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From: dennis cox <denanddi8@outlook.com>
Sent: 25 October 2019 15:45
To: constuents@zahwahi.com <constuents@zahwahi.com>
Subject: warwickshire college gym

Hello my name is Dennis Cox i live in Henley in arden i would like to talk to you with regards the purchase of warwickshire college gym by Wasps rugby club in Henley the establishment is used by the children of the area for football rugby and cricket coaching it is used by warwickshire wheelchair basketball team the gym is used by all ages as a building for residents to keep fit it is also used by the medical centre to send patients with mobility problems and weight problems it would appear that the sale of the site was made in secret without the knowledge of the local residents so we had no oppurtunity to talk to the sellers or purchasers if the gym is taken from the residents the children will have no facilities to to practice and learn a sport also people with medical problems will have nowhere to improve their health Henley has no similar facities for the children and residents to use why wasps have decided to leave Coventry and take from a town the only activity buildings in the area baffles me there must be many areas in Coventry that could be used without taking the recreation facilities away from a small town perhaps you could help us to keep the gym for the residents dennis cox 8 prince harry road henley in arden

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Thank you for emailing the office of Nadhim Zahawi MP, Member of Parliament for Stratford on Avon.

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FW: warwickshire college gym (Case Ref: ZA37641)

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Wed 30/10/2019 15:52

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From: ZAHAWI, Nadhim <constituents@zahawi.com>
Sent: 30 October 2019 15:34
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Subject: Re: warwickshire college gym (Case Ref: ZA37641)

Dear Dennis

Thank you for contacting me about the sale by Warwickshire College Group of its gym in Henley in Arden.

Your comments about the sale are noted and I appreciate your concerns about access to a valued local amenity. I can see the sale is disappointing given its high usage by local people.

I have written to Warwickshire College Group to bring your concerns to its attention. A copy of the letter is attached for your information and I will be in touch when I have had a response.

Thank you for alerting me to your concerns and for taking the time to contact me.

Warm regards

Nadhim

Nadhim Zahawi
MP for Stratford on Avon

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Angela Joyce
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Our Ref: ZA37641

30 October 2019

Dear Angela

Re: Sale by Warwickshire College Group of its gym in Henley in Arden

I am writing on behalf of a constituent, Dennis Cox, 8 Prince Harry Road, Henley-in-Arden B95 5DD who recently contacted me regarding the Group's gym in Henley in Arden.

Mr Cox tells me Warwickshire College Group has sold the gym to Wasps Rugby Club and he is very disappointed with the decision. He says the gym was a valued local amenity and used by a wide section of the community. I am told it was used by children for football, rugby and cricket coaching; by Warwickshire wheelchair basketball team; by patients requiring rehabilitation; and by local people wanting to keep fit. Mr Cox says the sale has left the community without facilities and it should at least have been consulted before the sale went ahead and arrangements put in place to give access to local people.

I know my constituent would be grateful for your comments.

Yours sincerely

Nadhim Zahawi

Cc: Dennis Cox

1st November 2019

Mr N Zahawi MP
Member of Parliament for Stratford upon Avon
House of Commons
London
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Dear Nadhim

RE Sale of Henley-in-Arden site (Ref ZA37641)

Thank you for your letter dated 30th October 2019 which shared the concerns expressed by Dennis Cox.

I am able to confirm that we have exchanged contracts with Wasps and hope to complete the sale in December, subject to planning permission. We recognise that this potential sale does change the ownership and use of the site, although at the same time we are pleased to support Wasps RFC in finding a much needed solution for their training ground.

We are engaged in a dialogue with Henley-in-Arden Parish Council, Stratford District Council and our current sports centre clients as part of this potential sale.

In particular reference to the community users highlighted by Mr Cox please note the following comments. It is likely that the Warwickshire Bears Wheelchair Basketball team will relocate themselves to our sports centre at Royal Leamington Spa College where we can offer them the playing and storage facilities they currently have at Henley-in-Arden. We are in talks currently with the Foxes football and we are working to ensure they are able to continue on site until they have a suitable alternative. We anticipate that the ongoing conversation between ourselves, Wasps RFC and the Parish Council will also enable us to consider the local residents' needs; there are for instance some sports facilities opposite our site owned by the Parish Council.

I hope that this provides some reassurance to Mr Cox and I can assure you that the College, and Wasps, had commenced these community based dialogues ahead of the exchange of contracts and press release. We are both committed to supporting our communities wherever possible and hope that this change of ownership will have a positive impact on Henley-in-Arden, especially as Wasps can offer a positive community engagement programme which we hope will bring other local benefits.

Yours sincerely



Angela Joyce
CEO

**To: Henley & Beaudesert Joint Parish
Council**

**Prepared by: Russ Cox & Ross
Hutchison on behalf of the local
community**

Date 5th November 2019

**Re: The Potential Impact of the proposed
WASPS Training Facility on the Local
Community.**

Concerns RE Wasps Training

Jack Downes <jack.downes@turntown.co.uk>

Tue 05/11/2019 08:43

To: rossthutch@hotmail.com <rossthutch@hotmail.com>; russcox14@gmail.com <russcox14@gmail.com>

Hi Guys

I am a local Henley/Wootton Wawen resident and all of my family are pretty concerned with Wasps purchasing the local gymnasium for their training park.

Whilst I am open minded enough to see there could be benefits to the village if done correctly, there are also a considerable number of negative aspects which need to be considered when the transition goes through.

My primary concern is that this is one of very few local sporting facilities in the area where local residents are able to go to the gym and play sports on good surfaces. As residents are going to have to endure the headaches that come with the building work and general upheaval, increased footfall and traffic etc. in the area, the least the new development could do is grant a degree of public access to the gym. Whether this is on specific days (perhaps when training is not in use, matchdays etc) or whether only certain parts of the gym are available, I don't know, but some provisions need to be made. I am of the opinion that these should be a discounted rate to local residents too.

In 2019 a healthy local population is of vital importance for a flourishing residence. Removing public access to another facility to keep fit (there are also very few private facilities too in proximity) is incredibly worrying.

I feel that this needs to be addressed when considering the development.

It should also be noted that the development should be in keeping with the local area, i.e. ecologically friendly as per the Passivhaus new build housing developments in Wootton Wawen and built in a non-garish manner using responsible materials. This is again key to a local, rural village in which we live.

I would love to be kept abreast of developments in terms of our objections.

BR

Jack

Jack Downes

MBNL H&S Site Team Lead

Senior Consultant, SHEQ

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Closure of Warwickshire College

ADale <ADale@WillowsPrimary.org.uk>

Tue 05/11/2019 14:37

To: rossthutch@hotmail.com <rossthutch@hotmail.com>; russcos14@gmail.com <russcos14@gmail.com>

Hi both,

I just wanted to say thank you for meeting with the JPC tonight to share everyone's concerns. My child attends training with Henley forest on the Astro and loves it. They won't be able to do it anywhere else in Henley during the winter. I was there the other night and there were so many children training and enjoying sport, easily 50-60. I don't want that to disappear from Henley. I have no issue sharing facilities with Wasps but with them buying the whole thing away from the community just isn't right.

Amanda

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8. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced and nor shall any equipment, machinery or materials be brought onto the site until a scheme for the protection of all existing trees and hedges and the pond to be retained on site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority and has been put in place. The scheme must include details of the erection of stout protective fencing and be in accordance with British Standard BS5837 : 2005, a Guide for Trees in relation to construction and also provide details of foundations of buildings and the footpath within the vicinity of the Oak tree to the south east of the corner of the changing room no.6 of the pavilion. Nothing shall be stored or placed in those areas fenced in accordance with this condition and nor shall the grounds levels be altered or any excavation take place without the prior consent in writing of the District Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be kept in place until all parts of the development have been completed and all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed.

Reason: To protect trees and other features on site during construction.

9. If within a period of 5 years from the date of first planting, any tree or shrub, or any replacements, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies or becomes in the opinion of the District Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective, replacements of the same species and size as originally planted shall be planted at the same place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a high standard of landscape design.

10. No part of the development shall be occupied until details of all external lighting has been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority and the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area and neighbouring residents.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification) no buildings, compounds, structures or enclosures or means of vehicular access which are required temporarily in connection with the development hereby permitted shall be created, placed or erected on the site or adjacent land until details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority. Any matters covered by this condition shall thereafter only be sited in accordance with these approved details.

Reason: To protect the trees and pond in the vicinity of the site and in the interests of highway safety.

12. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be used until a 'Community Use Scheme', including details of pricing, hours of use, access for non-college students/non-members, management responsibilities and a mechanism for review, and a 'Sports Development Programme' have been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority. Such approved schemes shall be implemented upon the first use of the development hereby permitted.

Reason: To secure a well managed, safe community access to the sports facility, to ensure benefit to the development of sport and to accord with PPG17.

13. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced until a detailed scheme of 'cut and fill' operations including details of soil disposal have been submitted to and approved in writing by the District Planning Authority and the development thereafter shall only be carried out as approved.

WASPS Training Ground Proposal and the impact on the Local Community.

The documents and emails contained within this document are by no means a final and complete set of objections, merely an indication of the implications of the proposed site on the local and wider community. They have been collected over just a 48hr period.

If we believe what we read, there are only 100 members of the gym that will be affected by the closure. This is a gross misrepresentation of the potential impact on the wider community. There are in fact almost 300 users of the gym, many of whom are there after recommendations from the Henley Medical Practice. A letter from the Medical Practice is enclosed.

The facilities also include the sports hall and the smaller fitness studios, the astroturf and grass pitches. There are 10 local grass roots football clubs that use the facilities, each of whom have several teams including Henley Forest, Claverdon, Hockley Heath, Central Ajax, Henley School and KES play hockey there, for KES this is their home ground. It is also used by Stratford Hockey Club. The local cricket clubs practice there as well as Claverdon Rugby Club. Several of the above clubs have sent their initial thoughts on the potential effects.

Moving indoors to the sports hall, which has a Community Use Order in place, we have The Warwickshire Bears, our disabled basket ball team who have used the facility since it opened, netball clubs, children's cricket clubs, weightlifting, Pilates, the list goes on and on. Again, documents stating the effect on these clubs is included.

The closure of the such a valuable local resource would have a far greater impact on the local community than current suggestions. There are over 1200 people a week that pass through the gates, gates that must remain open for the benefit and health of our community.

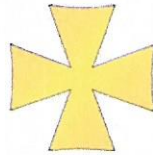
The concern is, that the sale is completed and the new owners close the site, it then remains empty until such time that our local sports clubs have been forced to disband and, the council decide the site is redundant and needs developing – hey presto planning is granted.

An important question is what benefit would such a training ground bring to the area?

Would the squad be tempted to pop into Henley for lunch when they have a canteen fulfilling their every need, I suggest not. Would the staff, who it is stated mostly live in Leamington be going to the pubs in Henley after work – no they will drive to work, adding to the congestion around the traffic lights in Henley. Will fans be flocking to the training ground to watch their idols, no this is Rugby not football.

Of the 1200+ visitors a week I'd suggest that a large proportion will use Henley, the pubs after matches and training, the families that grab a sandwich in town, I haven't mention the International Scalextric Championship every April that brings racers from all over Europe into our B&B's.

The financial implications to our community and local businesses would certainly be felt, but more importantly the health and wellbeing of our residents would be adversely affected by the proposed closure if the site.



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

4th November 2019

To whom it may concern,

RE: School use of the Astro-turf at Warwickshire College, Henley-in-Arden

We were very disappointed to receive via email a letter regarding the sale of the Henley site to Wasps Rugby and the subsequent cessation of our use of the facility. As a school, we have used the facility on a very regular basis over the past 3 years. Currently we use the astro-turf every week for games afternoons on Mondays to Thursdays (and sometimes Fridays), for an hour and a half whereby 32 boys and girls can experience training and games on a quality hockey facility. We also play all of our home hockey fixtures at the site often having 4 fixtures in a week so on a weekly basis approximately 120 students benefit from use of the facility. We have also used the indoor sports hall facilities when necessary.

Hockey at the school has progressed hugely since using the facility as we have been able to train more regularly on a good surface and play more frequent matches against an increasingly extensive fixture list.

If we were unable to use the facility in the future the hockey provision at the school would be seriously disadvantaged. Our training would have to move to a sub-standard, three-quarter pitch facility which would obviously not allow for competitive full-sided fixtures. Therefore, due to location, cost and availability, the alternative options for 'Home' fixtures would be very sparse, the best of which is likely to be in Hampton-in-Arden 23 miles and 40 minutes away. This would be unmanageable in the long term and scupper our plans to further extend the hockey programme at King Edward VI School.

If the sale goes ahead, the staff, parents and students will be extremely disappointed at the loss of a valuable and well-used community resource that is much needed within the local area.

Kind regards

Toby Wilson
Director of Sport

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To Whom it May Concern,

As a hirer of the college sports facilities specifically over the school holidays after finding out about the Wasps takeover and thus being advised to find a new venue by Christmas 2019 I was left both extremely upset and frustrated. Over the past 8/9 years we have built up an extremely positive partnership with the college running an Ofsted registered school holiday activity club. The club has grown thorough the years through providing the only Ofsted registered activity club within the area. My team and I have worked hard on developing a successful business built on trust and a working relationship with the college, local community and schools. Over the years we have grown our coach and leadership network by working with the local community and it has been a big worry for how this will affect their jobs and roles with us.

We have provided a service to the working parents of over 300 children per year, the parents have voiced their anxiety and anger at the possibility of the clubs not be able to run anymore as they see it as an asset to the community that enables them to work whilst knowing their children are being cared for by registered professionals.

I would please urge you to consider the likely impact this will have on not only us as a local business which employs local coaches to provide childcare within the local community. We believe by removing the ability for the community to access this facility you would be affecting many more than 100 gym users as reported by the media and the CEO of Wasps. I would be happy to discuss this further and provide further evidence of the need for the facility to remain as a community asset.

Kind Regards

Neil Supperstone

Coolsportz Manager

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Pilates With Helen. Monday/Wednesday

I have been teaching pilates at Henley Gym for just over 2 years. Originally I used to teach Monday night there, but as numbers increased we decided to add an additional class on a Wednesday evening.

On Mondays I get up to 25 people attending the class in the studio for a one hour session. Wednesdays class up to 20 people attending, with new people joining all the time. For example, I had two new starters this evening.

Ages range from 16 to 80 years old that includes both men and women.

I would be personally sorry to see Henley lose this great gym. It has a wonderful, welcoming atmosphere that I've not experienced before having been a member of other gyms and more recently through work.

I hope we can save it for the people of Henley.

Henley Hotshots Netball

“Henley Hotshots Netball - we are a “back to netball” team who have a varying age range amongst our 20 or so members (approximately early 20’s - mid 50’s).

We originally got together and started using the facilities at the Henley site, not far off 10 years ago. At that time, it was predominantly ladies getting back into sport after having started a family., and giving them back some ‘me’ time, whilst getting back to fitness. The dynamics changed slightly, when we found there was an interest from younger players who wanted to get back to netball since leaving University.

From the word go, we have used the sport’s hall every Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm, thus allowing for childcare arrangements for those of us that need it. This has enabled those living in, or around the surrounding areas of Henley to participate in this very popular sport.

The difference it makes to these ladies, not only the physical fitness, but the mental well-being is truly amazing. It would be detrimental to the local community to lose such a vital hub.

Our Coach, has recently undertaken a further coaching course, at her own personal expense, to set up a Walking Netball Group, which was to be held at Henley. She has already had enquiries from someone who works with people with mental health issues, and can see the huge benefit it could have on them, to be a member of a team and share the experience.

It would be extremely difficult, for us as a team, to find another location, that can accommodate not only the time slot, but enabling everybody to stay within reasonable travelling distance.

This is an amazing group of ladies that I have the privilege of playing with in a much-loved team sport, and we have always had great service from everyone that works at the Henley site.”

Gill Thacker

Flyball Dog Training Saturday Mornings

We train our Flyball team in the sports hall every Saturday morning (9-1). We started training here using it throughout the winter months over four years ago. Three years ago we moved our team solely indoors, so use the hall every weekend throughout the year. We only don't train if we have a competition which is only once a month. We have ran Flyball competitions there and held training seminars there.

We have 23 adult members, plus 7, 1-18year olds. We have over 25 dogs.

We spent over a year trying to find a suitable training venue indoors, which was central to all our members, allowed dogs, was long enough to allow us to set up a full racing lane, had enough parking, and was far enough away from houses/people who might object to the dogs barking, and was affordable for us. There was no where else that met all of these needs so Henley sports hall was ideal.

The staff are amazing, always help when we need. And our whole club thoroughly love training here and we were so gutted to find out we may lose our beloved training venue to wasps.

There are no other ideal venues around for us to train at and I am really worried about our clubs future.

Weightlifting Club Most weekday evenings

I am the club secretary and youth coach of Warwickshire Weightlifting Club. We are a British Weight Lifting licensed club for the sport of weightlifting, the Olympic and Commonwealth Games strength sport.

Our club has been active for over ten years. During that time, we have been proud to develop and support hundreds of athletes of all ages and abilities. These have included national champions in all age groups, from age 12 to 45, and athletes representing GB in European Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Three of our current youth weightlifters were recently featured on BBC Midlands Today:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNQBHkZkLVY>

We are constituted as a non-profit organisation with three goals:

- Youth Development – finding talented young people and helping them to compete at the best level they can
- Performance – supporting national and international-level athletes
- Community – enabling everyone to support each other to reach their own goals, whatever level they are at

Basing ourselves in Henley-in-Arden is important to us. As the only licensed weightlifting club within a twenty-mile radius, we offer opportunities to participate in the sport for people who otherwise would have to travel a long distance. The sports centre provides an important facility for our club and for weightlifting in Warwickshire. Without it, our future would be uncertain.

Regards,

Dan Kent.

Club Secretary – Warwickshire Weightlifting Club

Bears Wheelchair Basketball Club

The Bears moved to Henley-in-Arden when the sports centre was first opened.

The club run three sessions a week as well as play our home fixtures on a Sunday.

The club has in excess of 50 members who play for the six teams we have entered into the B.W.B National league. We also run a women's only team, who also play in the B.W.B National Women's League.

Also, we have around 15 junior players and also run a team that plays in the Lord Taverner's National League. The juniors are from all over the Warwickshire area and beyond. For most of the juniors this is the only sport in which they are involved (not many take part in P.E at school due to their disability).

The club also host "taster sessions" for local schools, colleges and youth groups like the scouts and Girl guides. These are also run at the sports centre as it is easier for access for specialist basketball wheelchairs. This helps break down barriers and misconceptions regarding disability. This is especially helpful for our junior players.

The club is not just a sports team to many of the members. It is also a close community that offers support and help to each other. Before joining the Bears many of the members were isolated and had no other local support except from family.

The Bears also have several ex-servicemen and women who have injuries and joined the club to be part of a team and club. Again, the club offers support and help for these members. Some have been selected for Invictus Games. (two members have been just been selected for 2020 Invictus games at the Hague).

The club is self-funded by means of players subscriptions, bag packing events, sponsored events ect. We have recently started providing "corporate Days for local businesses and again use the facilities at the Henley sports centre.

Last year alone the club paid over £11,000 to the sports centre for hire of the sports centre. The club also invested £1,000 for the purchase a shipping container to store the junior's wheelchairs. Also, the club purchased 6 new sports wheelchairs (each costing in excess of £2,500) so our juniors would have the necessary equipment to practice and play in matches.

With the proposed sale of the site in Henley-in-Arden, this has left us desperately searching for alternative arrangements. The main issues we have found is

1. Availability. Some where that can offer 3 sessions a week for practice and also Sundays to play fixtures.
2. Accessibility. The facility needs to be accessible for the members who are in wheelchairs or use other walking aids to assist them.
3. Toilets/Showers or wet Rooms. Does the facility have disabled toilets, showers/wet rooms for members to use?
4. Storage. Does the facility offer access to storage or allow us to transport our containers with chairs and place it somewhere that has easy access for our members and juniors to access?
5. Is it within reasonable distance for members to reach (we currently have members who come as far as London, Bristol, Wolverhampton ect)

Club – Henley Forest FC

Members – 35 junior, 20 senior

Effect:

The loss of a winter training facility will have a potentially devastating effect on Henley Forest FC.

Why?:

The facility is the only floodlit astroturf or sports hall fit for purpose in a relatively large area, spanning to Stratford in the south, Redditch in the west, Solihull in the north and Warwick in the east. All of these are over 20 minutes drive on a good trip.

All of the junior players are local. The majority of these travel to training in the evening by walking or cycling. Logistically it will be very difficult for them to attend training which could result in them deciding not to train.

The football club lost 2 junior teams and has created 1 team from last season to this. The club is working really hard to provide opportunities for local children to play whilst maintaining its status. A loss of local facilities threatens the status of the club given the competition amongst other clubs in the towns mentioned previously.

The lack of alternative facilities coupled with the fact that those nearby will have their longterm winter bookings agreed for this season make the ability and opportunity to move very difficult.

Our U10 team is new and just getting used to the routine of training and matches. Disrupting this threatens losing players as parents are not too receptive to large changes.

Our U13 team manager is not able to drive and lives in Henley. Most of the team travel to training by walking or cycling to the town so liftsharing is not easy with this team for weekdays, parents are not able to offer lifts like Sundays. If he is not able to attend training we may lose the team.

All of the above effects are reduced on the Senior section of the club however Henley is a central point to the members of the team. If the training venue is changed to either of the towns mentioned above it runs the risk of players not attending training and ultimately leaving to join another club.

Overall, the loss of any local facility will have a potentially huge impact on Henley Forest Football club, both this season and it's ongoing status and ability to provide sports to children in the local area.

Thanks

Tom

Henley Astro Usage

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Tue 05/11/2019 12:47

To: rosshutch@hotmail.com <rosshutch@hotmail.com>

Dear Ross,

Further to our conversation I can confirm the following. Stratford Hockey Club currently have 10 hockey teams playing on a Saturday during the season from mid September to Easter. Our primary facility is the astro turf at Stratford High School which can accommodate up to four home matches in a Saturday. We often have more than this - the fixtures being set by the respective leagues.

This season we have booked 23, 90 minute slots at Henley from 14th September to 28th March 2020. This is over 13 weekends and sometimes we have 2 slots in a day, sometimes just one.

I hope this helps.

Regards

Anne

Central Ajax FC

I have heard about the potential sale of the Warwickshire college Henley Sports Centre venue to Wasps and as a club we are concerned on the impact this will have on not only our club but others in the local area.

We have used the site for winter training as a club for the last few years. It is one of several in the area that get booked up quickly as the autumn/winter months roll in. Although we are based in Warwick and there is a variety of venues we like coming to the site in Henley as it is perfect for our teams to play on for 4-6 months of the year.

Our club has 250 players across 13 teams and 2 senior sides who struggle to find venues in Warwick and rely on the Henley Sports Centre to house many of our teams. The size and price of hiring means we can fit 2 teams on the same space at the same time.

If the venue becomes inaccessible to local grassroots teams who rely on the venue to train then it would have a knock on effect across the whole club, teams would not be able to train over the winter months meaning players become detached from the teams and may eventually leave to find a club that can train and play regularly. Being a high quality all weather pitch it also has an appeal for players who play and use the site.

It is also the other clubs that will be affected by this that is concerning. I am aware many teams use it for training and if not available they will be looking for alternatives which will swell the demand on sites elsewhere. We have good relationships with other local teams and worry for them that the venue changing will impact them by not having somewhere to play.

Richard Ireland
Central Ajax Football Club



Monday November 4th, 2019

Re: Warwickshire College, Henley-in-Arden

Hockley Heath FC is a volunteer run, community football club for 6-13 year olds. We currently have over 80 players

Ever since we founded the club in Summer 2011, we have hired the all weather pitch at Henley on Saturday mornings whenever poor weather has made our grass pitch unplayable (every winter, and quite a few summers!)

We have also had a regular, all year round, Friday night booking for around 4 years, and from this season, a regular Thursday night session (both on the all weather pitch)

We have also occasionally used the Henley grass pitches for kids Sunday league matches, and will be looking to increase our usage as our number of teams grow.

The impact of us not being able to use this facility would be a tremendous blow; we would have to move further afield to either an all weather pitch in Solihull (with very limited availability) or a small indoor sports hall, which in addition to having limited availability, would also not be ideally suitable.

We are hoping that something could be arranged whereby local, community run sports clubs such as ourselves, could have current and future bookings guaranteed.

We would welcome the chance to discuss future options and would appreciate having an input into any future decisions regarding the facility.

Yours,
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I understand that the Henley-In-Arden Sports Centre may close. We have a large number of patients who benefit quite considerably from attending the sports centre, whether it be personally or through a scheme called 'Fitter Futures', Fitter Futures is a scheme that helps to support people to improve their health, maintain a healthy weight and promote physical activity and living a healthier lifestyle. This scheme is provided by Henley-In-Arden Sports Centre.

This service has had a positive impact on a number of our patients and it would be disappointing to see the centre close. There are no nearby facilities where our patients can remain active on the 'Fitter Futures' scheme.

It is sad to hear that facilities like these which have a positive impact on the local community are being considered for closure.

All of us here at the medical centre would strongly support you reviewing this decision and allowing the residents of Henley to continue benefitting from what is a very good local resource.

Yours sincerely,



(Signed on behalf of all the partners at Henley-In-Arden Medical Centre)