

Support the Planning Application!

Our Outline Planning Application was submitted on 20th April and will finish on 20th May. It is very important that we receive as many "letters of support" as possible.

These letters of support must be registered with the RBWM Planning Dept. We have until the 20th May to submit positive support for the plans up against any local objections. **Our reference no. is 15/01185 (Land at Eton Excelsior Rowing Club, Maidenhead Rd).**

Please use the following benefit points in your submission:

1. RBWM Policy R7 stated that the Borough will NOT permit development proposals which would result in the loss of a built sports or leisure facility available to the public unless either (i) a comparable sized replacement facility is provided, or (ii) a smaller facility of greater recreational value is retained at this site. The borough have done neither!
2. We would be a New Fitness & Health Club in Windsor (also near Maidenhead) offering a full range of activities under one roof including Squash (4 courts), Gym, Studio, Swimming Pool, Café & Bar, Health rooms.
3. Home for Evo Triathlon group for run, bike & swim.
4. Promotion of Exercise for Younger Age Groups – Windsor Boys School (over 100 use club).
5. Exhibition Squash Court – hosting Exhibition & Competitive Matches.
6. Sporting Facility for Windsor-Maidenhead area which is adding 12,000 new homes in the next 15 years, in conjunction with the arrival of Crossrail and the commercial and property development this will bring.
7. Replacing the loss of a much loved and long existing sporting facility in Windsor and the Thames Valley. This club has been used as a friendly community hub for nearly 40 years.
8. Additional Community Resource for Members and the Public (non members) at a time when other Gyms have closed. The Magnet LC in Maidenhead is proposed to close and move to Braywick – the new site will probably NOT have squash courts.
9. Windsor Leisure Centre is heavily used at peak times resulting in new members for the existing club.
10. RBWM are going to be very short of leisure facilities in relation to the growing community, and especially in regards to different choices.
11. Sporting synergy with our neighbours – the EERC.
12. Employ local residents to help run facility.
13. Ample Parking and not over looked by residents.
14. Local businesses will benefit by having a state-of-the-art Sports Club.
15. Politicians and local government are forever marketing the benefits and necessity of sport and good health for the young and the elderly in the community. Health and sport sites are needed to achieve this!

Remember, that any submissions must be received on or before 20th May 2015. This is the date the decision is expected to be made so we don't have much time. Please make your comments/letter personal and add your own thoughts. All submitted letters will help, and show that all members of our community are affected. Please don't just copy and paste the above bullet points on block.

Thank you for reading, and get writing now! Please also forward onto to your associated friends and groups where appropriate.

The more people who can write or email, the better. Your help will really make a difference!

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15/01185
This must be included

Write to:

Alistair De Joux,
Planning Department,
RBWM, Town Hall,
St Ives Road, Maidenhead,
Berkshire, SL6 1RF

Or go online:

[http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/
pam/submit_comment.jsp](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/pam/submit_comment.jsp)

(Make sure you select 'Support'
from the drop-down list!)

Links

Eton Excelsior Rowing Club:

<http://www.etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org>

Local MP, Adam Afriyie: <http://adamafriyie.org>

Berkshire Squash: <http://www.berkshiresquash.org>

England Squash:

<http://www.englishsquashandracketball.com>