

Highams Park Community Plan – Ideas List

Sport and Leisure & Community Facilities (SLC)

Description	Comments
Sport & Leisure	
Activities linked to pond and park	Agreed this is something that needs addressing with other TWG's
A new watersports activity centre	Get local schools to back
Sports facilities at park/lake	
Develop canoeing facilities	
Boats back on the lake	Investigate what is currently available
Fishing club for Highams Park	What are COL plans
Park or Assault course	Would like to progress
Paved park perimeter for runners	What are COL plans
Use of the lake at Highams Park	Would like to progress

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Football pitch (Full size and 5-a-side)	Would like to progress
Youth football club (boys and girls)	Noted that DH has started the Highams Park Community Football Club - Use of existing football pitches to provide football clubs and facilities - Changing room facilities to be provided - Ben Aldeen also runs a club for girls in the local area - A need was raised for astro turf pitches in addition to those at Peter May and HP School as facilities were not available to the whole community - Especially important in winter and current weather conditions with grass pitches not in use due to water logging
Create nominated local keyholder for out of hours library access	
Late night opening of library once a week for people who struggle to get their at normal times.	
Yoga, place to meet	Yoga and Pilates at La Trevi
Bowling alley	1 suggestion “child friendly”
Retain snooker hall	Currently on 10 year lease
Leisure centre	
Bowling alley	See inventory

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Table tennis club for seniors	Raised that some facilities were already available in existing clubs/organisations (Communication raised as important again to make residents aware)
Use of empty tennis courts	Noted that some public courts were in disrepair and could be developed as multi use games area - Also could be developed as astro turf areas for football and other sports
More publicity for existing clubs eg Highams Park Coach Centre and E4 Fitness	Will be added to inventory
Protect underused sports facilities from development by finding stakeholders and proving demand	E.g. Rolls park tennis courts and basket ball court in Aldriche Way.
Baseball pitch at Highams Park	
Basketball court	Available in HP - See inventory
Advertise existing sports facilities etc in area	
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Exercise facilities (e.g. outdoor gym)	
Running club	Perhaps from a base by the lake
Cycling activities for both road and mountain bike users	What are COL plans
Gymnastics club	Would require specialist area or building with equipment if a demand could be proved and funding sought - Other facilities available in the borough but not locally
Ice skating	The group did not feel that this would be feasible, however could be looked at on a temporary basis (like Somerset house)
Ice skating rink	
Indoor climbing centre	Check what is currently available
Multiple games area with organised activities	Multi purpose pitch to be investigated
Outdoor gym	In progress - Plans already in place with the council for an outdoor gym in HP

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Sports centre Indoor climbing area	Not available in the current centres, however funding could be investigated to provide a climbing wall within HP area
Swimming lessons	Larkwood leisure centre and Waltham Forest Pool & Track have swimming pools and runs lessons for the local community, it was felt that it would be unlikely that a new swimming pool would be feasible but could be considered.
Community Facilities	
Drop in community/education centre at lake/park	
Alternative uses for Naseberry Court	Assume not NHS facility but HME may have a use.
Make more use of the library	Better use could be made of the library and its facilities - Make it a community Hub for meetings / activities and information - Ask school children and other residents what facilities they would like to see in the library - . Engage with LBWF CLASS.
Community use of the library	Possibility of volunteers running the library and holding community activities when it is normally closed.
Library rooms for hire	

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Use of church halls	Communication of activities for local residents - • Many activities already being run. (See list/schedule by Steve)
Advertisement of what already exists	In progress with Admin TWG
Bowling alley	See inventory
Leisure centre	
Community centre venue/space - Low or no cost	Tesco was suggested as a possible venue in one of the empty units - Could be housed in a vacant shop unit or Library - Set up to give information and communication on activities - Additional facilities provided by Tesco? And through the use of Section 106 monies - Budgens site could be developed for community use. It would need to be managed by a Community Trust. This would make it uniquely independent from all other community facilities in HP. It would be "Owned by the residents for the residents".
Community space	For young and old to bind the community
Venue for hire	
Community Centre / "village hall"	
Bar	

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Nightclub / dancehall	
The Regal to be used as a community venue	
Create a “Hackerspace” (see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackerspace)	Social & creative outlet for individuals of all ages who are often ignored in traditional community events. Potential for commercial spinoffs leading to small business start ups and entrepreneurs. Ian Pleasance has some contacts with existing Hackerspaces in London.
Meeting the neighbours	
More entertainment venues	See inventory
New uses for existing buildings (e.g. Budgens / Regal)	
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Initiate an annual large scale charity event around and utilising HPs unique facilities (e.g. 5K run, walk, cycle)	