

No.	Name & organisation	Comments	Response
1.	Dog walker	<p>I have just been reading this and it is a truly impressive document with a huge amount of useful information apart from the management and plans for the site. Overall I am delighted to see the care and attention being paid to this important resource for us humans and also the animals, insects and plants that live and visit.</p> <p>I am a regular dog walker and we enjoy walking round the Aquadrome throughout the year as it changes through the seasons. I am always careful to pick up and bin any dog mess but I am disappointed to see others not doing this because they simply do not watch what their dogs are doing, I have also seen dogs from boats on the canal go into the site and poo in the bushes totally unnoticed. The plan mentions that I should have seen the staff when I visit but I can honestly say that I almost never see anyone and I would not know how to contact one apart from ringing the number on the information boards. I can't really offer a solution to this as I know the number of staff is very small but I feel the note in the document is a bit overstated.</p>	<p>There is a Grounds Team member permanently on site seven days a week. Another Grounds Team member lives on site and covers opening and closing of the main gate. The Park Ranger does regular patrols of the site. I can confirm that ringing the council is the best way to get through to a member of staff.</p>
2.	Resident	<p>The first thing I would like to say is that having lived in Uxbridge Rd for the last 25 years and walked in the Aquadrome most weeks in that time, is congratulations. A great space kept well, the addition of the large cafe was very important as is the improvement to all the footpaths.</p> <p>My feedback for the future is that we need a lot more waste bins (non-dog) as the footfall and litter depositing has greatly increased. In the summer particularly most are overflowing especially at weekends. Please give this a priority, believe me there are not enough despite what your hardworking officers may tell you. NOT putting in more bins will be spoiling a wonderful place just to save a few pounds.</p>	<p>There is adequate provision of bins on site, but we will endeavour to make sure they are emptied on a regular basis, to avoid overspill.</p>
3.	Member of the public	<p>I have read with interest the 5 Year Development plan for the Aquadrome.</p>	<p>There is no intention to re-introduce open swimming.</p>

		<p>I would like to know if there are plans to re-introduce open swimming in the lakes.</p> <p>As a keen open swimmer I find it strange that this popular outdoor activity is not permitted in a park defined by open water.</p> <p>The recent success of Park Run shows the appetite for well organised outdoor activities and how this can bring more of the local community into the Aquadrome.</p>	
4.	Bury Lake Young Mariners	<p>Thank you for the opportunity for Bury Lake Young Mariners to comment on the Aquadrome Management Plan 2019-2024 as part of the public consultation.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that the management plan indicates that the policy of free parking at the Aquadrome will remain.</p> <p>We are also pleased to see that the backlog of tree, undergrowth and lake margin maintenance is planned to be tackled during the 2019-2024 period.</p> <p>There are some factual inaccuracies and items to which we would like to draw your attention.</p> <p>Page 7</p> <p>Tenancies of Nomad Kayak Club (NKC) and Three Rivers Radio-Controlled Yacht Club (TRRYC) have been terminated and TRDC no longer has a direct agreement with these organisations. At the behest of TRDC these groups are instead accommodated under the long-term tenancy awarded to Bury Lake Young Mariners in April 2018. References to holding over licences and tenancies of NKC and TRRYC may have been valid when the management plan was drafted, but these references have now been superseded and will not have any relevance in the 2019-2024 period to which the management plan pertains. These references should be removed from section 3.</p>	<p>We are happy to make adjustment in light of the change of circumstances since the original draft of the management plan.</p>

		<p>BLYM's interim Tenancy at Will ended in April 2018, when a new 50-year tenancy was awarded. The reference to a new licence being completed is no longer correct.</p> <p>Page 8/9</p> <p>Colne Valley Special Sailors and Rickmansworth Windsurfing Club are also included in the BLYM long-term tenancy and they have no direct relationship with TRDC. Whilst these are both important and valued groups and it is right that they should be referred to in the management plan, it would be appropriate to indicate that they fall under the BLYM umbrella.</p> <p>For completeness, the activities of Canoeing, Kayaking and Canoe Polo should be added to the list in section 5.1. In this section it might be worth explaining that BLYM has two types of activity: (1) a Sail Training Centre, and (2) a Sailing Club, both of which are recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and registered with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA).</p> <p>Page 9</p> <p>We are concerned that BLYM is shown in the management plan to be the designated first aid and AED facility for the entire Aquadrome. The BLYM premises are not always open and neither staffed nor funded to provide a first aid service to the general public. Whilst BLYM will help informally whenever possible we cannot be expected to provide a full public first aid service.</p> <p>There is a typo in section 5.2: "Error Reference source not found".</p> <p>Page 11/12</p> <p>The position regarding BLYM's rebuilding is neither clear nor representative. To define BLYM's role as that of "maintenance" and "leading the project" when our all-voluntary charity is injecting £2m into a brand new facility for the local community does not seem to represent</p>	<p>This was not intentional and was meant to point out that an AED is located at BLYM.</p> <p>We will amend accordingly.</p>
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this situation adequately. Might we respectfully suggest the following text to replace section 6.4?

Bury Lake Young Mariners (BLYM) have undertaken a project to replace the building owned and leased to this charity by the Council. The building is 90 years old and has reached the end of its economically maintainable life. It does not provide adequate facilities for the large numbers using it, especially those with disabilities. BLYM have incorporated into the project the needs of other watersports users of Bury Lake (Rickmansworth Windsurfing Club, Colne Valley Special Sailors, Nomad Kayak Club and Three Rivers Radio-controlled Yacht Club), becoming the umbrella organisation for these groups as well as running its own extensive programme of activities.

Two new fully-accessible buildings will be opened in 2019 with a third to be constructed when further fund-raising has been completed. The new buildings will have outstanding "green" credentials, with environmentally-sensitive design features and energy-efficient heating and lighting. As part of the project BLYM will contribute extensive habitat works to encourage the populations of birds, bats, insects and other species.

This is an excellent example of a public-private partnership, with the Council providing land and an interest-free loan, and the BLYM charity taking responsibility for design, construction, operation and finance (capital and operating) of a high-quality community facility for the benefit of many future generations. It is intended that in excess of 20,000 activity sessions per year will be delivered from this site, making an important contribution to sports, health and well-being strategies, at the same time maintaining a good balance between recreation and conservation.

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The maps do not correctly show the revised perimeter of the BLYM compounds, with some sections of the BLYM area shown incorrectly as

These are still designated as Wildlife site and remain so until re-designated.

		<p>"wildlife site" or "grass".</p> <p>General</p> <p>It would be appropriate to state somewhere in the plan that unauthorised activities are not permitted, such as swimming, and launching of privately-owned water craft unless through one of the licensed clubs, along with fishing except in designated areas and subject to the bailiff's control.</p> <p>The trustees of Bury Lake Young Mariners thank you for considering these points.</p>	<p>Most of these restrictions are adequately signed on site.</p>
5.	Resident	<p>I would like to recommend three amendments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dogs to be kept on leads at all times. 2. The 6.00 closure is absurd in April, when it is light to 8.30. Equally the 9.30 closure is absurd in Sept when it is dark by 7.30. 3. Knock down the eyesore of the waterski building and toilet block, and build something more in keeping. <p>And finally a couple of user friendly suggestions. Allow barbecues in designated areas, and allow council taxpayers into the new BYM clubhouse for a fee: after all we are subsidising its redevelopment.</p>	<p>Dogs are required to be on leads around the Café. It is felt that it is not necessary to extend this rule to the rest of the site. We need to achieve a balance that includes needs of all visitors to the site.</p> <p>Opening and closing times are remaining as they are presently.</p> <p>There are currently no plans to replace the water ski building and toilet block.</p> <p>Designated barbeque areas are not intended to be implemented, at this point in time.</p> <p>Access to BLYM, is a matter for BLYM to decide.</p>
6.	Resident	<p>I've just seen your link to the Aquadrome Plan on the home page of</p>	<p>Japanese Knotweed is being treated.</p>

		<p>TRDC, thank you. I'd seen the notices in the aquadrome but I've never got a pen or mobile to take down details. Googling failed to find the plan, TRDC is a horrid site to find anything if I'm honest. But I'm not here to complain about that but to say what an interesting report to read and digest. I'm a birder and both of us are fishermen so use the Aquadrome all the time. My husband has been chuntering on about a patch of invasive knotweed on the river (I think) so he will be very interested in the maps etc.</p> <p>Lots of information all in one place, thank you.</p>	
7.	Resident	<p>Subject: Satisfied - Rickmansworth Aquadrome</p> <p>Something I forgot on the questionnaire. It would be great to have another play area, away from the pollution of the main roads. Maybe near the cafe?</p>	<p>Consideration will be taken into the suggestion of play equipment near to the Café.</p>
8.	Resident	<p>I have read your comprehensive 5 year management plan for the Aquadrome with great interest, as my wife and I have been Three Rivers residents for more than 35 years and enjoy visiting the Aquadrome several times most weeks – to walk, enjoy watching the various activities on the two lakes, and of course to watch the waterfowl.</p> <p>I have very few comments:</p> <p>6.1 The litter handling has improved significantly since bins started to be emptied on Sundays (previously, bins were regularly overflowing on Sunday afternoons in summer). Keep up the good work!</p> <p>Stockers Lake: there is very little mention in the main text of Stockers Lake, which adjoins Bury Lake and has two access points from the Aquadrome. Stockers Lake provides an important extension to the activities in the Aquadrome, being much wilder and free of water-borne activities which would disturb the extensive bird life; however I note that The Friends of Stockers Lake are listed in</p>	<p>Stockers Lake is not part Aquadrome, is owned by Affinity Water and managed by Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>There are currently no plans to</p>

		<p>Appendix 13.6.1 as attendees at the Forum.</p> <p>Car Parking: I was surprised not to see in the text any mention of the car parking ticket machines installed many months ago, which are still covered up and labelled 'Not in Service'. It would be very restrictive to users were parking charges to be introduced. I note that the car park is within a 7 minute walk of Rickmansworth Station and I have heard informally that TRDC is concerned about the car park being used by commuters; should that be the case, may I commend a scheme similar to the one in Cassiobury Park car park in Watford Borough Council where users are required to obtain a free timed parking ticket from a machine and, if I remember correctly, parking is limited to a maximum of 6 hours – this does not restrict genuine users of Cassiobury Park, it deters commuters taking up spaces, and it must be easy to monitor. I noted the discussions in the Forum minutes (Appendix 13.6.1) saying that there was no intention to make charges but your car park contractor requires machines in all car parks which they manage; what a waste of tax payers money!</p> <p>It must have taken a lot of work and diverted you from more productive activities, but I guess that's what the bureaucrats require.</p>	<p>charge at the Aquadrome car park. The parking ticket machines being installed at the moment are not to do with short-stay charging, but are part of a district-wide introduction of machines in all free car parks, intended for future use for free-vend (which means that, at some point in the future yet to be determined, users would have to display a free ticket).</p>
9.	Batchworth Community Council	<p>I am to say that the Batchworth Community Council wishes to make the following observations on the Rickmansworth Aquadrome Management Plan 2019-2024 :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Express concern that given the Management Plan covers a 5 year period until 2024, there is no mention about parking in it at all save for a reference as to the current permitted parking hours. Surprisingly, there is no indication as to the District Council's intention to introduce parking charges or not and clarification of this point would be appreciated before the Plan is published. 2) Given that Three Rivers District Council applies 50% of the cost 	<p>There are currently no plans to charge at the Aquadrome car park. The parking ticket machines being installed at the moment are not to do with short-stay charging, but are part of a district-wide</p>

		<p>of the Aquadrome as Special Expenses and applies this charge to the residents of Eastbury, Moor Park and Rickmansworth in their Council Tax demands, it would be fair to say that the Batchworth Community Council is a major stakeholder and yet we are not listed as such. A correction in the final Plan would therefore be appreciated.</p>	<p>introduction of machines in all free car parks, intended for future use for free-vend (which means that, at some point in the future yet to be determined, users would have to display a free ticket).</p> <p>The Parish Council are included in the Management Group Organisational Structure flow chart on (page 7). We will change this to Batchworth Community Council.</p>
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