

On-line consultation

We'd like to know what you think about the future of the Linford Christie Stadium.

The Linford Christie Stadium first opened in 1967 (as The West London Stadium), and most people would agree that it has seen better days. The facilities are no longer fit for purpose, being too outdated to be of real use for athletics in 2019. The site could be much better used to the benefit of local residents.

We'd like to improve and develop the site (including the associated sports pitches), but before we draw up any plans, we'd like to know what you'd like to see there.

Environmental impact

The stadium sits beside one of the borough's most important open spaces at Wormwood Scrubs, so any development there has to be environmentally sensitive.

We want to find a new plan that meets the objectives of the Wormwood Scrubs Act to provide exercise and recreation facilities, while protecting the valuable flora and fauna of the Scrubs.

Financial position

The stadium is currently losing money. It's owned by the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust, but the Trust is not able to raise money to maintain the current facilities, so it's heavily subsidised by the council. This arrangement cannot continue, given the ongoing cuts to its finances that H&F Council faces from central government.

Planning for the future

It's a perfect time to take another look at what local people want on the site. So H&F Council and the Trust have agreed to run a joint public consultation on the future of the site.

The findings of this consultation and any proposals that come forward at a later date will need to be approved by The Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee. They may also need approval from the Charity Commission and the Ministry of Defence.

We'd then need to draw up specific development proposals on which residents would again be consulted before any formal decisions are taken. As part of the planning permission process, we would look at the impact on the ecology of the Scrubs and the local transport infrastructure.

Full details on the site and the surrounding area can be found in this report [link].

Please let us know what you think.

Questions for the on-line consultation

Where do you live? (postcode)

Were you aware that the Linford Christie Stadium is managed by the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust?

Yes/No

What is your connection to the Linford Christie Stadium (tick all that apply)?

- I live locally

- I work locally
- I use the facilities at the stadium – Please specify;
 - Athletics
 - Football
 - Hockey
 - Pitches on the Scrubs
- Other connection (please specify)

Which option do you prefer for the Linford Christie Stadium?

- Do nothing – under this option there is a high risk that the stadium and related facilities will have to close.
- Minimum intervention required to keep stadium open – with limited potential to raise additional revenue from the site to fund the essential works or the ongoing management and maintenance.
- Major redevelopment – to bring new facilities that can be managed and maintained sustainably in the long term

What kind of uses should the Council and the Trust consider (tick all that apply)?

- Community sports
- Professional sports
- Athletics
- Venue for major entertainment events
- Conference centre
- Other

Would you like to see improved facilities on Wormwood Scrubs eg. changing rooms, café?
Yes / No

What additional facilities would you like to see?

- Changing Rooms
- Café
- Ecology Centre
- Other

Please rank in order of your priority the issues that should be considered when planning the future of the Stadium site (Where 1 is the highest priority and 5 is the lowest):

- Preserving the biodiversity of the scrubs
- Disruption during construction
- Ensuring that local people benefit from employment and training opportunities created by any redevelopment
- Traffic management
- Pressure on local transport infrastructure
- Impact of large audiences entering and leaving site

Please tell us what you think about potential redevelopment of the Linford Christie Stadium site

Outline communications plan

Process

Timing / Date	Action	Person / Team
	Were there any pre-meets e.g. Wormwood Community Trust?	Assistant Director of Growth
6 Feb 2019	Cabinet Report seeking permission to consult	Assistant Director of Growth / Growth & Place
	Agree questions for on-line introduction text and consultation questions. Clear with Cabinet member (Cllr Jones) Clear with Trust	Growth & Place / Public Services & Reform / Communications Assistant Director of Growth Assistant Director of Growth
12th March 2019	Publish consultation on LBHF website	Communications / Public Services & Reform
	Publicise consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story on LBHF website • Weekly LBHF e-bulletin • Press release 	Communications
	Draft, clear & distribute letter for mass mail-out	Growth & Place to draft letter and seek clearance Communications to manage distribution
	Letter to major employers offering meetings and providing link to on-line consultation to encourage participation by their employees	Growth & Place
12th May 2019	Close consultation and compile data from responses.	Public Services & Reform
	Publicise results and next steps	Growth & Place / Communications