

Planning For Sports and Leisure – Your Chance to Shape the Future

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The super fit, the gentle joggers and those whose gym days ended at school are all being asked to help plan sports and facilities across Plymouth, the South Hams and West Devon.

Plymouth City, South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils are teaming up to work on a new sports and leisure facilities plan and want to hear from people from all walks of life about what they need to keep them active.

The plan will look at everything from swimming pools and sports halls to skate parks and slip-ways.

The three councils want to know what sports sites sports fans are using, what's good, what's not and how facilities can be improved. And they also want to hear from people who don't currently enjoy any sport to see if changes to facilities would encourage them to get fitter.

The sports and leisure facilities plan will set the priorities for supporting healthy lifestyles across the three council areas. The aim is to provide high quality sporting facilities that meet the needs of people with all levels of sporting ability and interest. It will cover all indoor sports and leisure facilities including leisure centres, swimming pools, sports halls as well as skate parks, outdoor pools and waterfront activities such as sailing.

Cllr Hilary Bastone, Executive Portfolio Holder for Customer First, said: "It is a

priority for South Hams District Council to support the wellbeing of residents and communities by encouraging positive, safe and healthy lifestyles.

“A key part of this is to make sure sports and leisure facilities are available for residents to lead active lifestyles now and in the future, and this will be underpinned by our Sport and Leisure Facilities Plan, so if you use your local leisure centre or tennis club, now is the time to have your say on the future of sports and leisure.”

The plans will provide key evidence for the councils’ emerging Joint Local Plan, which will set out where homes, employment space and infrastructure should be located across Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon. Part of this work is to make sure there are good facilities for people who live, work and play in this area.

To take part in the survey (shouldn’t take any more than 10 minutes) visit www.southhams.gov.uk/sportsandleisurefacilitiesurvey

The survey will be open from 22 July until 2 September.

If you have not yet had a look at sites being put forward for homes, employment and other uses – including green space – visit the Joint Local Plan pages at:

<http://www.southhams.gov.uk/jointlocalplan>

The consultation runs until 12 August.