

Seymour Leisure Centre

Community Meeting 13 July 2021

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Background to the project
3. The brief
4. Priorities of the brief: areas we are exploring
5. Q&A
6. Next Steps and Timeline

BACKGROUND

Our aim:

- To start the formal planning process before the end of the year.
- The new options will explore opportunities and will be informed by local demand and aspirations to help guide this approach.
- Overall use of the building can be flexible and provide services that meet the needs of local residents.

Our priorities:

- Appoint a full professional team that can create an innovative and inspirational design for a newly refurbished and multi-service leisure centre.
- Establish a new, permanent home for Marylebone Library, with multifunctional spaces.
- Re-provide facilities, including large swimming pool with an area set aside for teaching, sports hall, fitness suite (gym) and studios.
- Include our cleaner and greener aspirations of becoming a net zero carbon organisation, in line with our City for All strategy.
- Capture improvements that can be made to the surrounding space around the building as well as investment in the building.
- Ensure the building is fully accessible

BACKGROUND

Public Meetings to date:

March 2021:

- Confirmation of Council commitment
- Commitment to Marylebone library reprovision
- Commitment to swimming and other leisure provision including a sports hall and studios

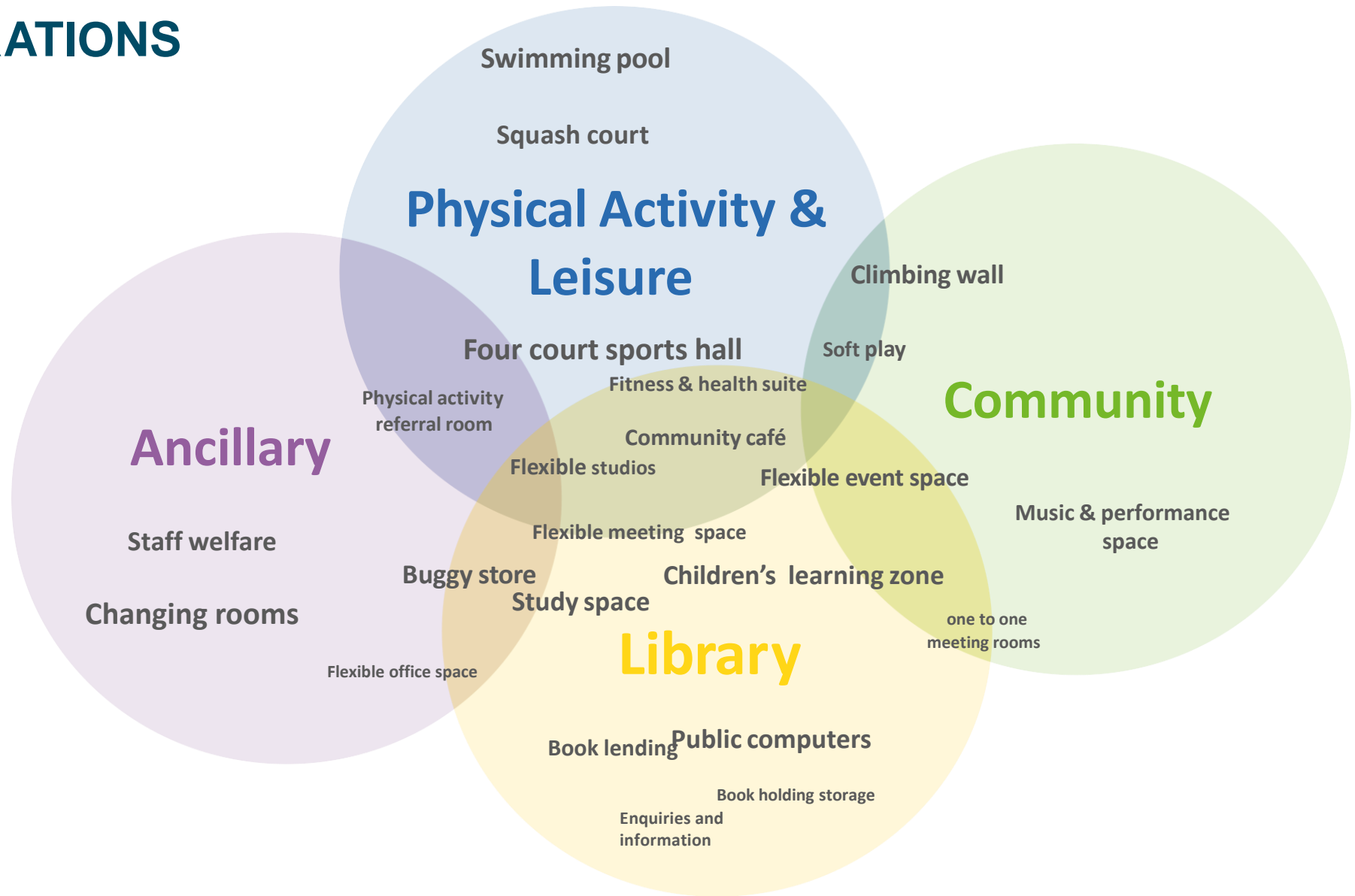
May 2021:

- Exploration of options to enhance service provision
- Commitment to expedite the project given previous delays
- Planning application submitted for temporary gates to prevent anti-social behaviour

THE BRIEF

- A fresh post-Covid vision.
- Flexible space that is multi- functional and can be used for wider community services.
- A multi-service hub to enhance community service provision.
- Retain and enhance the most significant heritage features such as the inherent art deco design whilst bringing it forward into the 21st century.

ASPIRATIONS



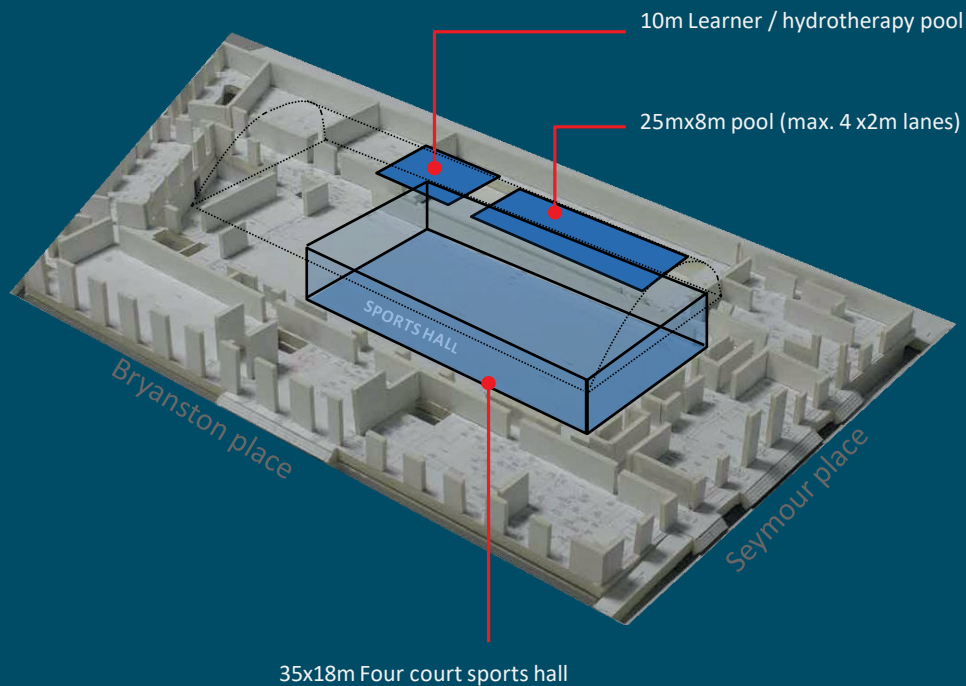
AMBITIONS

- Integrated facility with seamless movement between the various uses
- Multi-use for maximum efficiency
- Access for all (beyond building regs.)
- Improved active frontage to Seymour Place
- Aligning with the Council's commitment to be zero carbon by 2030

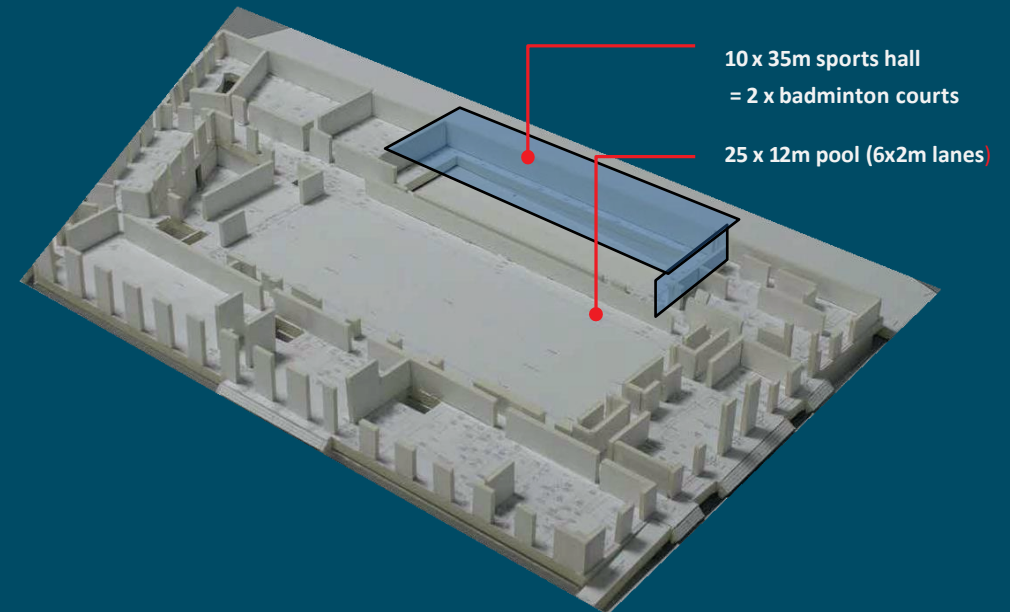


PRIORITIES OF THE BRIEF: AREAS WE ARE EXPLORING

EARLY IDEAS: SWIMMING POOL AND SPORTS HALL



Four court sports hall + 8x25m pool + learner pool

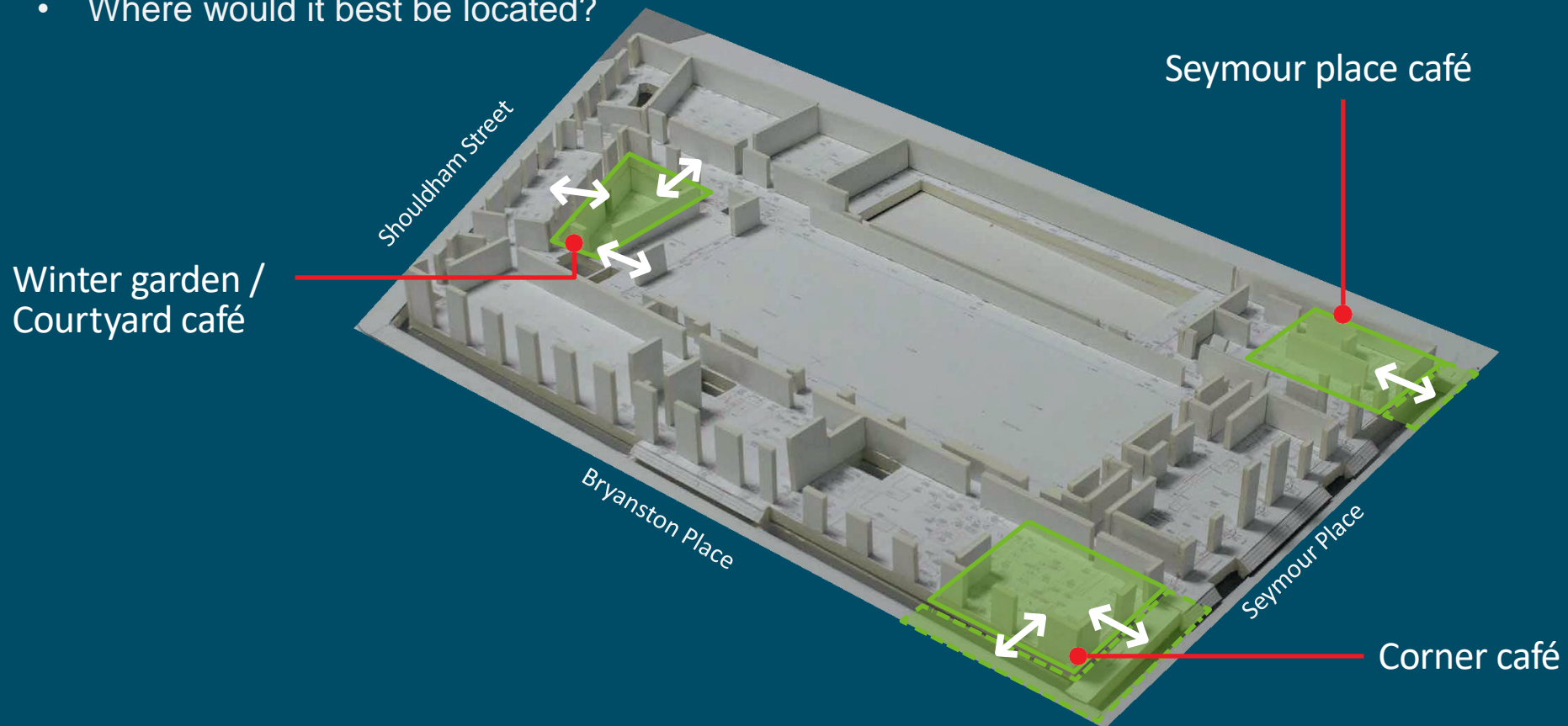


2 x badminton court sports hall + 12x25m pool + learner pool

EARLY IDEAS: COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Some questions to consider:

- Would a café be popular?
- What type of café?
- Where would it best be located?



EXAMPLES OF WINTER GARDENS



OVERALL BUILDING LAYOUT



HOW WOULD YOU WANT TO USE THIS SPACE?

Question to consider:

- What are your priorities for active leisure uses?

CLIMBING WALL



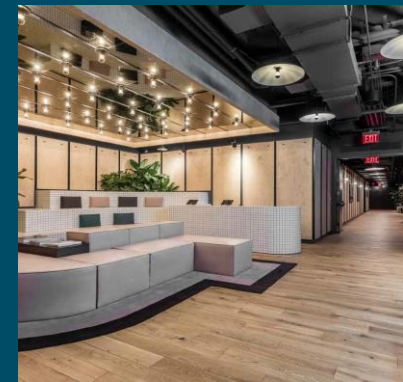
FLEXIBLE STUDIOS



FITNESS SUITE



SPORTS LOUNGE



CHILDREN'S LEARNING ZONE & SOFT PLAY



HOW WOULD YOU WANT TO USE THIS SPACE?

PERFORMANCE SPACE



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



FLEXIBLE COMMUNITY SPACE



LIBRARY MEZZANINE



Some questions to consider:

- How can we best use the flexible space to meet community needs?
- What could this space be used for?
- Do we include a performance space in the building?
- Will it be most useful for events or lessons?

Next steps and timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
June	Make Architects finalise options
June-July	Tender main consultants including Architect
Mid-July	Public Meeting
August	Opportunity to feedback on early ideas - online consultation
August-December	Detailed design progresses
August – December	Ongoing community consultation and engagement
December	Formal planning process commences

Next step - online consultation

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Seymour Leisure Centre Project

Keep up to date on the new proposed developments for Seymour Leisure Centre.

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Project update - register for the next community meeting

The next meeting for local residents regarding the refurbishment of Seymour Leisure Centre will take place on Tuesday 13 July 2021, 1pm to 2pm.

! This online meeting will take place via Teams where we will provide an update on progress towards the refurbishment of the centre and answer any questions you may have at this stage.

[Register to attend the meeting](#) 

Background

On 16 March 2021, the council held an update meeting where it was confirmed that the £25 million Capital Budget for this project remains unchanged and is secured for the refurbishment of Seymour Leisure Centre.

The approach, however, needs to be adapted to respond to a post COVID-19 environment and as such we need to revisit previous proposals with this in mind.

Q&A


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