

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/2452/P	Felicity Moir	28/08/2022 16:54:06	COMMNT	<p>Great idea to make better access in the Mixed Pond. Can I remind you that in the winter the road to the pond can get very muddy and so inaccessible for some disabilities. This will need to be sorted out with better drainage and also some better surface what ever that can be.</p> <p>Please be careful of disturbing the current seating along beside the lifeguard hut near where the hoist will go - by the showers. In winter, when we need to be overseeing other swimmers, this is where we change/sit so we can keep an eye on anyone in the water.</p>
2022/2452/P	Adrian Boylan	27/08/2022 00:17:07	OBJ	<p>Proposals for the mixed pond:</p> <p>You propose to substantially reduce the size of the women's changing area. This area is already more heavily used than the men's changing area, which you are leaving at the same size. Consider re-structuring the storage spaces between the two changing areas to create the accessible unisex changing area.</p> <p>The plan indicates that the proposed accessible changing area is actually a toilet with floor space. Why do you presume that disabled people will want to get changed in a toilet? Decent accessible changing space should be separate from an accessible toilet, which could be created from the existing women's toilet at the entrance.</p> <p>The men's changing area contains under-used storage cupboards. If additional storage is needed for hoist equipment, as stated, create this within the disproportionately larger men's changing area, avoiding the need to create another structure on the pond side which will reduce available outdoor space, (already very limited), remove a favourite viewpoint, destroy existing vegetation and will harm the appearance of the pond surroundings.</p> <p>A permanent steward's hut at the entrance gate is unnecessary. In warm weather the stewards take payment outdoors. In cold or wet weather the number of swimmers is low and it is easy for the steward to take payment from the entrance of the existing lifeguard's hut.</p> <p>Plans do not seem to include tarmac the path to the mixed pond. If wheelchair users are expected to use the new hoist, they need to be able to get to the pond to do so. Recent heavy rain (in summer) made the path outside the gate temporarily impassable for wheelchairs.</p> <p>The management plan has not provided guarantees that swimmers will be able to continue using the pond during the building work, through summer and winter seasons. Given the low number of swimmers at the pond outside of peak summer periods, there is no reason why this should not be possible to do safely if the site is well managed.</p>