

Leisure Sub Group

Vision re Leisure for Garforth to have:

A - A Healthy Living Hub to serve both the existing and new developments, potentially based around Ninelands Lane or Wakefield road. This could include the Leeds Badminton Centre/Garforth leisure Centre, Stocks land, the land up to and including Green Lane Cricket pitch and Glebelands Park. The aim of this hub would then be to provide sport facilities, green space and allotments, which could encourage take up of varied sporting activities (including a good range of high and low impact sports as well as opportunities to develop /encourage and link with healthy eating initiatives (via allotments) and develop opportunities for intergenerational activities.

B - A outdoor woodland park and landscape to serve both the existing and new developments which would also act as a buffer between old and new settlements. This woodland park and landscape would offer shared communal landscape which provides woodland wildlife and forest school activities, art and sculpture trails, exercise trails with outdoor fitness stations interspersed along the routes, cycle friendly pathways and a natural amphitheatre (see next point)

C - A natural amphitheatre to serve both the existing and new settlements. This would form part of the natural landscape and would be used for performances, events, demonstrations or any other communal activity. We would look for it to be built in a sustainable manner and ideally from the spoil from the foundation ground works from a new development.

D - An urban social and event space to promote community cohesion and intergenerational activities and social gatherings for both the existing and new settlement. Ideally Main Street being partially pedestrianized (be that from Factory Shop to Coupland road, or partially in terms of weekend times only). This would help attract events, activities and develop a more social 'café culture' and restaurants which in turn would help support the existing retail activity and link into the community activity based at the Miners Welfare Hall.

E - That the four key sites (A,B, C and D above) all be linked by safe family cycle and walk ways, mainly by renewing and extending existing routes. In addition that these routes also have safe cycle/walk routes (with exercise/art stations throughout) to link to the planned Arboretum at Thorpe Park (via Barrowby Lane, enhanced with landscaped tree planting as appropriate), and the Fly Line Links to Kippax/Allerton Bywater (St Aidan's) and Aberford/Barwick.

Re the new settlement, we would specifically request that:

- any greenspace/leisure facilities developed as part of new schools should be made available to the public of the two settlements
- allotments should be provided in the new settlement
- specific leisure facilities developed in the new settlement which reflect the property type and resulting demographic for example children's play area, bowling green
- that there is sufficient public transport along the A63 route to enable residents of the new settlement to access A and D above
- that there is NO direct vehicular access from East Garforth/Fairburn Drive Estate (including Severn Drive and Acaster Drive and Green Lane) onto the New settlement, but rather all vehicular access to the new settlement is via A656. Instead safe walkways and cycleways between the settlements are developed, providing safer walking and cycling and encouraging wherever possible the use of more sustainable means of transport and a healthier lifestyle.