conditioned viewing gallery for swimming lessons - and one where more than 5 people can watch Changing rooms that don't let you slip over... at the moment the floor is treacherous A pool that can combine lessons/fitness swimming with more "fun" swimming. Something that rivals Rivermead for weekends and holidays. (Magnet in Maidenhead has done this) Wifi Cafe
- Clean bright pool and changing facilities and poolside cafe
- Bigger gym space, improved equipment
- Swimming Pool mainly
- Squash courts, climbing walls
- Make better gym and swimming facilities
- Secure car parking. Larger changing rooms with secure lockers. More natural light
- A modern, airy swimming pool area, with a kids/teaching pool and main swimming pool. Better changing facilities and lockers.
- Cleaner and nicer, more modern changing facilities and pool area. Lockers that use a key system that works, but also free, so you don't keep losing 20p everytime you want to open and close it again.
- 50m pool Or twin 25m pools like Bracknell where one pool always available for lane swimming
- Wider access to gym
- The actual pool is good but it needs bigger changing rooms and showers for pool and a better pool viewing area. Better parking
- Dedicated toddler and young children's paddling/ wet area with things to keep them happy and to explore. Water shoots for the older children / adults.
- Warmer pool, nicer changing areas. When my family was younger a 'toddlers pool' would have been appreciated.
- better swimming pools, spas and hot tubs larger and better gym
- A pool more like carnival pool. Cost effective options, not able to pay out every month so pay as you go better
- Enhanced pool Fitness classes
- Pool for swimming and also one for play, like carnival pool. Usable lockers
- I think it's brilliant as it is, the gym is very friendly.
- More parking area SPA
- Outdoor courts, indoor netball court with bigger run off around the court area, balcony for watching

What other areas could we develop at Bulmershe?



Do you have any comments on any of the above?

Extra schools and medical facilities are needed because of the extra houses being built

Cafe area

Back classes - "physio"

Cardio units. Rehab

Ad hoc baby swimming sessions

Recently cancelled membership due to poor facilities and lack of trainers for advice

Disabled facilities not enough times / swim sensible however accessible / suitably accessible educate staff

More for the over 50s

Adult and kids club of all ages would be beneficial and 24hr access to the gym

After school club activities

Yoga/pilates

The gym lacks good equipment for weight lifting and dated cardio equipment, in a very compact area

Maybe range of sports for younger children in term time.

Suna

Cafe, healthy food etc

Hydrotherapy pool

It is used as part of Bulmershe Senior School curriculum so the disruption should be kept to a minimum

More activities for over 60's keep fit, yoga, pilates?

Outside scooter park for under 12s. Outside cycle fun ramps - we saw these in France - some were removable and others made from packed mud

Please, please continue with the swimming lessons for children with additional needs on Friday afternoons

Full day holiday clubs, zumba classes at the same time as swim classes on a Saturday morning, swimming viewing area, coffee/cafateria area

The hours you open are excellent. I love the swim early in the morning and the evening at 8pm

This is one of the few 'proper' swimming pools locally where adults can swim. A smaller kids pool would be a good addition

Holiday camps for kids

1) Viewing of swimming facilities. 2) Coffee/canteen facilities. 3) Holiday school clubs

As part of GB Synchro, my daughter is desperate for more quality pools especially with Central closing

Nutritional classes/advice

Really want a great gym in Woodley!!

Keep encouraging service people to use facilities, keep cost down

Live well gym users to be provided with suitable alternative during any refurbishment or closure. Suitable alternative includes local area and continued access to the specialised equipment available in Bulmershe Live Well Gy, for those with long term medical conditions. Car parking spaces increased width

Youth clubs

Cheaper one - off gym access

Walk into pool not ladders to access

Have not used centre for a long time as it appears tired and in need of updating

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Do you have any comments on any of the above?

- Something new and interesting to get the community interested in sport
- Viewing gallery on top floor. Better badminton courts eg lighting and surface
- Constant changes of keep fit classes (a better timetable)
- Would be great for schools swimming lessons and also encourage more family swim
- Fantastic to see such a using
- With increasing overweight population with associated health problems (in my case diabetes 2) need a good local gym.
- Exercise classes for elderly - tailored exercise
- Diversify from "fitness" to "health" classes (eg yoga, zumba), have some adult clubs
- Shame to be closed for a long period of time
- Classes in the early morning/weekends
- My son uses the gym on a regular basis and we will both be lost without the facility. If it is closed too long we will have to go elsewhere and many not return!
- Showers and changing facilities abysmal
- Afterschool (early evening) for kids
- Really important for young people to have a cost effective facility
- Day clubs, evening activities
- All needs better options and range of things to do
- Parking
- Childrens clubs and activities - at the moment there isn't a lot
- Not before time
- Classes for the elderly and possible youth club/discounted classes for school students
- As Woodley expands we need to improve facilities for all ages
- As older members leave due (to death) or disability, there seems to be relatively little replacement eg from newly retired. An exception to this seems to be aqua fit. Better advertising and targeting of age groups? I would use more often if times were more frequent/convenient
- Increase publicity/marketing. More classes eg pilates etc
- eg spa rooms
- Yoga
- Make a diving club
- Eating plan
- Area lacks a really good disabled friendly facility. Loddon is accessible but not good
- Its important to keep moving whatever age group
- Consider a creche
- After school activities for the children
- I would like to learn to re-learn to swim after illness but understand this is a specialist area. I have been put to the GP gym at Loddon and understand there is one at Bulmershe but I found the trainers did not have the necessary skills to help me. Unfortunately one inexperienced trainer caused me to get some injury by encouraging unsuitable activity. I have lost confidence in the GP Gym and have not returned. I am at present working with a specialist physiotherapist to see how I can safely access the GP gym at Bulmershe or Loddon in the future or indeed if this is suitable activity for me.

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Do you have any comments on any of the above?

Scool development is pointless as it is just taxpayer money and with austerity that is a shrinking income stream, it has to be something that targets private money, so either more of a leisure pool to get families with children there or a big push to make it suitable for sports clubs (would need a diving pool / more length etc which would cost a fortune). Development for health is also a non starter as more well off local residents may have membership of private gyms through work and therefore you are looking at the elderly who will expect heavy discounts so again shrinking revenue stream

Would be great if we could have some clubs housed there

More classes such as pilates, yoga etc. At present we use private facilities for these, using the Leisure centre for these would be great even if we have to pay extra. There are quite a few schools in the area so Bulmershe could be used for classes and to promote healthy living and exercising with the primary schools that are in the area.

No

Bring it online to the 21st century

Not sure about the above to be honest

Not sure what clubs currently run but could do martial arts, dance, perhaps.

After school clubs will benefit our family in a couple of years time.

I only ever use the swimming pool with my daughter.

I do not understand the options you are proposing. Do you suggest building a school on Bulmershe gym's site? What do you mean by health benefits and individual????

Introduce summer sports camps for kids like football, tennis etc.

I think if there were more activities and clubs, then children would be encouraged to be fit from a young age. Maybe beauty treatment area? The gym could be better if based closer to the front and maybe badminton courts. Soft play area maybe? Or kiddies gymnastics?

Youth clubs

As a local teacher we have a horrendous time trying to book our school in for swimming sessions. I understand this is since Bulmershe school took over the timetabling, but we have had to look elsewhere for more organised provision. The school drag their heels when it comes to offering pool time, such a shame as the pool is short walking distance from school and as we can't secure a slot in advance we may have to use a different facility which will incur transport costs, waste learning time on a cross borough coach trip and take away an opportunity for all of our children to enjoy the walk.

More toddler friendly groups and activities. Rugby, trampolining, mixed ball sports etc (not just football, not all children enjoy it)

A reasonably priced spa would be very popular - not everyone can afford Nirvana!

More activities for children could be added to Bulmershe once it is revamped/rebuilt

Specific sessions to support people recovering from surgery/cancer/illness

Health benefits of swimming are well known but many people are turned off by a cramped, smelly indoor pool. There may be no alternative in the winter but at least for some summer months an outdoor pool (particularly if surrounded by green lawns - for picnics etc,) would be very popular and might subsidise an indoor pool (or covered outdoor pool) for the rest of the time. Ideally, it would need to be attractively landscaped.

There should be better relationships with Highwood Primary School to encourage pupils from reception to year 6 to participate in swimming and get fit classes at reduced prices for parents to encourage short and long-term take up. As a parent of a child who attends the school, I only know one parent that can afford to be a member at Bulmershe Leisure Centre.

would be helpful to offer badminton club etc

It's about the need of the client group to be identified to inform the management and organisation, including a balanced approach that's inclusive.

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Do you have any comments on any of the above?

Different people have different opinions on this matter and the council surely take what they think is best. In my opinion, Nuffield health clubs run a health MOT program, which basically gives a baseline of ones health at that moment and helps/motivates him/her to make changes to improve his/her health. I know Nuffield is very expensive gym, but if something similar is introduced (even with a little charge everytime one go through the procedure), would definitely encourage lot of people to join the club.

better disabled changing facilities, proper gym not crammed into a small airless area

More clubs for children would be great to encourage them into sports activities

Primary school lessons

I think the centre has great connections with the local community. Providing a good place for local clubs and children's parties and I wouldn't want to loose this.

After school events for teenagers would be good. Youth club, roller disco, gym sessions.

It would be great if there was clubs for children to attend without it costing a fortune. As a parent with 4 girls i cannot afford to send to various clubs.. my girls like tennis..swimming..gymnastics but it all costs a lot

To me this is centre and old and tired and reminds me of my childhood. We're in 2016 not 1996 . What is on offer is woefully inadequate for woodley

I don't live in Woodley, I live in Twyford and Woodley is closer for me.

A running club

No

Use of gym for long term health conditions is an excellent service and should be better publicised through GPs etc Any period when this was unavailable would be an issue.

Are there any other comments or ideas you would have for the leisure centre?

Don't build houses on the site

Nicer swimming pool

What ever you do refurbishment/new build parking needs to be improved

Closure would mean a permanent loss of many members

Coffee bar, social area

Would prefer a new build as we need a larger and more modern leisure centre for our ever increasing Woodley population

Where else would you send us?? What is the difference in price for refurb or rebuilding??

Could there be a creche please?

Knock it down and start again

Don't mind as long as circuit training could temporarily move to Woodford Park

Please install some squash courts

Replicate Loddon Valleys facilities. Build on the field a new facility leaving Bulmershe open during the build. The land can be used for future expansion of the school then afterwards

Teaching pool, more childrens activities

Please avoid refurbishment or new build. Please avoid shifting to other leisure centres

I used to go a lot before it changed, I now don't use it as the price is too high for just a pool. I can go to other pools with slides and better facilities for the same price.

It does need a refurb at least but with the new housing estate on Woodlands Ave a new, larger complex to allow for new residents using it would be better.

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Are there any other comments or ideas you would have for the leisure centre?

Make a more pleasant entrance. Encourage a gardening therapy group who get discount in the sports centre for turning up and gardening around the entrance.

You need to push private swimming lessons at local primary schools, the swim school is excellent but you do not make enough of it - that is an area you could promote health benefits etc, unfortunately even a 6 mth closure will lose you a lot of pupils working through the swim school as most live with in a simple walk / short drive. Even Loddon Valley is just too far for the gap between school and rush hour to be able to fit in swimming lessons

The pricing, since it was taken over, is a farce, and very confusing.

The parking needs to be improved, but you know that already. Other than that it's in a good location and a decent size so has potential. I used to live in Leeds/Wakefield before and they had some new leisure centers built which were top notch. Leeds Morley and Wakefield Sun Lane in particular were really nice centres.

It's a great facility and well located with great cycle paths to get there. could do with better cycle storage facilities

Needs to have lots going on and advertize well for events I still see people that have no idea about bulmershe swim pool but know all about loddon valley of wokingham pool. Kids play/pool parties

More aqua fit classes in the evenings and Easy Zumba for over 50's in evenings (obviously not the same evenings as aqua fit classes though)!

Knock it down and rebuild, its an eyesore

Coffee shop etc lots of good things

Better parking!

Knock it down.

Could the land be sold off and the money put into further improving Loddon Valley??

More studio space to have more classes running at the same time. Not for larger classes While the refurbishment or rebuild is taking place can the classes be ran in other venues around Woodley?

We need a pool In Woodley so Closure should not be an Option

Extend the building into the car park area and build a smaller pool for young children whilst incorporating a seating/ waiting area for non swimmers. This plan would not require a complete rebuild.

Please don't use this as an excuse to close it down completely.

Good work. Pleased you're investing in our future health and fitness.

Please don't close the centre. Loddon valley is close, but Woodley classes mean I can get home before my sons bedtime and still be fit and healthy

A wider range of clubs for children including under 5s.

The pool should offer public swim sessions during the day.

Close pool expand building out to the side and make it bigger to include kids pool. To the other side remove the large paved Area in front of entrance and replace the lost parking here.

We need a more modern infrastructure which propose attractive prices to attract families. At the moment, the prices are not attractive.

Family changing rooms are a must please

The centre is only a few minutes from us, we don't use it as we do it find it a nice experience as the changing rooms /showers are often very dirty.

If it is rebuilt altogether the parking issue would need to be improved. And if rebuilt it should offer some outside space i.e outdoor football pitch or tennis court.

It us part of the landscape and woodley is lucky to have it

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Are there any other comments or ideas you would have for the leisure centre?

Make the pool a more fun filled family theme. Stop the parents wanting to drive to coral reef and caversham pools and make them want to come back to use bulmershe again.

Cheaper membership if you use that single leisure centre only

Please spare a thought for residents living in shelgate walk. We face the the rear side of the sports hall which has always been a noise nuisance over the years. The building has always been a magnet for youths to hang about as it isn't fenced off. Maybe the open space could be used for extra parking & not as a shortcut for motorbikes etc.

Gymnastics for young toddlers and children. Cafe so get tea for kids and cuppa and cake for kiddies?

The swimming pool is the main draw for me so keeping that available is my biggest concern

Improve changing facilities and a bigger car park. Also a mounted scoreboard on the wall

A nice coffee shop/restaurant area

Improve the look. That is all.

Make sure it's a safe friendly place for all - particularly for teenage girls and women. Had bad experience there recently with large hello up of men harassing women. Staff seemed incapable of handling it.

Look at pure gym model

More classes, new individual showers, better viewing gallery for the pool, new poolside showers, more individual changing rooms in the pool section.

Change 1life staff. Lower early staff are effective, bulmershe team are useless, rude and don't care. They make a visit very unpleasant. The swimming changing rooms are currently disgusting, they need an hourly clean due to the high volume of use. They are filthy at a times of the day and evening.

I would love life like to see a small coffee shop like at Loddon.

the leisure centre is used by the local schools to help teach kids learn to swim. it would be a disadvantage to the local school if it was taken away. its an asset to the local community. the council needs to promote the use of the leisure centre for kids parties etc. money needs to be spent in order to make money and it would be a great shame

Include a social area such as a cafe

The leisure centre is in need of some tlc, once this has been done I am sure it will be used by people further a field. My family and I have been using it for 40 years so either a good revamp or new leisure centre would be exciting for us.

It needs to be up to the standard of other gyms in the area as it is very run down. The whole leisure centre needs updating and refurbished to stop mold/leaks, especially in the toilets and changing areas. At £35 a month I find it quite expensive for it's current state, however the location is the reason I have kept my membership as it's the closest gym to me. Wifi would be a welcome edition for members.

Communication from the staff is poor, I've been trying to correspond about junior gym & about volunteering for my daughter with disabled swimming & getting no responses. Staff on reception are not helpful.

Put in a coffee bar

Please take into account the long term benefits of any work that is done. While it may be cheaper and less disruptive for a short refurbishment, will thia really outperform or last as long as a complete rebuild? :)

Take back the timetabling from the school

Decent cafe

More connection with the trainers in the gym. They could encourage the members more to improve their health and lifestyle. When I go they only seem to be looking at the computer or on Facebook on their phones

It would be great to have cubicle showers in the Gym changing rooms

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Are there any other comments or ideas you would have for the leisure centre?

Better swim viewing gallery

The best thing for the leisure centre is to knock it down and start again, the place is dirty and very damp.

Prices too high

it is an eyesore and would be better to rebuild especially given the new housing complex on its doorstep

A refurbishment would only fix short-term issues such as any asbestos issues or future re-wiring etc. A new build would encourage further consultation, should bring more parking spaces, seek the views from both Highwood Primary School and Bulmershe Secondary School governors so that hopefully both schools work more closely with each other, especially if the future is Academisation.

In the past few years the have been several housing developments springing up in Woodley. Therefore, I believe that it is important that Woodley has a a large and modern leisure facility to cater for its growing population.

The leisure centre and football club generate a lot of traffic on local roads during peak times and people park inappropriately when the car park is full. Drivers also speed around the car park and show no regard for pedestrians. As a minimum there should be a zebra crossing at the entrance so that people walking along Woodlands Avenue can safely cross. If you are going to expand the centre you need to improve Church road and Woodlands Avenue which are already struggling to cope with the additional traffic caused by Addington school and the new houses

Ideally the developments should consider existing facilities to maximise benefits for sll.

Significantly reduced pricing for 65 and over.

Better security and parking. Improve the outside look of the building. Prevent youths hanging around

Need a larger parking area. Safer parking area.

retain and improve the swimming pool

If you are opting for either option, i.e. refurbishment or rebuilt, can I request to drop the membership charges, as driving to loddon valley leisure centre would cost a lot more. If the above is not possible, there is a barrier for traffic between Dartington Avenue and Clivedale Road. If this can be replace with a pedestrian crossing and opened for the traffic; it would help people living around Nigthingale Road, to use the Loddon Valley Leisure Centre easily. Emails have been taken as part of the Bulmershe center membership. It would be appreciated if you drop us an email with what you've decided well before, so we can plan accordingly.

It is it welcoming and is run down . I play badminton there but like welcome a place tha is smart for the year we are in

There needs to be updating of the centre as it is tired and dated. Perhaps could have a cafe and / or coffee shop

Knock it down and start again.

Refurbishment with access to facilities would be great than closure of facilities.

It would need a bigger site but the district would benefit from a brand new adventure pool with water slides and wave machine.

No

Hot drinks vending machine or cafe.

I love right next to bulmershe leisure centre and would definitely use for myself and my girls if it was.more affordable and if there were clubs.for my children to.use also.. i do think the gym should be on a pay as you go instead of monthly contract

As above

It would be a shame to see it close for what ever reason. I just hope you have correct and good procedures in place for those who have lessons at Bulmershe and will now have to go elsewhere.

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Are there any other comments or ideas you would have for the leisure centre?

Cafe - to make it more of a community hub/meeting place

Bulmershe leisure centre is in such a good location for people of Woodley and could be a real central hub for our community. I am really excited about the changes that are coming and am prepared for the building to be out of action in order for WBC to get it right. Personally I would favour a total rebuild in order to bring the building and surround areas up to 21st century standards.

Look at other gyms (The Gym, fitness first) and see why they are so popular - often a lot cheaper but equipment is a lot better

For residents in the north of the district this is in a useful location with good road links. Using the Wokingham pool is too far and impractical from Twyford, Charvil, Woodley. I would not like to see a gold-plated design that results in huge price rises

More parking

No

Seems inefficient to have 2 leisure centres in woodley. If all facilities are used and in both places that's fine otherwise bulmershe could be just a swimming pool.

Bring a 1970s building now nearly 50 years old. It's time to knock it down and rebuilt the site with younger families in mind to. At present there is no swim area for toddlers and young families. This is revenue Bulmersche could gain with a rebuild and a pool side cafe like Rivermead in Reading and coral reef, Bracknell. A gym too. If the build was aimed at families then you would gain more revenue than the site generates now. It would also meet the modernized area around it. Like Addington school and Bulmersche and of course the new houses built up the road. The site has so much potential and an opportunity for the council to gain more paying revenue if you gear the site towards young families and add watershoots too. Make Woodley a place for focus.

Seperate changing area and access for Bulmershe School students so some part of the facility can be open in the day to community

make a social area ie café through which you could make money but also families would then come to visit more often

Great to have the facility to practice kayaking in the pool in the winter. Would be a shame to lose this.