



YOSC Track Project Collated Consultation Feedback

Yate Town Council recently carried out a public consultation regarding carrying out a full track and field refurbishment at YOSC (Yate Outdoor Sports Complex). Please find details of public feedback with Yate Town Council responses.

Please note personal information and some specifics have been removed to offer anonymity in line with data protection guidelines.

Increase in use of site:

- One of the best facilities in the region that has grown quickly over the last two years and is now the home of 8 Clubs used by Yate residents for parties ranging from one year and 60 years.
- YOSC has a good history of hammer throwing, with one athlete once competing at the Commonwealth Games. The current hammer squad is making great improvements. In a squad of 10, everybody is ranked inside the UK Top 100.

Postcode:

- I live at XX Longcroft which is in the Brimsham park area, very near to YOSC. Every time there is a major event there are a lot of cars along my road and into the cul de sacs looking for the entrance to the complex. I am often stopped by people, usually flustered parents and asked for directions and I always ask the same question 'Did you follow your satnav?' The answer is always yes. The signage to YOSC from Goose Green Way is very good in both directions but the whole of Longcroft and YOSC have the same postcode, BS37 7YN which is why a lot of people get it wrong. Brimsham Green School has its own post code, it would be easier for strangers if YOSC had its own postcode as well, especially if the facilities are being upgraded to meet standards for national competition.

Yate Town Council explored the official postcode for YOSC, which is BS37 7LB. When YOSC was Googled, it presented a postcode of BS37 7YN. Yate Town Council has successfully amended this through Google to the correct postcode of BS37 7LB.

Parking:

- The over flow carpark is like a dust bowl. The westerly wind blows dust into our garden, washing windows etc when the car park is used. The overflow carpark attracts 'boy racers' screeching their cars around the carpark, particularly when the gate is not locked. The turning angle into the overflow carpark is very tight and the large coaches struggle to steer their coaches out and have hit our fence a few times. We would like to see the carpark resurfaced - too smooth a surface would also be a problem as that would attract remote controlled motorised toys and skateboarders.
- One other issue that could be resolved during the track works is carparking. We are quite often short of carparking and have cars parked

down the access road and in front of Brimsham Green school. There is space either side of the service road that could be utilised to create parking spaces the top soil arising from the strip off could be used on the pitches adjacent the sports hall and any tarmac etc arising from the track works could be used as hard-core make/up.

Accessibility:

- Removable matting
- If football is to be used in the centre - it is important that adequate removable matting be used for footballers to walk back to the changing rooms and not on the track.
- Access across target range for athletes/Rugby players and use for target sprint, surface needs to deal with all circumstances.

Yate Town Council has decided that football is not to take place in the centre of the track because of the planned extension of the Ds at either end and due to a potential conflict of interest between football and athletics users (eg, as a landing area for throws vs football pitch).

Surfaces:

- The throws area and run up surrounding areas were concrete and not rubber crumb. It wasn't needed to rubber crumb all surfaces. Therefore, I would suggest either talking to the Council covering the centre because some surfaces are far cheaper. Even artificial grass was suggested by the Mondo track representative as a much cheaper solution and maintenance free. Conclusion. Does everything need to be rubber crumb?
- An artificial grass surface (say a metre wide) on the outside and inside of the track to avoid grass growing close/through the edging and prevent grass cutting getting near to the track.
- The surround to the triple and long jump area needs a barrier to prevent sand being taken towards the track, the surrounding surface needs to be smooth to allow proper brushing of the sand and not allow the build up in/of the grass that has taken place over the year. A roll on cover either end.
- Removal of grassed area along side of the runways and pits (that is counter productive to maintenance of the runways and pits).
- I also made the suggestion that the top soil arising from the works could be used to raise the level of the 5 v 5 football pitch adjacent the sports hall, this would have the dual benefit of raising the levels of the existing extremely wet area and avoid the cost of taking the soil off site which is expensive to do

Yate Town Council responds that the tender documents will specify that the surface of the central area is to be a polymeric surface (not concrete or artificial grass which can act as a bed for weeds and be at risk of contamination).

An additional width of hard surface area is to be allowed on the outside and inside of the track to allow grass cutting to take place without damage to the track surface.

Further to an unsuccessful s106 bid for a replacement surface within the shooting shed, it will be itemised within the tender documentation as part of the athletics and track project for consideration.

The tender shall specify that:

- ***The surroundings of the triple and long jump areas be replaced with a smaller gauge porous tarmac to make easier to sweep and not allow sand build-up to occur;***
- ***The western 'back straight' shall be extended in order to facilitate a second sprint straight to match the existing provision on the eastern sprint straight. All works to provide the required area of extension shall be undertaken in accordance with the relevant sections of this document;***
- ***The southern 'D' segment shall be remodelled to provide a fully accessible additional surface area to match the track surface. The area will be laid so as to provide a consistent surface surround to all throwing circles and associated features (cages, runways and the like) and to provide suitable access for disabled athletes. The area shall extend to a minimum dimension of 28.50m from the inside track lane in a perpendicular alignment to the eastern and western track straights;***
- ***The northern 'D' segment shall be remodelled to provide a fully accessible additional surface area to match the track surface. The area will be laid so as to provide a consistent surface surround to all throwing circles and associated features (cages, runways and the like) and to provide suitable access for disabled athletes. The area shall extend to a minimum dimension of 28.50m from the inside track lane in a perpendicular alignment to the eastern and western track straights.***

Upon completion of the works the facilities must achieve 'UKA Athletics Facility Competition Certificate' for the track and 'UKA Certified Facilities' for all other areas.

Drainage:

- Need for Aco type drain in front of club house where the access to and from seating area floods as no drainage present.

Yate Town Council identified that there wouldn't be a huge amount of topsoil removed thus it was not possible to use the topsoil to raise the level of the five-a-side pitch to improve drainage.

Drainage in front of the clubhouse to be added to the tender as a costed item for consideration, along with an electricity supply to the central area of the track and a water supply to an area additional to the current supply to the steeplechase.

Electricity/ Flood Lights/Water:

- There should be an electricity supply to the inside of the track.

Yate Town Council will include in the tender documentation the requirement for suitable ducts below the track construction for future connection of services such as water, power, public address, timing systems, etc. The ducts should cross from the outside of the outside kerb line to the inside of the internal collector drain at the finishing line and at each tangent point of the track. In addition ducting will be provided at each end of the Long / Triple Jump facility.

Inspection chambers should be provided where the ducts terminate. Drawstrings should be installed in all ducts during the construction phase.

All track crossings should be backfilled with lean-mix concrete below the formation level of the track construction.

- The consultant was shown the bases of the flood light columns adjacent the long/triple jump run ways with gaps between the soil and concrete base.

Yate Town Council continues to monitor and identify any health and safety issues and look at any actions required.

- Not mentioned in the spec is power and water supply to that side of the site. (next to the sand pits and runways.) It would be really helpful if a tap and electrical plug could be fitted over there, maybe within a locked up cupboard so it can't be played with when not in use. This will enable us as detailed in the spec to clean and maintain the facility to help the life time of the new surface. The sand pit also needs watering before use and its a very long journey with very many watering cans to currently fulfil this task. Also the power will enable us to power wash the area to keep it clear of debris.
- Hammer Throws floodlight required

Yate Town Council discussed floodlighting for the hammer throws area and it was decided that it was not necessary.

Fencing:

- If the back fence is pushed back enough to enable a second set of long jump pits alongside existing set. Seating on the back straight - beyond the long jump run ups. Extending the current home straight seating.
- The extension of the fence line to allow spectators to watch.

Yate Town Council will put the repositioning of the fencing on a future aspirations list to allow for a second set of long jump pits as it is currently outside of the scope of this project.

Temporary track closure/bookings:

- Please could work be avoided first half of July 2018.
- We at XXX are planning for next year's event, as a precaution I'd like to make sure we are covering ourselves for any potential problems related the proposed works at YOSC. Our event is booked in for XXX 2018. Would you mind keeping me abreast of when the proposed work will be scheduled in, with time frames for the work and level of potential disturbance, before and after the work is completed. After the initial meeting a couple of weeks ago I have a few points of concern: If the work is being carried out before the event, has enough time been allowed for over run of works?
- Will the site be free of hazards/machinery? Will the grassed area be in good condition? Will there be access restrictions arising from new fencing/layout etc?
- We rely on the great help and support of the volunteers at YOSC to make XXX a safe and well catered for event and they do an amazing job. The site is always clean and safe and the volunteers always helpful and cheerful, making it a really wonderful community event. The priority for XXX will be the work being carried out, if the work is in progress around the time of our event, will they have enough time to focus on preparing for XXX? We have every faith in the team there, but we just want to ensure our event doesn't cause added stress to them.
- As you can appreciate an enormous amount of time and effort is put into our event and with over 500 people (who have also been working hard fundraising for this event) due to attend this year we really would like

assurances that the site, facilities and efficient catering are all in order for a safe and welcoming event.

- If the council feels at this point that these assurances can't be made we can begin to look for a temporary alternative site, just for next year. Obviously this is something we do not want to do as YOSC is the home of XX, but we appreciate the work needs to be done. Due to the amount of pre-planning that takes place we must make sure we can full fill our promises to our fundraisers and the local community. So to know exactly where our event will take place is the first area of our planning, as everything we book/advertise/get printed/give out will have our venue on it and we start the printing of posters/leaflets in the next month, so we really do need a swift response.
- The last major booking at YOSC is end of July and the first major booking after that is currently mid-September. Giving 8 weeks when the minimum disruption would be encountered should the track need to be out of action during this time.
- *Personal concerns were also received and have been considered by Yate Town Council.*
- We discussed my proposals for the sequencing of the works to minimise the down time of the track, such as the new throws cage work being completed before developing the southern end (relocate existing cage, and start new Javelin run way and high jump area) in this way the infield work could be carried out in such a way as to allow the final event to take place as a throws provision would always be in place.

At this stage Yate Town Council is unable to give any assurances on final programme dates as the contractor is not yet in post.

Concerns about programme sequencing were discussed but until a contractor has been appointed, Yate Town Council requires maximum flexibility.

Specific field equipment feedback (Javelin, pole vault, long jump, triple jump etc)

Pole Vault:

- Pole vault and high jump beds need better covers

Throwing:

- North and south bends should be all weather with throwing facilities located within them. This would allow i) athletes to enter circle without having to clean their shoes first. ii) Easy access for wheel chair athletes.

Yate Town Council has been advised that in designing and installing the extension to the northern 'D' segment and the creation of the new southern 'D' segment, the contractor shall incorporate the provision of javelin throwing areas at each end of the facility.

Long Jump/construction:

- If the back fence is pushed back enough to enable a second set of long jump pits alongside existing set. Seating on the back straight - beyond the long jump run ups. Extending the current home straight seating.
- To protect the sand from contamination it would also be preferable to have new covers for the pits. I have attached an image. To have the covers as below image we will need beyond the pit put to a hard surface to enable for it to be moved when the pit is in use. The current covers have torn due to athletes running over them in spikes! The covers attached cannot be mistreated in that way.



Triple Jump:

- One other thing that I noticed going through the report was the triple jump boards are stated as 13m, 11m, 9m, with an option to paint a line for 7m take off board if required. The reality is we always need to put a tape down to mark the 7m take off point so to have a proper take off board installed for both ends would be great as its used so often for all the competitions we hold here.

Yate Town Council will ensure the tender documentation will require a full refurbishment of the existing dual aspect facility (long jump), retaining the existing overall dimensions. All existing surfacing materials, kerbs, take off boards, edge details and sand within the landing pit shall be removed and replaced with new. The maximum gradients on the runway shall be the same as for the standard track.

High Jump:

- To provide shelters for athletes at High Jump/Hammer Cages whilst competing

Yate Town Council will ensure that the tender documentation shall list the necessary construction through the extension of the existing northern 'D' segment and creation of a new 'mirror' 'D' segment to the south so as to facilitate the provision of two high jump areas within the facility.

In addition there will be a suitable 'hard surfaced' stable base upon which to locate the required landing bed for both facilities. The minimum size of the landing area shall be 6.00m x 4.00m. The base for the landing mat shall be porous in construction with provision to drain into the general track drainage system.

The take-off area should be level, using the same surface material as the track.

Throws/Hammer cages:

- Throwing cages need to be higher specification than the existing cage.
- Improved access to throwing cages should be as it is now and not modernise it.
- To provide shelters for athletes at High Jump/Hammer Cages whilst competing.
- As a minimum, all we would need is a concrete pad (circle not necessary) within a safety cage (maybe the one we currently use if it's being replaced by a new one?), 70m of field and a floodlight. If we can't get this in the grounds at YOSC is there anywhere else in Yate this could be possible?
- The provision of a training throws cage would provide the following benefits to YOSC:

-freeing up a floodlit pitch that could be used for football during the winter months (increased revenue).

-moving ballistic events away from large amounts of people

-no need to maintain holes

-For me, having a dedicated throwing "pad" would mean a larger area to practice the throw, hopefully on to a field with better drainage and no gardening to do!

-I attach a photo of what they are currently constructing at Loughborough University to give an idea of a dream Javelin/Discus/Hammer/Shot training facility!

-Notice the concrete pad...this is top of my wish list.



Yate Town Council discussed the throws and hammer cages were and it was decided that the existing concrete throwing circle would be removed and replaced with Redgra surfaced landing segment two Shot Put throwing circles will be constructed as part of the new facility provision.

The throwing circle shall be made of a minimum 0.15m thick welded wire mesh reinforced slab of 25MPa compressive strength concrete which lies on a frost-proof supporting layer. The throwing circle should be fixed when the concrete slab is laid. The steel ring should be manufactured with radial bracings to ensure that the ring does not deform during installation.

The top surface of the concrete slab (= throwing area) must be finished with a smooth wood float for sufficient traction and should have a lightly stippled, rough but not ribbed, granolithic concrete finish and should not be slippery. A stop (toe) board should be provided within the construction. This stop board shall be manufactured of treated wood or other suitable material and curved to suit the radius of the circle. The stop board should be 1.20m long, 112mm thick and 100mm high (+ or – 2mm.) and painted white.

The stop board must be firmly fixed to the concrete surround of the steel ring, positioned centrally on the landing sector and flush with the inside of the steel ring.

Provision should be made to accommodate disabled athletes in wheel chairs by installing fixing points at the appropriate throwing circles all in accordance with current UK Athletics Guidance.

Suitable 'hard surfaced' runways for the cage wheels to traverse will be installed. The runways should be of sufficient construction so as to avoid any possibility of deformation in tolerance caused by point loading through the wheels, to occur.

In designing and installing the extension to the northern 'D' segment and the creation of the new southern 'D' segment, the contractor shall incorporate the provision of Hammer and Discus throwing areas at each end of the facility. The landing area for the Hammer and Discus facilities will be marked upon the central grass field event area.

The extra equipment will not be included as part of the tender specification but companies will be invited to quote/include these items if possible.