

Public Online Drop-ins - Summary

We held two online drop-in meetings on MS Teams and Zoom on Thursday 26 February 2021 and Tuesday 2 March 2021. Seven people attended the first session and six people attended the second. The meetings were hosted by the Means and chaired by Karakusevic Carson Architect's Senior Engagement Manager. The panel included the Project Manager from Haringey Council, the Development Manager from Selby Trust and two members of the design team.

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ONLINE DROP-IN #1

Thursday 26 February, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

1. Welcome
2. Panel member introductions
3. Presentation by design team
4. Q&A

Key points/feedback by theme:

● Selby Centre Location

Park front is preferred from a safety and activation point of view. More footfall might decrease anti-social behaviour.

● Crime & Vehicle Access

Gang activity, crime and issues with speeding mopeds along the N17/N18 border was mentioned by several community members. Design team will work with Met police and local people to understand how proposals could help address this issue.

● Community Growing

The local gardening group wants more engagement with the design team to talk about growing space, e.g. possibility of access to water. Design team will schedule meeting soon and Selby Trust will talk to group about working together on gardening.

● Access to Sport

Concern that the facilities will become too expensive and not for locals even with the best intentions. Team assured attendees that that at the heart of the project is providing affordable facilities for local people.

Other topics also discussed were ensuring the right balance of lighting for people and wildlife, adequate parking for Selby and sports, and ensuring that local heritage, especially around cricket, is represented in the design proposals.

ONLINE DROP-IN #2

Tuesday 2 March, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

1. Welcome
2. Panel member introductions
3. Presentation by design team
4. Q&A

Key points/feedback by theme:

● Selby Centre Location

Attendees positive about all proposed locations for the Selby Centre.

● Access & Affordability of Sports

Sports affordability is a key concern but there is an acceptance of the need for some level of commercial use to subsidise community use.

● Health, Sports & Other Offers

Enquiries about other offers such as sports therapy, physio and disability sports by a few attendees. Important to ensure flexibility of spaces to allow for a range of uses and users.

● Intergenerational & Inclusive

Queries about how the design team will ensure spaces and facilities are inclusive of all, and promote intergenerational activity.

● Provision for Spectators

In addition to the informal spectator seating on the mound in the park, there was a suggestion that the sports hall have seating to enable events and bring in more visitors.

Other topics covered were heritage of cricket in the area, a request for a running trail around the park and a sprint track if possible. Attendees also asked about the programme slipping. There is a clear ambition to get on-site in early 2022. Covid-19 did cause some delay, but we are back on track.