Proposal for a new Lode Heath Community Leisure Facility



- Disposal of a 0.94 ha. parcel of land off Rowood Drive, Lode Heath
- Land is owned by the Council, but is subject to a 125 year lease to the school
- Land surplus to requirements as the school has sufficient high standard outdoor facilities
- Land been unused for over 20 years because of its distance from the main school site and road safety issues
- Anti –social behaviour incidents on the land are increasingly frequent and of concern to local residents
- We propose to use the capital receipts from the sale of the site to replace the existing outdated gymnasium with modern and enhanced multi-use facilities., for both the school and wider community use





Rowood Drive Site





View over canal looking north east from site



Mature trees at canal border



Existing mature boundary vegetation



Panoramic view looking north east accross Rowood Drive site



Panoramic view looking south





Existing Gymnasium



Existing gymnasium exterior



Existing gymnasium interior



Existing gymnasium exterior



Existing gymnasium exterior



Existing changing facilities

- The school gymnasium was built during the 1950's
- Is increasingly obsolete and ill-suited to modern day needs and usage
- The floor is in need of repair as it is a wooden composition with a mixture of old and new sections
- The sports hall has limited functional space
- Limited facilities to cater for a broader range of different activities and user groups
- Existing wall bars and beams are now out-dated and restrict alternative uses
- The low ceiling in the gym precludes its use for trampoline sports both for the school and the community. It needs to be at least 5.18 m high to allow this activity





Our Vision for a New Community Leisure Facility



Indicative Ground Floor Plan

- Provision for a wider range of uses with significant benefits for both the school and wider community
- New facility will support a significant increase in physical participation levels across all age groups, including the elderly
- Primary age children from the Lode Heath primary feeder schools would have access to the facility
- New trampoline facility will support the development of physical activity for all members of the school community from 11-18 years of age
- Improved changing facilities will help optimise the use of the school's wider sporting offer for all age groups
- The Science and Sports Specialism capability of the school would be enhanced
- Community Use Agreement: Creation of meeting rooms for the community and facilities for use by local sports clubs



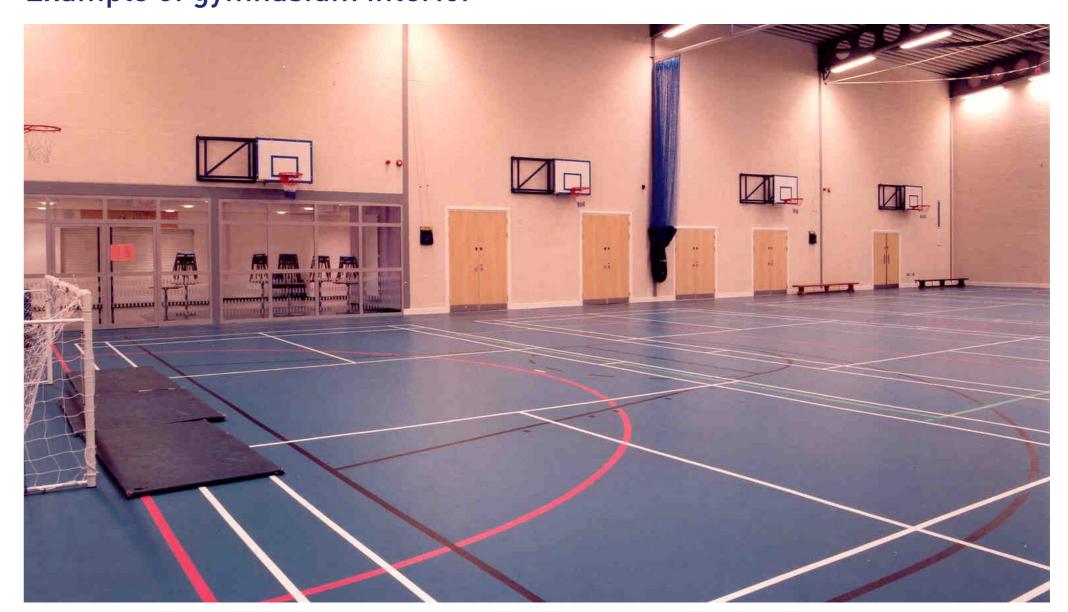
Indicative First Floor Plan



Example of gymnasium exterior



Example of gymnasium interior



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