

LEISURE SUB-GROUP

● GATHERED INFORMATION VIA:

- Initial Neighbourhood Planning Forum consultation feedback
- Audit of other leisure groups/facilities (on-line, via notice boards and walkabout)
- Consulted with some other leisure oriented groups (still in progress)
- Analysis of Greenspace of Garforth against Leeds City Council's stated standards for quantity of different types of greenspace (ie Core strategy Policy G3)

● AS RESULT WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING VISION:

- A – Develop a healthy living hub to serve both existing and new settlements, based around Ninelands Lane. This would include Leeds Badminton Centre/Garforth Leisure Centre, Stocks land and land up to and including Green Lane Cricket Club and Glebelands. 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 as well as opportunities to develop /encourage healthy eating initiatives.
- B – Develop an outdoor woodland park and landscape to serve both the existing and new settlements, but which would also act as a buffer between the two 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 when not used, but would be used for performances, events or any other communal activity.
- 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. This would help attract events, activities and develop a more social 'café culture' and restaurants.
- E - That the four key sites (A,B, C and D above) all be linked by safe family cycle and walk ways (that have exercise/art stations throughout) to link to Thorpe Park (via Barrowby Lane), and the Fly Line Links to Kippax/Allerton Bywater and Aberford.