

RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLING CLUB
FARNBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE,
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Our ref: RIBC/KAE
Your ref:

Dear Mr. Brooks

RE: INDOOR BOWLING GREEN WITHIN FARNBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE
AS PART OF CIVIC QUARTER PROPOSALS ("CQP").
RUSHMOOR INDOOR BOWLS CLUB ("RIBC")
CONSULTATION PROCESS.

I refer to your email dated 21st January instant addressed to Mr. David Newman, Secretary of RIBC. On behalf of RIBC I am asked to respond to this email.

Whilst it is much appreciated that the deadline for submission of the completed form 04 and comments form has been extended from 25th January 2019 to 28th January 2019 this still does not give RIBC enough time to gather together all the responses needed.

The delay in obtaining the requisite forms 04 and comments forms is inexcusable and highlights how unprepared GT3 and Rushmoor Borough Council were/are as to the number of people who wish their views and concerns to be heard before the Civic Quarter Proposals are put to into effect.

I, with Mr. Newman and a Mr. Pearse attended the Consultation Process at Farnborough Leisure Centre on Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 4pm. I was horrified to see the GT3 setting up their information stands in the corner of the cafe in the Leisure Centre in between the Childrens Play Area, Toilets and the cafe counter. This raises safety issues of the highest level as to lack of space of movement between people; crowded area where little children could get lost going from toilets to play area; spillage of drinks and foods because of congestion causing accidents and injury to persons in the area.

Further, I am a registered disabled person, but as yet not a wheelchair user, but I do have to use a walking stick and I cannot stand up for too long. The congestion around the tables on which the information/forms were placed was such that I did not get to each table so do not know what information was on those tables. There was actually no or very limited room for anyone in a wheelchair a situation which could have its own issues.

I was able to get some cards giving details of internet accessibility for anyone wanting to go 'online' and make their views and concerns known, even then the GT3 representative - Charlie Heaven was concerned that there would not be enough for others.

I did ask Mr Heaven if Mr Newman and I could have 250 copies of the forms so that ALL our members and other Indoor Bowls Green users could put their views and concerns and they would have to be provided by Rushmoor Borough Council. Mr. Newman made arrangements with the GT3 representative that he would collect these from the Council Offices as soon as he was notified they were available. When he went to collect them all he was given was the Comments Form and nothing else.

It has taken from the 8th January 2019 until the morning of 22nd January 2019 to get forms 04. This is two weeks during which RIBC could have got members and other users of the indoor bowling green to put their views and concerns.

Accordingly, in order that RIBC and other indoor bowling green users do not suffer a prejudice in the Consultation Process the deadline for submission of completed forms should be extended to at least 4th February 2019.

Please confirm that the deadline to submit completed forms can be extended to 4th February 2019 in view of the failure of Rushmoor Borough Council to provide the consultation process promptly.

Yours sincerely,

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