

We want your views

Proposed refurbishment of the Burton Latimer Community Centre King George V Recreation Ground, Pioneer Avenue



Image shows the proposed extension

Introduction

Kettering Borough Council wants your views on plans to refurbish and extend the Burton Latimer Community Centre in Pioneer Avenue.

The Council owns the Burton Latimer Community Centre on behalf of the local community. We are keen to invest in the building to ensure that it remains fit for purpose for many years to come.

We would like to provide a new, welcoming entrance to the centre and refresh the general look and feel of the building. This will include improving and increasing the number of toilets, showers and changing facilities and adding a new function room alongside the existing hall.

There will be space for a small refreshment / bar area at the centre should the future operator wish to provide one.

We're keen to develop indoor and outdoor sport and leisure activities that promote healthy living at the community centre and adjacent park. Developing a stronger relationship between the community centre and adjacent recreation ground is a key objective.

In the future we would like to place greater emphasis on using the centre for physical activities and classes as well as developing indoor and outdoor sports and leisure activities.

The centre will continue to focus on a range of existing activities including: parent and tot groups, children's parties, weddings and birthday celebrations, indoor bowling, tea dances, live entertainment events plus many more.

We want the community centre to be fit for purpose for the people of Burton Latimer for many years to come.

The community centre in Pioneer Avenue is run by a community association. The Council is due to take back possession of the building in 2021 and will then invest in these improvements before reopening the centre.

This leaflet provides an overview of what we are planning to do and why. You can find out more online at: www.kettering.gov.uk/burtonlatimer

Please let us know what you think.

The closing date for consultation responses is Friday 31st July 2020

This is your community. Have your say!

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Our proposals explained

Why are we planning to refurbish this community facility?

Burton Latimer Community Centre is well used. However, the entrance to the centre, its toilets, changing rooms, showers, and many of the internal fixtures and fittings are showing their age.

The current entrance is at the back of the building and there is a large steel container to the front. We want to create a new entrance to the building that welcomes the community of Burton Latimer and encourages both new and existing users.

By refurbishing the facility, we will help ensure that it continues to serve the community for the next decade and beyond.

As well as refurbishing the centre we want to encourage wider use of the facility. We want to strengthen the centre's relationship with the adjacent recreation ground, encouraging more outdoor activities, such as youth and adult football. We want to enhance the centre ensuring that it continues to support a wide range of indoor events and physical activities.

What improvements are the Council planning to make?

We would like your views on plans to:

- Create a new, more welcoming entrance to the community centre;
- Build an additional, flexible event space that could be used for a wide range of activities;
- Provide space for a refreshment area to serve food and drink at functions;
- Install new, modern toilet facilities including better provision for disabled persons;
- Improve and expand the changing and shower facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport. This will go hand in hand with initiatives aimed at increasing usage of the outdoor space;
- Upgrade other areas of the building including ceilings, doors, electrics and lighting;



We want to modernise the community centre so that it appeals to more people who live in Burton Latimer



- Improve the safety and appearance of the car park at the site.

The kitchen serving the main hall will be retained. Opportunities exist to use the space at the centre in a variety of ways. For example, to provide space for a refreshment / café / bar area to support events.

We want to hear the views of people who live in Burton Latimer.

What's not included within the plans?

Under the proposals the existing lounge bar and cellar will be replaced by a new flexible function space, servery, toilets and new entrance to the facility.

We are not aiming to prohibit the sale of alcohol at the centre but the operator would need the relevant license to do so, as is currently the case.

Under the current proposals the emphasis changes from the existing private members lounge bar towards wider community usage of the facility.

We are only proposing to make minor improvements to the main hall and all proposals are subject to the results of consultation, planning permission and available funding.

A planning application has been submitted for the proposed project and more details can be found at www.kettering.gov.uk/burtonlatimer

How are the works being funded and who will carry out the works?

Kettering Borough Council has secured investment from local housing development for indoor and outdoor sport and community facilities serving the area. Up to £900,000 has been allocated to the project but there are restrictions on how this is spent. The private members lounge bar cannot benefit from funds.

A contract is in place for the design and potential build with a company called Fortem. The Council has a choice as to whether it proceeds with the scheme. Fortem place emphasis on creating local social value through their construction projects. They aim to make use of local contractors, suppliers and workforce where possible.

You can find out more about the proposals and complete a consultation survey online at:

www.kettering.gov.uk/burtonlatimer

Alternatively, you can return the completed consultation survey form on the back of this leaflet.

Even if you have not used the centre, please let us know what you think!

What activities can you expect to see at the community centre?

We would see a range of community activities taking place at the centre including:

- Indoor and outdoor sports and activities
- Fitness classes, dance & martial arts
- Tea dances and Bingo
- Charity fundraising and support groups
- Giving blood
- Birthday and engagement parties
- Weddings and other events
- Live entertainment events

Planning and Consultation

Although we have submitted a planning application for the proposed project, the result of this consultation will inform our next steps. Please do let us know what you think.



The lease with the current operator is due to end early 2021. We plan to invest up to £900,000 in the facility to keep it fit for purpose for years to come

This survey is anonymous. To see how we use your data visit: www.kettering.gov.uk/privacyconsultation

Survey Questions:

Please return completed surveys to Communications, Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX

Unique Survey No:

SAMPLE

This number helps ensure online responses are legitimate

About you and your household:

1. What is your age?

<18 19 – 35 36 – 50 51 - 65 >65

2. How long have you lived in Burton Latimer?

<1 year 1 – 5 years >5 years

3. Does your household include children of the following ages?

0-5 years 6 – 10 years 10+ years No children

How you use the Community Centre:

4. Have you or any member of your household used the Community Centre within the last 12 months?

Yes No

5. How frequently do you or your household use the Centre?

Never Rarely Monthly Weekly

6. What do you most use the Centre for?

Private hire (*birthday, engagement, parties etc.*) Football (*changing & post-match refreshments*)

Keep fit Tea dance Parent and tot groups Giving blood Bingo

Live entertainment (i.e. music events) Private Members Lounge Bar Other

About the plans for the Community Centre:

7. Do you feel the centre would benefit from the proposed improvements?

Highly likely Likely Unlikely Not at all

Please tell us about any additional comments you would like to make?

