



DRAFT FIT & ACTIVE BARNET FRAMEWORK 2016 – 2021 CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT

Background

On the 19th September 2016 Adults & Safeguarding Committee approved the recommendation ([item 10](#)) to consult on the draft Fit & Active Barnet (FAB) Framework 2016 – 2021. Conducting a consultation exercise was required to assist and develop the vision, outcomes and proposed commitments detailed within the FAB Framework.

Consultation Methodology

Prior to consultation the following documents were completed to help guide the consultation process;

- Consultation and Engagement Plan
- Engage Barnet Submission Form
- Draft Questionnaire Survey

All documents were developed in conjunction with, and approved by London Borough of Barnet's (LBB) Consultation and Research Manager.

In alignment with consultation guidelines the Framework was consulted from 6th October to 13 November 2016, available via the Council consultation platform, Engage Barnet. The draft FAB Framework 2016-2021 was accompanied by a Survey Monkey Questionnaire which guided participants through a series of 21 structured questions (mix of single answer options and open ended), in addition to standard monitoring questions to measure participant representation.

The draft FAB Framework 2016-2021 and questionnaire were also available in printed format on request. No requests were received throughout the consultation period.

The following steps were taken to communicate and raise awareness of the consultation (all approaches encouraged sharing to increase reach and participation);

- Press release
- Social media updates i.e. Twitter and Facebook
- LBB First Team e-news
- LBB website
- E-newsletter and email reminders to our Club & Community database
- Emails to partners and stakeholders

Consultation Summary

A total of 60 responses were received during the consultation period;

- 56 online survey's completed via Survey Monkey (quantitative and qualitative)
- Although not a formal engagement option, four written submissions were received and accepted via the sport@barnet.gov.uk mailbox (qualitative).

The questionnaire captured a range of demographic information, providing statistics based on gender, age, ethnic origin, disability etc. This information was not obtained for those participants whom submitted their responses via email.

- The highest number of respondents was males at 50%.
- The highest number of respondents to complete the survey was aged between 45-54 years at 37.5%
- 41.67% of participants were of a 'White British' ethnic origin, 20.83% of respondents selected 'prefer' not to say and 37.5% were of BME origin
- 4.7% of the respondents considered themselves to have a disability, 70.83% selected 'no' to this question and 25% 'prefer not to say'.

Information was also gathered in respect of participant representation;

- 44.4% of participants were residents with an interest in sport and physical activity in Barnet
- 22.2% of participants were representative of a provider, charity, organisation or group that has an interest in sport & physical activity in Barnet
- 18.52% of participants were representative of a provider, charity, organisation or group that delivers sport & physical activity in Barnet
- 14.81% selected 'Other' (no information was provided to further define representation of these participants).

Feedback sought via the consultation process has been reviewed and considered by the Sport & Physical Activity team, subsequent to which appropriate amendments have been made in order to establish a final FAB Framework 2016 - 2021. A summary includes;

- Enhanced reference to the importance of sporting pathways for young people.
- Improved reference to the involvement and importance of the voluntary and community sector in providing sport and physical activity opportunities.
- Disability sport has been incorporated into the 'Children & Young People' section.
- The 'Working Together' section has been developed to include the importance of learning from others and utilising evidenced based interventions.
- Enhanced focus on supporting and influencing existing networks and plans to improve active travel (cycling and walking).
- Enhanced reference on the benefits of sport and physical activity to mental wellbeing.
- Reference to the Sport England funded SHAPE programme has been reviewed to encompass sustainability and scalability.

Consultation Feedback – Structured Questions (Survey Monkey)

Following analysis of the Survey Monkey, on average;

- 75% of participants strongly agreed / tended to agree with the content of the Framework.
- 8% of participants strongly disagreed / tended to disagree with the content of the Framework

Comments relating to the Sport & Physical Activity (SPA) Project, specifically the redevelopment of Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre and development of New Barnet Leisure Centre presented a direct impact on the average percentage scores above. Whilst leisure facilities play fundamental role within the FAB Framework, it is crucial to note that the Framework considers all elements of sport and physical activity from programming to assets (inclusive of open spaces and the built environment), with a view to enhance physical activity and sport opportunities across a broad spectrum.

Table 1 below outlines a summary of responses to questions in Survey Monkey that provided a 'please tick one answer' option.

Table 1

Question		Strongly Agree / Tend to Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Don't know	Strongly Disagree / Tend to Disagree
1	To what extent do you agree or disagree with our vision for sport & physical activity in Barnet?	85%	2%	0%	13%
3	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the outcomes?	85%	5%	0%	10%
5	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed commitments detailed within the 'Public Health' section of the draft Framework?	75%	12.5%	2.5%	10%
7	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed commitments detailed within the 'Growth & Development' section of the draft Framework?	78%	12.5%	3.13%	6.25%
9	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed commitments detailed within the 'Environment' section of the draft Framework?	70.96%	16.13%	6.45%	6.45%
11	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the	70%	16.67%	3.33%	10%

	proposed commitments detailed within the 'Children & Young People' section of the draft Framework?				
13	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed commitments detailed within the 'Adults & Health' section of the draft Framework?	68.96%	17.24%	10.34%	3.45%
15	Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed commitments detailed within the 'Working Together' section of the draft Framework?	66.66%	20%	6.67%	6.67%

Tables 2a and 2b below outline a summary of responses to questions that provided a 'Yes/No' option.

Table 2a

Question		YES	NO
17	Are there any commitments that you or your organisations could support the Fit & Active Barnet Partnership to achieve?	53%	47%
18	Please tell us which commitments your organisation could support and how?	<p>Summary responses to this question outlined generic support in the forms of promotion and marketing, information, advice and guidance and volunteering. No specific commitments within the Framework were identified.</p> <p>Comments relating to 'No' related to the SPA project.</p>	

Table 2b

Question		YES	NO
19	Overall do you think that there are any commitments that have been missed and should be considered as part of the Framework?	61%	39%
20	Please tell us which other commitments we should be considering and clearly indicate the section that your response refers to	Summary responses to this question have been outlined in table 3i below.	

Consultation Feedback – Comments Recieved

Feedback received via the consultation process was in the main positive and supported the vision, outcomes and proposed commitments within the draft Framework. Tables 3a – 3j (Survey Monkey) and 3k (email responses) below provide a summary of qualitative feedback received and a response / action from the Sport & Physical Activity team.

Table 3a (Survey Monkey)		
Q2: If you disagree with any part of our intended vision please say why		
Number of responses: 4		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Build more smaller gyms, maybe turn old libraries into gyms. Decrease the fee for memberships at gyms, especially for those on benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line (including feasibility study of leisure centre provision). - A new leisure management contract will take effect from 1st January 2018; a range of public health outcomes will be included within a new contract. An operator will be required to offer programming and membership options that engage with all residents and socio economic groups.
2	Removal of diving facilities in new Copthall plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line
3	You indicate a priority for sporting opportunities for women and girls in the Borough yet the strategy closes down 2 Olympic Sports of Diving with Synchronised Swimming. Barnet Syncho swam at Rio and the European Championships this year. It is one of the few successful team sports in for females in the Borough and the facilities should not be lost. The Vision suggest the strategy is supported by the NGBs. More patent nonsense from Councillors who have their own priorities for spending the proceeds of the land sales from losing Church Farm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line
4	It is not clear overly clear from the document what the vision is from the first sections. Page 4 states that to 'achieve the vision' which would indicate the vision has been given. It then provides an ambition of 'create a more active and healthy borough' From the table on page 8 this appears to be the vision? The wording in this section may need to be reviewed to make this clear? It may also be beneficial to include a scope of what is covered under the framework. For example does this link with Active Travel. The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback has been incorporated, the vision is highlighted and introduced within the Councillor foreword and in addition to the section that relates to 'Why do we need a Fit & Active Barnet Framework'. - To enhance clarity the table on page 8 has been removed - Language around the wide reaching impact of sport and physical activity and is versatility to integrate across a diverse spectrum has been enhanced. - Measures on page 22 are still in working progress at a national level

measures of page 22 would indicate that it doesn't? However, the Growth and Development Section on page 11 would indicate this.	by Sport England. The Framework demonstrates that an early role of the FAB Partnership will be to determine what success looks like at a local level and how this is measured.
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Table 3b (Survey Monkey)

Q4: If you disagree with the listed outcomes please say why

Number of responses: 4

#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Barnet Borough wide consultations not considered or acted upon	- All comments and feedback received via LBB consultations are considered. Results are published via Engage Barnet - https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/we_asked_you_said
2	The closure of facilities for two Olympic sports in the Borough contradicts these outcomes. We need diving and synchronised swimming. Donald Trump says he's not a racist and Barnet Councilors say they support sport and fitness opportunities for women. Actions speak louder than words.	- SPA project documentation available on-line
3	The outcomes are enabling in nature and do not clearly outline what the outcomes of the framework are in terms of sport and physical activity. It is also not clear how these link with the measures on page 22. The framework reads like it links to a range of wider outcomes eg health, growth and development etc. However this is not overly clear if the achievement of these wider outcomes is the intention of the framework, or if linking to these areas is more of an opportunity for support through commissioning as would be indicated at the bottom of page 7.	- The outcomes are consistent with those outlined in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy (2015 – 2020). - To align with our vision to ' <i>create a more active and healthy borough</i> ' the outcomes and associated 'commitments; encompass a variety of areas where SPA can influence or have a positive contribution i.e. active travel. Alignment with the Commissioning Areas provides a structure to deliver these commitments through a strategic network. - Measures on page 22 are to be defined nationally by Sport England. An early role of the FAB Partnership will be to determine what success looks like at a local level and how this is measured.
4	Barnet Council is selling land and using the proceeds to subsidise other services, while reducing the extent and quality of our leisure resources. Barnet Copthall is losing aquatic resources in Diving, Synchronised Swimming, Learn to Swim & Scuba Diving. Come clean and show the public the value of the land sales you anticipate. Copthall had one Syncho swimmer at Rio and two at the European Championships. It is one of few sports and leisure activities that retain teenagers in sport. Barnet Council is	- SPA project documentation available on-line

	specifically closing this down in the Borough. I am Business Rates and Council Tax payer who is ashamed.	
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Table 3c (Survey Monkey)

Q6: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Public Health' section of the draft Framework please state why.

Number of responses: 4

#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Can't go back!	- The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	You should not close down facilities for diving and synchronised swimming	- SPA project documentation available on-line
3	Whilst the commitments	- Incomplete response
4	Reducing sports facilities in the borough cannot improve public health	- SPA project documentation available on-line - The purpose of the FAB Framework is to look at all sports and physical activity opportunities and assets to maximise use and potential.

Table 3d (Survey Monkey)		
Q8: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Growth & Development' section of the draft Framework please state why.		
Number of responses: 3		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Can't go back on the survey	- The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	You should not close down facilities for diving and synchronised swimming. How can the loss of a dive pit at Copthall be development? Disgraceful nonsense from the Council.	- SPA project documentation available on-line
3	Reducing sports facilities in the Borough cannot improve Growth & Development. You are closing down one of the few team sports for teenage girls in the Borough.	- SPA project documentation available on-line - The purpose of the FAB Framework is to look at all sports and physical activity opportunities and assets to maximise use and potential.

Table 3e (Survey Monkey)		
Q10: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Environment' section of the draft Framework please state why.		
Number of responses: 2		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	As before (Can't go back on the survey)	- The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	You're selling local leisure facilities for residential development. This means more travel to leisure facilities.	- SPA project documentation available on-line

Table 3f (Survey Monkey)		
Q12: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Children & Young People' section of the draft Framework please state why.		
Number of responses: 3		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Unable to scroll back	- The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	You should not close down facilities for diving and synchronised swimming	- SPA project documentation available on-line
3	Reducing sports facilities in the borough cannot improve opportunities for young people. Synchronised swimming is one of very few successful team sports in the borough with swimmers in the Olympics and other international representation. Why are you closing this down?	- SPA project documentation available on-line

Table 3g (Survey Monkey)		
Q14: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Adults & Health' section of the draft Framework please state why.		
Number of responses: 2		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	As before (unable to scroll back)	- The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	TH	- Incomplete response

Table 3h (Survey Monkey)		
Q16: If you disagree with any of the proposed commitments within the 'Working Together' section of the draft Framework please state why.		
Number of responses: 2		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	See previous (unable to scroll back)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The online survey provided a function for participants to go back and review / edit responses. A technical fault may have prevented this action at the time of completion. Paper copies of the survey and draft Framework were available on request.
2	Working together means outsourcing public services to price out poorer members of the community and losing unprofitable resources including the dicing and synchro facilities in the borough. DISGRACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line - The purpose of the FAB Framework encourages a collaborative approach with partners and stakeholders working together to '<i>create a more active and healthy borough</i>'. This approach will help maximise opportunity and outcomes for residents and communities, whilst streamlining resource and delivery, facilitating the achievement of greater impact and efficiencies.

Table 3i (Survey Monkey)		
Q20: Please tell us which other commitments we should be considering and clearly indicate the section that your response refers to		
Number of responses: 16		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Children and young people - more actively engaged in competitive sport, this then becomes a lifestyle for the rest of their lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is reference to pathways for young people in the draft Framework which is inclusive of competition; however this has been refined further. London Youth Games has also been referenced.
2	With regard to CYP, we need to emphasise the need to grow VCS involvement, this includes more than just the community sports clubs but also community groups who have direct access to CYP not involved in organised sports activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VCS in its entirety has been referenced, however this has been defined further for clarity.
3	Reduce membership fees for local gyms, especially for those on low incomes/benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LBB are currently re-procuring a new leisure operator (effective from Jan 2018). A focus of the new contract is to achieve a number of broad Public Health outcomes. Within this the operator will be required to offer programming and membership options

		<p>that reach all residents and groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following commitment within the 'Working Together' section of the Framework supports the drive for cost effective and accessible opportunities 'Cultivate mutually beneficial partnerships that connect and align services to deliver a more cost effective and accessible physical activity pathway, which address wider society outcomes'
4	Promote cycling and provide the infrastructure to enable anyone to cycle safely from children to elderly and including people with limited mobility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This can be supported by the following commitment within the Growth and Development section, which has been enhanced further <i>'Enable, promote and support plans for active travel across Barnet, through a strategic network which aims to increase use and break down barriers associated with alternative travel methods e.g. walking and cycling'</i>
5	Healthy Living options other than sports based - e.g. dietary, reducing sedentary activities e.g. excessive computer use by young adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Framework does consider wider aspects where SPA has a contribution / influence however this has been further defined, particularly with the PH section.
6	People are working longer however the opportunities for the over 60s to engage in health and fitness are limited as most of the programmes run during the day as opposed to the evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitments identified within the Adults and Health section i.e. <i>'work collaboratively to partners and service users to ensure priority groups are at the heart of delivery and design'</i> seek to understand and address the needs of residents when designing and delivering services.
7	as people are working longer health and fitness opportunities in the evening most opportunities for the over 60s are during the day.	
8	The Framework is very good. But two additional points would help. For adults with learning disabilities, health checks and Health Action Plans should link with sport and activity pathways. Also, in the Children's section, there should be specific reference to disabled children and young people, who often find additional barriers to active lives, especially once they have left school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitments identified within the Adults and Health section i.e. work with health champions and brokers etc. and create an approach to ensure pathways for physical activity and sport are optimised by health and social care professionals are not exclusive and therefore applicable and inclusive to adults with a learning disability. - Reference to disabled children has been incorporated into the Children and Young People section.
9	The framework is very good but two points could be added For adults with learning disabilities, sport and activity pathways should be linked with health checks and health Action Plans. The section on Children should include specific reference to disabled children and young people, who often find additional barriers to participating in sport and sustaining active lives, especially once they leave school.	Repeated

10	In looking at redevelopment of areas such a brent cross, Barnet should be looking to implement a network of cycle paths across the borough and area to encourage cycling. Also, the redevelopment of sports facilities as an integral part of the areas redevelopment.. sport should be treated as another leisure time activity and as easy to choose as such things as shopping or going to the cinema. Sports facilities integrated into the new shopping area/ redevelopment, could really encourage participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SPA team continue to consult with developers and partners to inform and influence SPA provision within the new development. Once implemented the FAB Partnership will assume a strategic role in influencing and supporting this and other developments within the borough.
11	Bowls in the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parks and Open Spaces are undertaking a strategic review of Bowls in the borough. Insight and guidance available from the SPA team and governing body (Bowls England) to maximise alignment.
12	Replacing the existing diving facility therefore improving children and young people , public health and adults and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line
13	Barnet Copthall was built as a centre of excellence. It is now outmoded, but produces amazing results. The Council consulted with stakeholders, stating pre-conditions that stifled innovative responses. As a result you are going to create a third rate facility and lose two Olympic sports for the Borough. This is not an improvement and the legacy of Copthall's Olympians will waste away with mediocre facilities. DISGRACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line
14	Strong partnership with the private sector where they are already providing sustainable & high quality opportunities for sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is intended that the FAB Framework is a document that offers strategic alignment across a continuum. Recognising the current SPA landscape in the borough, in addition to a desire to diversify delivery and the achievement of wider outcomes, the FAB Partnership will invite partners and stakeholders from all sectors who can have an active contribution.
15	It is very important that Barnet builds more indoor active areas in particular sport halls where adults can play more Basketball, Volleyball, Netball and other group sports. All the current indoor spaces are fully booked and they don't serve the whole community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line (including feasibility study of sports hall provision). - A commitment within the 'Growth & Development' section identifies the need to encourage and maximise the use of sports facilities within the education / private sector. Commitments that identify the need to influence planners to promote healthier and more active communities and identifying opportunities to invest in sport via S106 monies etc. also support this.

16	Barnet Copthall was constructed as a centre of excellence for aquatic sports. The Council Strategy closes down two of three aquatic sports and loses one of three pools. This cannot be considered a positive step forward.	- SPA project documentation available on-line
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Table 3j (Survey Monkey)

Q21: Please tell us any further comments you would like to make on the draft Fit & Active Barnet Framework

Number of responses: 11

#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	Great as long as it doesn't take money from other areas already under pressure such as libraries.	- There is no intention to take money from any areas experiencing funding pressures.
2	We need to include /get buy-in from all the VCS (not just sports clubs) as these groups will help with pathways into organised sporting activities /clubs, so we need to include them in the narrative.	- VCS in its entirety has been referenced, however this has been defined further for clarity.
3	The framework needs to include specific links to mental wellbeing for children, families and adults. This is currently weak and could be made clearer about the benefits of physical activity. The Framework could also include activities such as food growing programmes and using private streets and roads to allow children to play. This would be useful for building up community cohesion. There is no mention of using evidenced based interventions, learning from other boroughs and innovation - this should be one of the key over-arching objectives. Considering the development/maintenance of an adventure playground in Barnet to support higher risk and spontaneous play for children and young people. Committing to take down signs where it states "No ball games" should not be a key objective. This should be considered on a case by case level and be part of a wider action plan for creating supportive environments. Another commitment should be to develop age appropriate 'play' and research what types of physical activity and sport BME children are likely to engage in. This should not just rely on the SHAPE project. It is important that the overall tone of the framework embraces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefits of SPA on mental wellbeing have been incorporated within the Framework as infographics. - Links with food growing projects etc. has been defined with through identifying that SPA can often be the by-product of wider initiatives and vice versa, leading to greater community and health outcomes. - The Working Together section has now emphasised the importance of learning from others and considering evidence based interventions. - The commitment relating to the removal of 'No Ball Games' signs has been consolidated under the following commitment and used as an example; <i>Influence planners and key policy makers to build and promote healthier and more active communities within new developments and regenerations schemes</i> (Growth and Development) - Commitments including 'develop partnerships with services accessed by C&YP' and 'ensuring new and existing commissions are centred around the needs of young people' will help the FAB Partnership to identify the most appropriate delivery models, methods of engagement and partners to work with. - There is an intention to make the SHAPE project sustainable and expand delivery to other areas of the borough through shared

	physical activity as well as organised sports and feature more focus on large sporting events such as the Olympics, rugby, cricket and football	learning. This commitment has been refined within the Framework.
4	I welcome your plans to improve cycling infrastructure but this must be done to a high standard, such as Royal College Street in Camden, to make it attractive to all users. Most people are unwilling to cycle amongst cars, and will not make bike trips unless routes are direct and properly designed, especially junctions.	- This can be supported by the following commitment within the Growth and Development section, which has been enhanced further <i>'Enable, promote and support plans for active travel across Barnet, through a strategic network which aims to increase use and break down barriers associated with alternative travel methods e.g. walking and cycling'</i>
5	Easy access for young people with special needs.	- Disability sport and inclusive access has been given a focus within the C&YP section of the Framework.
6	Modern work related stress prevents people from participating in physical activity and maintaining healthy lifestyles especially when using on line systems on the work place and sitting behind screens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The commitment 'Support promotion and implementation of the Healthy Workplace Charter across Barnet' (Public Health) supports this with LBB as an operational example. - The draft Framework has been developed through 1) the use of available insight and datasets, 2) alignment with national and local strategies / policy and 3) consultation with key partners and stakeholders via workshops.
7	Use the information available to you.	
8	Barnet Council should not be profiteering by selling off our assets and building rubbish sporting facilities that fail to accommodate excellent sporting opportunities. These will be lost forever. Synchronised swimming is a developing team sport for women. This should be encouraged, not closed down! DISGRACE	- SPA project documentation available on-line
9	Commitment to office staff who find it increasing more difficult to balance health and fitness within their working day.	- The commitment 'Support promotion and implementation of the Healthy Workplace Charter across Barnet' (Public Health) supports this with LBB as an operational example (case study in final version).
10	Contact groups actively involved in making Barnet fit and active	- The FAB Partnership and its associated sub/thematic groups will be open to partners, groups and organisations that make an active contribution and can help influence SPA in the borough.
11	Make money at the cost of swimmers. Thanks.	- SPA project documentation available on-line

Table 3k (email responses)		
Number of responses: 4		
#	Response	SPA Team response / action
1	<p>We support proposals to create a more healthy and active borough. Active travel, such as, walking and cycling and a healthy streets approach are vital to increasing physical activity and promoting health in Barnet. Most journeys in Barnet are less than 5 miles and there is considerable unrealised potential to get children and adults walking and cycling. Walking and cycling embed physical activity into daily life, are sustainable forms of transport with positive impacts on pollution levels in Barnet.</p> <p>As mentioned in this Framework, investment in walking and cycling infrastructure can deliver low cost, high value dividends for health. It is important that Barnet's streets are made more attractive for walking and cycling and that strong links are made between this framework and Barnet's Transport Strategy.</p> <p>By way of background, Barnet Cyclists is the local branch of the London Cycling Campaign and has approaching 300 members in Barnet. Our membership is varied including commuter, leisure and sports cyclists and people of all ages (from young adults through to those in their 70s and 80s). We have monthly meetings to discuss local cycling issues and bike-related matters including cycle maintenance and safety issues, and run a programme of cycle rides. We encourage, and provide advice, to people who are new to, or thinking about cycling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the following commitment within the Growth and Development section, which has been enhanced further <i>'Enable, promote and support plans for active travel across Barnet, through a strategic network which aims to increase use and break down barriers associated with alternative travel methods e.g. walking and cycling'</i> - Links are made to the Local Implementation Plan, which provides context to transport within the borough. - The commitments listed within the 'Growth and Development' section of the Framework identify links to promote and enhance walking and cycling in the borough i.e.; <p><i>Through the planning process identify opportunities to invest in sport and physical activity in Barnet i.e. S106 monies.</i></p> <p><i>Influence planners and key policy makers to build and promote healthier and more active communities within new developments and regeneration schemes.</i></p> <p><i>Enable and promote active travel across the borough through a strategic network which aims to increase use and break down barriers associated with alternative travel methods e.g. walking and cycling.</i></p>
2	While I strongly agree with the vision, it is obvious the reality is far from it. This document lists the constraints that different residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPA project documentation available on-line - The Framework encompasses all aspects of sport and physical

<p>have that prevents them from being more fit and active. At present there are plans for a new Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre and this document you say that the Council will focus on "Foster an accessible, inclusive and attractive approach to participate in activity" (page 2) and "Outcome 1 - Improve and enhance Barnet leisure facilities, ensuring that opportunities are accessible for all residents " (page 4). Yet if built this leisure centre will only be available predominately to those who can travel there by private vehicle, as it has a PTAL of zero. Additionally, the pedestrian access is a distance some residents cannot manage to walk, and over a path most would not be prepared to risk in the dark, when the centre will be open some days until 10pm. What is the point in having a "Fit and Active Barnet Framework" if it will be so obviously ignored! By removing diving and not allowing for the increasing demand for pool space or a competitive 50m pool you are not improving and enhancing Barnet Leisure facilities, but the opposite.</p> <p>On page 3 and 4 of the draft there is a list of objectives and on page 5 the 'useful facts' that paint an unhealthy picture of some residents. And on page 7 is listed some barriers to participation. While there is a need to have a variety of exercise and sporting opportunities, the most available to residents of all ages and socio-economic groups are pedestrian activities. There will be some residents who will not be able to be pedestrians but a large majority will be and if the pedestrian environment was improved, resulting in a more active person, this would lead to healthier individuals who could then focus on other physical activities as well.</p> <p>But the pedestrian infrastructure in this borough needs improvement. The latest walking and cycling statistics demonstrate that a large percentage of people walk, but some do not walk as frequently as recommended. The pedestrian environment needs to consider those that jog and run as well.</p>	<p>activity facilities (it is not restrictive to leisure centres), encouraging greater opportunity and accessibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The commitments listed within the 'Growth and Development' section of the Framework identify links to promote pedestrian access in the borough i.e. enhanced walking and cycling opportunities (as above) - There is strategic alignment with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to enhance and improve parks and open spaces and seeks to address items raised.
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<p>Much investment is being made in cycling, but cycling while important is not as common a form of exercise as pedestrian activities so pedestrian infrastructure should not be downgraded to 'shared paths' for cycling.</p> <p>The latest designs for footways have them slanting up and down at every driveway, thereby prioritising vehicles over pedestrians. Additionally, the footways are not pedestrian-friendly and should be designed for maximum benefit to pedestrians. The composition needs to be of softer materials, especially because people are living longer so their joints need to last longer and obese people are more likely to injury themselves by trying to exercise on hard surfaces.</p> <p>Two major identifiers restricting people being fit and healthy is that they do not have time for exercise and they cannot afford it. So the exercise environment needs to be brought to them. If someone wants to go to the gym or a leisure centre, there is the time travelling there and back, plus the cost of travel and admission. By improving the pedestrian environment outside resident's homes, this time and cost is eliminated. If they only have 20 minutes to spare they can exercise for 20 minutes for free, so more likely to than having to set aside probably 1 1/2 hours to justify a trip to the pool or gym.</p> <p>If all footways cannot be improved this way, a selection of the highest footfall footways should be upgraded to be more pedestrian-friendly. As a minimum, and with virtually no cross-overs, the footways around parks should be upgraded so that when parks are shut, there is an alternative space to exercise outside in good surroundings and better under-foot conditions than now. Rather than using asphalt on pedestrian paths in parks, more pedestrian-friendly materials need to be used and cycling and pedestrian paths need to be kept separate. On shared paths there is not the opportunity to wander for all ages with cyclists</p>	
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	<p>travelling faster. Paths in parks need to be considered as destinations, rather than transport corridors.</p> <p>A vision for Dollis Valley Greenwalk.</p> <p>This area needs to be pedestrian only as there is adequate and safer cycle route on quiet streets as the street crossing points along Dollis Valley Greenwalk have limited visibility when compared with vehicular intersections. If Transport for London want an off-road cycleway in Barnet they should consider cycle ways along the tube lines.</p> <p>Dollis Valley Greenwalk also is green belt or metropolitan open land and so a great area for the mind to get away from it all. This was not appreciated when the new path was put through from Fursby Ave to Dollis Road that now goes through a previous natural quiet space.</p> <p>With the many tube and bus stops along the walk, it is possible for many residents to access the walk by public transport. But facilities need to be provided so many can walk, run or jog along there when they live further away. There needs to be safe public toilets (individual cubicles with doors opening outward directly to the open space (no passageways)) and lockers available so they can leave their belongings while they exercise. This would open up the opportunity for residents to spend time exercising in pleasant surroundings while on their way to or from other activities. This would also be able to be achieved when time is short.</p>	
3	<p>We think the draft consultation is really good. We would especially like to highlight the desire for our facility (Tudor Park Footgolf/Golf Course) to assist the Fit and Active Partnership Board in reaching their objectives. Tudor Park Footgolf is currently achieving success in attracting many local people to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The club have been invited to discuss development plans/aspirations. - There is strategic alignment with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy will be encouraged.

	<p>participate in sport however we believe this potential can be improved by an enhanced facility on our site. The old golf clubhouse at our venue has been vacant for over a year and we are interest in helping to create a new building which will also have a community room, cafe and changing rooms. This facility would allow the course to operate properly throughout the wet winter months thereby increasing participation in sports for the area.</p> <p>We are very keen to work together with the Board to support all of the various initiatives and make this a success.</p>	
4	<p>I have read the documents and wish to email my comments.</p> <p>1. Why does Barnet always use “survey monkey” for its consultations? It forces residents to choose an option before moving onto the next page, even if they do not agree with any of them. I prefer to read the whole document first, but it does not allow that.</p> <p>2. As for improving fitness in the borough. If you are so keen on this, why are you allowing development on our playing fields? Stanley Playing Field in East Finchley is now a school. Someone is trying to build a huge horrendous block of flats in Victoria Park N3, (well done for throwing out that proposal, for the moment, but they will be back no doubt) and development is being allowed in Victoria Park East Barnet. Although it is for sport, it should not be taking up someone else’s green space and is a net loss of recreation space as prior to this there was Church Farm Pool and Victoria Park. Now a huge part of Victoria Park will be concreted over.</p> <p>There is an appeal pending for building on the Dollis Valley Walk. If Barnet own this land, then why do they not simply say it is not for sale to any developer? We use this walk regularly and it should be sacrosanct. It is the lungs of the borough.</p> <p>As Strawberry Vale N2 is one of the most deprived areas in the country, why are there no proposals for that area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A response was provided in relation to why LBB utilise Survey Monkey and the options and documents available to enable participants to have their say. The respondent was also offered to be posted a paper copy of the survey and draft Framework. - A response was provided regarding the planning and redevelopment in line with national and local guidance. - The Adults & Health section of the draft Framework encompasses all disabilities and the newly established Barnet Disability Sports Network has been set up to enhance opportunities and access for disabled people within the borough and promote equality. - The Carers Pass scheme continues to be offered within the borough with no break in service. As a key partner that provide an invaluable service to carers within the borough, Barnet Carers Centre are responsible for the coordination of the pass with Barnet’s leisure operator (Better). Barnet Carers Centre staff continue to liaise with the Prevention and Wellbeing team at the Council to ensure that those eligible and are not registered with the Carers Centre continue to have access to the scheme. - The Parks investment plan will look at play facilities and set out a schedule for when each play area will be expected to receive investment. Barnet has its own play area maintenance and inspection team who inspect all of the boroughs play areas at least once per week and undertake general maintenance in order to ensure even the oldest play equipment is safe and in good working order.

<p>Similarly the Grange Estate N2. Cherry Tree Woods N2 playground has not had any investment for years. My son is 24 and some of the playground equipment was there when he was a toddler. I do not see any proposals for making facilities welcoming to those with learning disabilities. They need to keep healthy too, for their physical and mental wellbeing. As for Carers, I understand the Carer's Passes were recently cancelled, with no notice. And carers were obliged to apply through The Carer's Centre even if they did not want to go through them for whatever reason.</p>	
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Summary

An updated draft of the FAB Framework (2016-2021) will be presented at the Adults & Safeguarding Committee on 6th March 2017 with a recommendation to adopt the document as a final version. Upon adoption the Sport & Physical Activity team will mobilise the establishment of FAB Partnership to implement the Framework, deliver commitments and determine local measures of success.

Results of the consultation exercise will be published and available via Engage Barnet https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/we_asked_you_said