

Leisure Centre Comments

It is currently a dead space - the building is of little architectural value and although it would be nice, it doesn't strike me that there are any viable options for community use. - There would be concerns about scale + affordability

Greater affordability needed in the Chorlton community, across a range of tenures

I think it is good that this site is being redeveloped. Its currently an eyesore. It is a great location for homes. We could do with sport & leisure facilities in Chorlton but I don't feel strongly either way, I'm simply happy for it to be redeveloped.

Reinforce community amenities in chorlton

We need a sports and leisure centre on this side of Chorlton. We don't need more houses and flats as the area is very crowded already. There needs to be a balance of shops, houses and community activities.

A space offering market type stalls on cheap, short term lets so local artists and entrepreneurs have a chance to offer their wares to the community and possibly get their business up and running at relatively low risk.

If this is a community asset then its on going use should reflect this. Any housing should be low cost/affordable/sheltered or even a hostel for the homeless. Any money raised by this sale should be spent in the Chorlton area on 'community' endeavors. Chorlton has become more and more gentrified over the last 20 plus years. I myself moved here 19 years ago as a young 'professional'. The less well off can't afford to live here anymore. This should be an opportunity for those people to get something back. If the leisure center is turned into yet another set of trend flats or mews houses that would be almost criminal. Lets look after the old, the homeless, those struggling by providing a safe and comfortable community space.

I think a community centre would be good. Somewhere dedicated to young people, teenagers and older children to be safe. Some sports & leisure activities to take place there.

What sort of housing do you want to see? - - Public housing!!

We need more cultural spaces.

Chorlton is a poorer place since the closure of the always busy leisure centre.

There are far too many homes in Chorlton already and proposed developments happening all the time. This land should not be used to build luxury homes.. They are houses that will not be affordable for first time buyers. The traffic in Chorlton is terrible as it is so adding more homes to the area will exacerbate the problem. The leisure centre was moved out of Chorlton to Withington which upset a lot of people. This land should be for the community and not for a few rich people. Residents have had enough. There are too many bars, restaurants and over-priced houses in this area. Locals have been priced out of the market thanks to greed. It's very sad to see. Chorlton has a great ID and that will soon be lost as MCC continues in its quest to gentrify the area., You are turning your back back on the working classes and the people who were born here and made it teh great suburb it was . You are favouring greed over community and it needs to stop.

It's the perfect place for a community asset, always was before it was closed. Hough end is a nightmare to get to because a) it's too far from Chorlton to walk and b) it's on one of the busiest roads into Manchester (Princess Parkway) and c) there is no proper provision for cycling between Chorlton and Hough end.

Chorlton lacks any sports/gym facilities which are greatly needed.

There is no sports facility centrally located in Chorlton. Although Hough End has recently opened it is not easily accessible without a car.

Lack of facilities in area.

The leisure centre was never well supported and takes up a large plot that can be better used. Low cost housing/flats would be the best use for this site.

Supportive of proposals for community use and affordable housing.

Some social housing or private co-housing would be beneficial perhaps combined with an enhanced Unicorn shop and cafe use. The adjoining area needs careful consideration of the access arrangements and parking provision to avoid conflicts with the existing mixed residential and commercial uses.

These forms never suggest more social housing, which is desperately needed. There are enough private rentals available. - - I'd love to see it re-opened as a leisure centre, but assume this is not financially viable for you to do.

With housing proposed on 2 other sites in Chorlton, our infrastructure will not be able to cope with such an increase in residents ie, Doctors, schools, dentists. We need a centre that will reflect the diversity of Chorlton and enhance arts/ culture/ food and leisure.

This is a community asset to sell it to put more money in the pockets of the council is short sighted at best. - None of the plans propose affordable housing. This is clearly a council just out to make money.

I do believe the facade of the building is of value if it can be preserved, and that the Unicorn would host an exceptional cafe if given the opportunity. Homes on the site would complement the development, and provide needed residential homes on a brownfield site. Privately owned homes are generally looked after well by owners protecting their investment, benefiting the wider Chorlton area.

There are now no sports centres in Chorlton - the closure of Chorlton leisure centre has left local residents with absolutely no provision. The building should be brought back up to standard as a swimming and leisure centre under public ownership. The fact that local school children have to get on a coach and travel to Hough End is a disgrace when a swimming pool used to be a short walking distance away.
I would like the swimming pool back. for those like me who don't drive, Hough end pool is hard to get to, tram and a long walk with fast traffic on one side and dark woodland and unlit fields on the other. It feels dangerous after dark. I used to swim daily, but only go once or twice a week now to Hough end or Withington. Those two pools are walking distance from each other, whilst we in Chorlton have been left with nothing. We didn't fight hard enough to keep Chorlton pool because we were promised a new one in Chorlton. Hough end is in Withington. The tram stop that serves it is the Withington stop.
Maintain the community amenities for the area rather than increasing the demand by building more houses
the new Hough end center is not in Chorlton and there is a need for a fitness facility withing chorlton especially in light of increasing obesity and long term health problems
I used to use the Chorlton Baths and it provided very good leisure facilities which I now really miss, especially since having a young family. It's also a beautiful building and I feel that it should be preserved for community use.
We need local facilities for Chorlton to retain its uniqueness. Especially a place for young people which is not a bar. There is almost no where that a person from 12-18 can 'hang out' in Chorlton. It's not all about bars, pubs and housing.
How dare you attempt to hand public assets over to the private sector for exploitation. I am whole heartedly against this. We have just had a General Election. Significantly the winning candidate made no mention of this privatisation in his campaigning. This is a deceit and theft perpetuated against the General public.
My choices benefit the community as a whole. - - New houses in the area are already proposed in the two other Chorlton developments.
How about a cinema / music venue. Chorlton has a lot of creativity and no great venues for seeing bands. A cinema would be popular I reckon... there are no other nearby cinemas. Please ... not more 'executive' flats or a generic community space for more toddler yoga sessions.
Turn it into a proper swimming baths and spa - a place for individuals and family's to exercise and relax in well maintained surroundings. Hough End leisure centre is not fit for purpose or capacity, too many school groups put members of the public off swimming there.
This is lacking in Chorlton
The loss of the sports centre is much felt. The facilities at Hough End are too far away. - If the site is sold for market value only this will presumably discourage local and community groups from attempting to buy it. I am not sure why the site has to be sold. If it remained in council ownership there is less likelihood of it being bought by a private company purely for the profit motive and with interest in Chorlton and its Community. It is then likely that rents will be high and discourage the types of groups we would like to see there.
It'd be good to have somewhere for young people to go (street corners and the park are their current options!). It'd be nice to have a place that acted as a genuine community centre, for older members of our community, young parents, as well as teenagers - people who may not work but who can't afford to go into town, or to Hough End, or to sit in a cafe. The leisure centre used to run mother and toddler groups there, a lifeline for me when I had babies - without the car, getting to Hough End isn't great (our nearest leisure centre now - an infrequent bus service, or a tram and a walk along a very busy road with a toddler and baby isn't all that great), so providing something genuinely local would be very useful.
I have a young family and the centre always provided good and convenient amenities
People could then walk to a sports facility. Badminton courts, affordable classes would encourage all ages to participate and would provide a community centre based around sport and exercise. Affordable housing could also be in the building.
Would like to see the historic parts of the building retained. Best use would be community or social/ shared ownership/ rented housing, don't know why social housing wasn't given as an option as surely a percentage would be required in a private development.
Chorlton needs sports & leisure options as the one in Hough Green is too far away from Chorlton town.
It is not suitable for housing as parking is already a problem and accidents occur on the railway bridge. There are enough bars.
We have a shortage of affordable housing and shared ownership can be a way in for those on lower incomes
Hough End leisure facilities are sufficient. Chorlton could benefit from more community spaces, such as an off-road craft/food market.
It would be good to see a sustainable mixed use development which could provide some space for community activities and affordable homes.
If there is to be residential use in this building, then I would prefer that the ground floor was still a public space somehow. - I really like the architecture and want this to be retained. - Could there be a couple of spaces for use for yoga, fitness classes and local community meetings perhaps? - I am part of a gardening group that meets at the library and we are getting too big for our space as that room is very small and not very soundproof. - This is what i would like. Thanks

I understand that the Leisure Centre was a facility well-used by the local community. Its 'replacement' at Hough End is only easily accessible to motorists. I think its future use should focus on the needs of Chorlton residents and perhaps a combined sports/cultural/ social centre would be the most desirable development of what is a relatively small site. I am not against the provision of more housing in Chorlton but given the existing through traffic in the area and the limitations for car parking on this site, I believe alternative uses would be much more practical and beneficial for the town as a whole. - -
the building used to be used for sports and I think there's a need for sports and leisure facilities, the space could be amazing if it was used in the way that Stretford public hall is now used - run by the community for the community offering a range of activities
lack of health and leisure amenities nearby.
I think a food hall similar to Altrincham Market would be a great addition to Chorlton. We can fill it with local traders all under one roof, it would be a great social & local hub of the town.
Lack of affordable housing in Chorlton.
Chorlton centre has been subject to significant commercial retail and residential development over recent years, whilst community spaces such as the library and leisure centre have closed or suffered from reduced hours of opening. Community projects rely on church halls or temporary lets in commercial units, and it would be good to see a permanent location near to the centre of Chorlton which these projects could use. I would appreciate seeing the council attempting to build and support communities in this way rather than attempting to maximise its income and provide exciting commercial development opportunities that limit or commercialise public space in the heart of our communal spaces.
As a Chorlton resident for many years I used the leisure centre for swimming and classes. Since the closure I have stopped these activities as it is too inconvenient and time consuming to travel to Hough End. Chorlton is a unique place to live, and has a true sense of community which makes it special. An influx of new homes, or a corporate use for the existing site would start to diminish what makes Chorlton such a wonderful place to live. The building absolutely needs to be used to serve the local community.
It would be good to see this end of chorlton thriving, building on the success of Unicorn, working in partnership with them in some way. Unicorn is a fantastic asset. I'm just a customer, have no vested interest, but I would like to see unicorn continue to thrive and grow. Co housing would be great, especially for elderly, incorporating a nursery, or facilities for children, for old and young to play together, eat together, learn about food together... there are so many possibilities. I'd invest in it!
There seems to be a lack of opportunities for young people to gather together in what were known as Youth Clubs. Maybe a more contemporary version of these could be established in the premises which also comprise a community centre for social activities, campaigning, advice etc.
need more affordable housing, disappointment not an option for rented not private, ie Housing association, rather than just rented private
Chorlton needs more community spaces that are not based in church halls or working mens clubs. The baths here were a real draw to young teens as somewhere they could walk to safely and have fun. We also used to go to the Leisure Center for ball games sometimes organised by a neighbor for the whole street. When the Leisure Centre closed it was a sad day for Chorlton - we need it back - if not as a baths then as something else community based. Exhibitions, fitness, community get togethers somewhere that is available locally for parents and others to hire for one off events.
Chorlton has a strong community interested in cultural activities, sport etc. The centre would be well used as a result of this.
1. THE CLOSED FACILITY WAS A GROTTY HOLE THAT GAVE SPORT AND SWIMMING A BAD NAME. DO NOT SEEK TO RETAIN IT. - 2. THE BUILDING IS OF NO MERIT BUT THE ROADSIDE TREES ARE. - 3. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A MIX OF HOUSING INCLUDING SOCIAL HOUSING. - 4. THE UNICORN NEEDS MORE PARKING.
There are too many housing developments in Chorlton and not enough facilities for the community
Lack of suitable affordable housing in Chorlton; shared ownership offers first time buyers a step on the housing ladder. Community centre not needed; we have the library. There is plenty of sport and leisure provision at the new Princess Road centre
I'm not answering your very restrictive set of questions. This is not meaningful consultation. This is an important issue which you have narrowed down to some very simple binary options.
There are no local, easy walking, distance sports facilities in Chorlton. The area has a large community that would benefit from improved sports and leisure facilities. It was extremely disappointing to see the this close originally in the first place.
The site is perfectly placed for providing some sports/leisure (as it did previously) but this seems a good place to combine this provision with community related space/activities etc. Flats can be built on a bigger scale elsewhere in the area.
There is a huge lack of well run community hubs in the area that do not require transport of some kind. Hough end is an expensive and over crowded facility which people mostly have to drive to. The council tax payers of Chorlton deserve better than MCC is giving them.
There aren't any gym facilities within walking distance of chorlton

It is important for a community to have a central hub that promotes healthy lifestyles. The new hough end facilities are not local and are too far away to be of use with no direct public transport to reach it.
No housing please. There are too many houses already in the inner city area. Parking and traffic are problematic as is the damage to the environment. We would like you consider proposals to improve people's halth and fitness and mental well-being.
Community run would be ok too. but there are many church groups, running play groups etc. Yoga.
I wouldn't want to see this used for housing as, as a sports centre, it provided a good community service to Chorlton. Our nearest sports centre is now some distance away and only accessible if people have a car
We are missing a good sport facility in walking distance.
I notice that I haven't been given an option for 'social housing', 'affordable homes', 'co-housing', 'housing association' or similar - these are what I would have ticked, as this is what's needed in Chorlton. I am a home owner, but am acutely aware that housing prices in Chorlton have risen rapidly in the last five years, pricing many families, let alone single people, out of secure housing. Any housing use must genuinely benefit the community, rather than see a former public asset milked for private gain. A token amount of 'affordable' homes as part of a S106 agreement is not acceptable.
Chorlton is already densely populated - it would be fairer, and make more sense, to actually bear those living in Chorlton in mind in terms of making their lives better regarding any plans. We don't need more housing that is merely there to make the City Council some extra money!
There is a lack of affordable housing within Chorlton especially with the depletion of social housing under the 'right to buy' scheme. This has led to house prices escalating beyond the reach of many people whose families have lived here for generations and this is unacceptable. Chorlton diversity of residents is one of its key assets and this should continue. - I would like to see the site continue to be used as a sports centre/community centre combined with some shared ownership accommodation. The new leisure facilities at hough end are too far for many residents and not easily accessible by bus - I have used them once and find the place to be unfriendly, unwelcoming and lacking in community spirit. - The leisure centre was a good way to increase footfall in Chorlton and thus support local businesses, in essence it was Chorlton heart; give Chorlton its heart back!
The only housing needed in Chorlton is affordable social housing and retirement housing. - A community hub and social/leisure facilities sounds iinteresting and possibly useful, however the location is just out of the centre o Chorlton. What steps will be taken to address traffic congestion and parking which is a major issue in Chorlton?
As a Chorlton resident who leaves close to this venue we really miss the indoor sports facilities on offer. To offer sports facilities and/or a community hub would be beneficial to both the residents and the local businesses in the area. However, all this is dependent upon the provision of adequate parking because the parking on the surrounding streets is already at a premium with residents often not able to park anywhere near their homes at a weekend.
Don't want chorlton to become like say didsbury, over run with commercial units which only chains and elite retailers can afford to occupy. The number of bars etc in chorlton indicate tha there is a need for a cultural centre.
I like to believe that local communities are very able and willing to establish and promote community activities - formal, eg campaigns, educational and social - complementing established groups in the district. I mention sport and leisure because 'Chorlton Baths' was centrally located and is missed. Squash, table tennis, etc. are easy activities to provide
I think that chorlton needs a better swimming pool that can be accessed by walking distance.
The decision to relocate the leisure centre and merge it with the Withington one removed two outdated but well used and popular leisure centres from the heart of their communities and replaced them with one which is not convenient for either community, involves driving where most people previously walked or cycled, and has fewer facilities than each of the previous centres. This decision flew in the face of council claims to be creating a healthier city and stronger communities. Now it has gone it should be replaced by something which helps take its place, providing a venue for classes, gatherings, holiday clubs, community meetings, etc which has been lost. If this could be combined with cultural activities, such as the opportunity for a small theatre, film club, etc. it would be fantastic. A cafe/restuarant run by the next door Unicorn Grocery might be included...etc - If housing or offices are included in the development the important thing is that these should be low rent and encouraging the unique cultural/economic mix which has developed in the area. They could be live-work units, starter units for new entrepreneurs, gallery spaces, workshops, ...etc.

<p>Why would that location make sense to build homes? Chorlton is in need of a recreation centre for youth and people of all ages to gather, socialize and get exercise. The idea that it should be sold to a developer to build housing is absurd. How many houses would want to be beside the tram lines and a busy street? Adding more housing to a busy and vibrant neighbourhood like Chorlton is not going to alleviate any of the issues that exist there currently it will only exacerbate the existing tensions and marginalize the lower income residents even more. - - However re establishing a community space would help bring the community closer together which in turn can help existing tensions and community issues to be worked out through discussion and working together. The co-operative model that works very well in many communities is not built on profit and addition of more and more members, but successful communities are built on maintaining an engaged and satisfied group of people. Where do the youth of Chorlton have to go if they do not feel safe at home for example? A portion of the centre should be dedicated to youth services. Why not move the Chorlton library into the former Leisure centre and sell the library building to be turned into a revenue generating pub or event hall? It is much more suited for this purpose than the current use as a library anyways. - - Over all, I feel that the creation of more what will inevitably be low density housing, will only add to the problems that the council faces in terms of budget shortfalls and infrastructure upgrades which are much more important than a few dozen more upper middle class homes and families added to Chorlton. Thank you.</p>
<p>Chorlton would benefit from cultural activities and the new leisure centre at Hough End is too far for anyone without a car.</p>
<p>It would be great to keep this venue as a community ran project involving local people who care about the well being of local residents. Either that or a cultural or leisure facility which will accommodate a variety of people & contribute towards promoting a healthier lifestyle whether that be physical/mental. Having such a facility locally reduces the need for people to get in their cars & drive elsewhere, thus helping with traffic & bringing people together. Community spirit is very important in chorlton. Additional housing (on top of the other proposals) will add to the concerns regarding traffic, schools & GPs. Parking, if this were to be a housing development, would be a significant problem, in particular for Cheltenham, Kensington & Ransfield road. There is already insufficient parking here for the existing residents & traffic at the Manchester Road/Kensington road is also problematic & unsafe for pedestrians during rush hour.</p>
<p>The needs to be a free form text box here. please allow local people to have a clear voice rather than steering us into what you would like to hear. Social and affordable housing is critical in chorlton. there are compelling reasons for this to happen and listening to local and national approaches to this is common sense. there is no need for 'executive' housing in chorlton, other than to ensure those that build line their pockets - change the way these projects happen - make a difference. Do the right thing</p>
<p>A community area is a must, we don't have anything like this as the leisure centre closed. It would be a fantastic opportunity to give this area a boost and provide an area to provide badly needed leisure activities, which people need to be encouraged to do rather than sitting in all the pubs, cafes and millions of takeaways</p>
<p>It is essential that the swimming and leisure facilities are reinstated as the new swimming pool at Hough End is too far especially for families that rely on public transport. We have three primary schools in its vicinity and being able to walk or cycle to it is invaluable.</p>
<p>The area would benefit from a community-run facility. We don't need any more shops or bars. It would be good to see this space being used for a variety of community activities and used by various groups.</p>
<p>I think it is a great idea to redevelop this site. As it was used previously for sport and leisure I would have a preference for it being used in this way again. However, I am very happy for the site to be used for any activity that would benefit the community e.g. cultural activities or even affordable housing.</p>
<p>Many Chorlton young people miss the baths, they find it difficult to walk to the Hough End Centre. Any facilities that could provide activities for this age group would be good. - The population of Chorlton are used to the building and its proximity to the library, the school and the health centre as being the centre of Chorlton. A community run facility would consolidate this "public realm" area of the village Centre.</p>
<p>There are a number of flats and houses already available and added housing will have a significant impact on the already over populated roads causing an even bigger problem with parking.</p>
<p>It is disappointing that the centre was closed down. With a more creative approach and more creative management, I think the venue could be run again, more successfully. The other new pools are a very different experience. They are also busy and further away. Exercise is the new black! Surely we can find a way to go in the right direction and create MORE exercise venues - community ones even better - rather than less</p>
<p>We need social or affordable housing in the Chorlton area for either younger individuals and couples and/or down sizing empty nesters already in social properties - freeing their homes for families. - - Some dry leisure facilities community room(s), refreshment retail and independent retail could some or all be included in the mix. - - There is an opportunity to improve pedestrian and cycle options at this location. Widening the bridge over the tramway would be very useful if a contribution or other enabling funding could be found. - - Highly sustainable location midway between two tram stops and well busse. No need for much if any car parking. Be good to provide good cycle storage and parking facilities. - - Can stand some height at this site and high density c.f. Cosgrove Hall Court, Quadrangle.</p>
<p>Community focus to reflect Chorlton nature esp with corporate high end nature of redevelopment elsewhere in Chorlton - somewhere for the shops from the existing precinct to go to when they can't afford the rent in the new place</p>

Our neighbourhood needs more multi-functional community facilities that serve to enhance social and economic needs. What about an arts centre which includes studios for visual artists, community resource rooms for youth activities, a commercial art gallery space, and education/training space too.
I would like to see social housing. The last question gave three options only, all of them involving private ownership of housing! - - The first question was equally impossible to answer. I'd maybe like to see it in community use but that would depend enormously on the proposals! - - There isn't a way to answer this survey that doesn't involve you distorting what respondents might wish to say.
I don't believe there is a need for another community building in Chorlton. I would prefer to see the site used for retail/leisure and/or affordable housing.
Sport, leisure, swimming in the heart of a residential community is what maintains well being in an area. I don't want to pay £3 on a tram and walk 15 mins to the Hough End. Re-open this facility, charge enough to pay wages and maintenance and the local community will be happy to pay to maintain this facility. If this is ripped down at the very least maintain the entrance as this sort of architecture is very special.
With housing developments taking place in the Precinct area and Ryebank Road, there needs to be a balance in the area of building use. An offer of cultural and/or leisure use would be welcomed to balance out the retail, cafe/bars and housing as we want to be educated and healthy residents. St Helen's Council healthy town planning would be good to look at for ideas.
There is a shortage of social housing in Chorlton and the location would be ideal for this type of regeneration.
There was no reason to do away with this facility anyway. Chorlton has hardly any gyms of any size or decent sports facilities yet the council let the old sports centre rot. It should retain this use in my view.
There is limited community space in Chorlton and the cultural wellbeing and health of the area's existing residents is of more importance than more housing. Chorlton has lots and lots of housing already.
I would like sports facilities that are easy to access and there should be facilities to keep youths of the streets
Cultural events are good for bringing a community together, it means not having to travel into the city and can give something to do to young people.
My view is that as many houses as possible are offered to people who want to live in them rather than be bought up by investors who have little interest in the city and its environs
If the planned housing development goes ahead Chorlton needs someway and somewhere to encourage and maintain it's community and independent feel. If both other developments progress i don't think this should also include residential dwellings.
The plot should be redeveloped to provide community facilities for the area. A mixed use space would be effective with some shared ownership housing on the site too. The main leisure facility could host art exhibitions, theatre and film festivals, and be available for hire by private individuals for events, for yoga/pilates/tai chi or marshal arts for example and for charitable events. The site could host a small cafe which would bring people in. It would be important to ensure there were good public transport facilities such as a slightly closer bus stop and maybe a bus route or pathway that links the tram to this end of Chorlton more effectively. - Car parking on the site has always been extremely limited. The amount of car parking space which could be provided would probably not be viable so it should be a car free development.
1. This is a small site with few options for expansion. Access issues and lack of parking space nearby will affect how the site can be used. - 2. There is no point in developing the site for sports and leisure when there is a new centre at Hough End. Whilst it would be good to see more community and cultural activities in Chorlton, this might not be the right place for them. Can community groups afford the cost of redeveloping this site??? - 3. There does not seem to be an option for social housing, or for affordable housing which is needed in Chorlton.
Chorlton is lacking good community space for a town of its size (especially given increased size with new housing developments - a reason for using this facility for something other than housing). A centre for theatre / music other arts would be welcome; also possibly a sports / leisure facility if it could be run as an attractive going concern (Hough End is NOT Chorlton).
Given the inability / unwillingness of local authorities and housing associations to build social housing in the light of the governments single minded, ideological addiction to the 'right to buy', the shared ownership option seems to be the only alternative currently available.
A community space with flats could be OK. Is the building going to be knocked down? It would be good to renovate it
It would be nic
The community misses the swimming pool. I would value space for local theatre dance sports as the community lacks this currently.
Despite the new leisure centre on Princess Road, Chorlton residents miss having a leisure centre within walking distance. Chorlton used be somewhere where you could do everything locally, including swim and participate in sporting classes, play badminton etc without having to use a car. Chorlton is a very community centred area and the residents would make good use of a community space.
Chorlton has only one poor quality, small gym. This would be the best use to re-vitalise the area.
Would like to see keep fit classes return to this site along with other gymnasium facilities. Other leisure centres are harder to get to with out a car.

We need to do are best to enable are aging population to be housed in their own neighbourhood at the centre of chorlton, with access to cultural activates + a sense of community ownership.
I would like to see more social housing. - chorlton has very little social housing if we want to keep a mixed population we need more social housing and affordable housing for 1st time buyers.
Chorlton would benefit from more social housing. - Chorlton will not benefit from privately owned, privately rented homes. There is a real need for social housing and for community spaces. The current sports facility's at hough end are often full so we are unable to use them.
If possible please ensure that there is affordable rented slots on this land. Ideally use as a community asset, as the sports hall can stay, whilst the rest of the leisure centre is demolished.
Already housing development going on. Already chorlton has cultural and community. We need a sports for all ages.
Other then the poorly maintained sports facilities in the local parks and since the leisure centre has closed there are not many sports facilities in the local area.
Will would if be possible to put a community facility into a development that is mainly housing? There is a shortage of housing in chorlton which is affordable to young people. I think mixed tenure should include social rent. Also probably a need for older peoples housing in chorlton in the next few years. Housing coops likely to be popular too.
I approve of any of the use listed. Q2 as long as they are of genuine public benefit. All housing is acceptable as long as it is affordable.
Is it going to retain the building or peculation? I think a community cinema cultural mixed sports markets. works space.
I wish to see SOCIAL rented housing for low paid workers.
Affordable social housing there is a desperate shortage.
Chorlton needs housing for young people and those on low incomes. It must avoid becoming an enclave for the very wealthy.
Chorlton is becoming too built up. The proposed housing is concerning to me due to the lack of facilities.
none it should be kept as a community asset
Chorlton is increasingly unaffordable for young people to buy a home and yet it is such a great place for young family's to live. a coop approach for the housing would be great.
With the proposed development of the shopping centre to include housing of all types I think it would be good to balance development with a non housing project i.e community centre, sports theatres. and keep the building and its history
there will need to be adequate car parking
I miss the former leisure centre as I used to go there every week for swimming and sauna.
I strongly disagree with the intention to sell the land. The community owns little land and once it is sold we lose all control over what happens in the future.
Chorlton would benefit from a community place where a variety of things could take place.
The site needs to be a mix of types but only for community use.
Community use is vital for healthily resilient people. Social mental health and demonic are huge issues there needs to be ore support. -
We have enough housing but not enough leisure facilities. We were both members of the old leisure centre. The new one at hough end is over crowded and bad timetable management. I have just cancelled my membership.
the site is uniquely situated and suitable for a combination of uses; there should be room for mixed housing including social rent as well as private ownership at the same time as maintaining an element of sports / leisure use
not housing. Chorlton needs a community centre.
The heart and sole for chorlton is being ripped out by over-development and the lack of community hubs. I am sure the leisure center could be utilised for the community in some way?
I would not wish to see the existing premises re-used for any of the options listed in 2. The former leisure centre is a eyesore and should be demolished. - The existing building should be replaced by a purpose built facility to offer flexibility of use.
I would like to see some social housing here, this is not mentioned in the previous question. How about rent to buy. Shared ownership is in my opinion out of date and too expensive, only supporting the housing provider rather than the tenant. This is what current research on the topic will tell you, its becoming more unpopular. A mix of social housing to rent and some properties to buy would work for me

Comments from Chorlton Civic Society: - - Chorlton Voice (The Chorlton Civic Society) appreciate the opportunity to be consulted on the three significant development opportunities in Chorlton and has engaged with our members to review the available material. Members have a range of views and this response aims to pick out key issues. - General Comments - - We are concerned that, although the three sites are being grouped for the purposes of consultation, they are being considered in piecemeal fashion. There appears to be no overall context which will allow the cumulative impact of the schemes to be taken into account. - The number of dwellings in Chorlton has steadily increased in recent years. These three sites, if approved, will add a significant further number of additional properties. We consider that the implication of increased numbers of households on already stretched public services such as schools and medical facilities needs to be considered. This is of particular importance as these three sites represent some of the few sites potentially available to accommodate such uses. - We therefore consider that there urgently needs to be a refreshed overall vision for Chorlton which these and other proposals can be assessed against. This should reflect anticipate changes in shopping habits and emerging new technology in transport. - We would like to see the developers of each scheme to commit to future proofing the developments, including high standards of energy efficiency and adaptability. All new buildings should be low carbon or even carbon neutral in line with the climate change strategy. New dwellings and the Precinct car park should cater for electric vehicle charging. All residential units should be 'lifetime homes', accessible for disabled people and occupants can stay put as they age, in accordance with Manchester's Age Friendly Strategy, "Manchester, a Great Place to Grow Older". - Former Chorlton Leisure Centre - - We support the community organisations who are bidding to acquire the site and hope that they will be successful. Even if the present bidding opportunity is unsuccessful, we believe that there is a need for more community meeting space within Chorlton. - However, if it is not possible to bring the baths back into use, we question whether this site is the best location for community facilities. The building is not of significant architectural value, is likely to have above average running costs and is not centrally located. There is a strong argument that new community facilities should be developed within the precinct site, where they can be centrally located, add to the footfall and distinctiveness of the shopping offer and could be accommodated in adaptable buildings with low running costs. - If the site is to be developed, we consider that a high proportion of affordable housing should be included. - - Next Steps: - - We look forward to seeing the report to cabinet reflecting on the outcome of this consultation and offer the opportunity for the results to be presented to a future open meeting of Chorlton Voice. - However, given some of the fundamental issues raised, we consider it inappropriate for there to be no further public consultation until planning applications have been submitted, by which time the developers' ideas will have been fixed. - - Yours faithfully, - , on behalf of Chorlton Voice (Chorlton Civic Society). - Chair@ChorltonVoice.org

There is a need for more social housing within Chorlton, a mix of shared ownership and private rented from a registered social landlord or housing association would be the most appropriate way to manage this. I would also consider other methods of housing ownership such as housing coops which allow for a mixed age group and can have models which include renting or shared ownership, but with everyone being part of the coop. This has worked well in Leeds with <http://www.lilac.coop/> this is a mutual home ownership society.

Health of people is important

Ideally, the swimming baths should be reopened. - - If it is not possible to bring the baths back into use, then there is still a need for other community facilities in Chorlton. However, the building is not of significant architectural value, is likely to have above average running costs and is not centrally located. New community facilities could be better located within the precinct site, where they can be centrally located, add to the footfall and distinctiveness of the shopping offer and could be accommodated in adaptable buildings with low running costs. - - If the site is to be developed, a high proportion of affordable housing should be included.

Community needs a place to run events and activities. This would make an ideal base for a huge variety of different activities from sport to creativity.

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I understud this was going to be social housing this is badly needed. This would be the best use of the site.

I would like to see at one working pool for the local community. As some do not have access to cars to reach hought end also bus fares may not be a option.

Should be a sports venue. hough end is too far away/ run by Stalinises has no football facilities. We should follow Withingtons example.

we need more leisure on the west side of chorlton.

I am disappointed about the leisure moving to hough end. I find it quiet difficult to get to. I used to go swimming and keep kit classes and of course sauna. Thank You

I think the leisure centre should be used for sports and social actives and for the use for the residents of chorlton.

There is no other swimming pool and sports hall in chorlton centre so I feel it is important to retune the use to leisure. And use the building for community use.

Although I would love it to be used as a community centre I do not think this is commercially viable. With so many young people unable to get on the housing ladder and many older residents wanting to downsize but stay in Chorlton near facilities it would be a perfect site for shared ownership or housing association apartments. I do not want private flats and would be worried that many would end up rented by landlords. I think it is really important, especially if the other developments are looking at private properties that one of the developments looks at people who really cannot afford to buy outright in Chorlton.

I don't want to see new housing as Chorlton does not have the infrastructure (school places, health care etc) to support a significant number of additional families or to support more cars on the roads. I would like to see the site being developed for community projects, retail or leisure. I do not want the building to be left to fall into more of a state of disrepair (other buildings in Chorlton have been left until they are so dilapidated they have to be pulled down - a building on Beech Rd being a recent prime example) so any successful bidder should ensure they have the funds to restore and maintain such an old building.
There is a lack of public sports a recreation facilities within walking distance of Chorlton.
I think it is a prime site that was much valued by local residents. I would love it to be used for sports because although Stretford isn't too far away, even a distance of a couple of miles makes a difference to how likely people are to attend something. As a society we are getting fatter and more unhealthy - in the long term it is far cheaper to invest in something here than to pick up the pieces through the NHS etc later on
- The site should be made use of and not left empty. Chorlton requires more housing, so apartments could make use of the site. It would be nicer if they could retain the frontage or elements of the exiting building combined with contemporary materials/architecture.
There is a dearth of community facilities for meetings, sports and leisure in Chorlton and the surrounding areas. I would like somewhere to go to do these activities within walking distance of my home.
Not enough options - I.D like a mix of private owned, private rented & affordable with community/co-op space below
The external fabric of the building should be retained .
It was previously for Sports and Leisure and there is always demand for a Sports and leisure facility
We need more social funding in chorlton particularly for young people and elderly. Could a local housing association not get involved.
I and many people used the leisure centre. I would like it to be reopened as a community led leisure and sports venue. Hough end leisure centre is too far for many family's and this I believe this has had a impacted on local people.
The building has great potential to become a music & arts hub. Practice rooms & gig space could be built into the old pool & squash court areas. Likewise the same spaces could be used for art classes.
Need for sports facilities in chorlton, especially for families and people without cars
this is a community space and should be used for same - id like to see a park area for children - or social housing - or extend unicorn grocers and also have social/affordable housing plus some trees -
We have no leisure facilities at all in Chorlton. I used the old centre 5 days a week, now I have no access to sports facilities locally, this impacts on mine and my families health. We desperately need sports facilities and if a community centre could be included then this is a bonus.
Swimming pool is now miles away. Too far for children to walk to easily as my eldest did. Lack doctors and school facilities. Places and things for the young. Currently have to drive kids to Trafford do anything like that.
Chorlton needs more AFFORDABLE housing - not just large 'executive' houses. This site could be used for flats or for 2/3-bed houses. It must have off-street parking! It could have some kind of sport/community amenity too that was available to other local people if there is some sensible proposition for this. We don't need any more church hall-type rooms, there are already several in Chorlton. If the housing had e.g. a gym or a swimming pool attached it could be open to the public though? It doesn't need retail units - there are already several empty such units in Chorlton.
Personally I enjoyed attending aqua fit classes x 2 per week. I have since developed Parkinson's tarits and have mobility problems plus other health conditions. I have under gone physio training and must diligently and frequently do muscle exercises which I find very hard to do disciplined to take part in. Aqua fit is ideal over all body muscle movement. - I positively vote open up a sports complex. - Encourage a healthy and happy life style for all not just chorlton. - Residents and neighbouring areas too!!! - I have lived in chorlton all my life and know its a key place to travel too and shop plus provide solid educational establishments of all ages. - SPORTS FOR ALL !!! I.E DISABLED & ELDERLY.
Although the old building was a run down facility, a refurbishment would provide healthy opportunities for local people. Especially those who cannot afford to travel over to the hough end leisure centre.
The new Hough End centre is nowhere near Chorlton. Sporting facilities are needed.
The swimming pool in Hough End has really short-changed people in Chorlton - it is too far, and people can't really walk there, as surrounding areas on the Chorlton side don't feel safe. We need a pool back.
Chorlton is in desperate need of a gym/sports facility. I would like to see the former leisure centre be split into affordable housing and a gym (to a private company such as Pure Gym or The Gym Group). Currently there are no quality health facilities and Chorlton residents have to travel to neighbouring boroughs to use services.
The new hough end leisure centre as nice as it is is too far away from the core influence of the community. - - A lot of people that used to use the old Joel Tom baths did so as it was located within our thriving community and now they can't make the trip to hough end. - - I accept that the pool is beyond ecco omical - Repair for use as a pool but could easily be renovated for a community centre. The sport hall is still very usable for a lot of the community groups that have now been forced to look for alternatives.

I don't want to see the leisure centre site being sold off to a developer. It should remain in council hands and used for the benefit of the community.

If we could keep the old baths and all of its beautiful and original features inside and out then it would make a great apartment block with the potential for underground parking since the pool spaces are already dug out and because it is so close to the tram. Old buildings like this seem to make popular private housing as proved by the development of the old Withington Hospital building. - - Failing that, perhaps it could be used as a function space, like a community hall or other event gathering space. For example the Chorlton market stalls could use this in Winter time or when the weather is bad or it could be used for social events in Manchester, amateur dramatics, comedy nights, as a wedding venue or similar and seasonal events. - - However, if the building itself cannot be saved or utilised in any other way as it is, although it makes me sad I think the best and most practical use for the space left behind would be as a small multi-story car park for Chorlton visitors when using the existing shops, bars and restaurants and the new ones that will be nearby with the redeveloped Chorlton precinct and insufficient car parking facility that is planned there.

My nearest swimming baths are not in walking distance, and is very busy at most times. A more accessible swimming pool would be of great benefit to the health of the local population and myself.

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Generations of my family have known and used Chorlton Leisure Centre. I myself, learned to swim there, having had weekly lessons with my school, Oswald Road Primary. As a parent I have taken my son to regular lessons in various leisure activities, including martial arts. We do not have a car and the closure of this much needed and valued amenity, has been a great loss. Even if we had our own transport we would not use the new leisure centre at Hough End. We don't believe that we should have to get in a car or on a bus in order to get to our most local leisure centre. Chorlton is a busy vibrant suburb and should have provision for leisure in its centre. Hough End is virtually in Withington and does not serve our residents. It would actually be - easier to go to Stretford leisure centre and spend our money in Trafford. Therefore, I feel that the only option that should be considered for the former Chorlton Baths is as a current Chorlton leisure centre.

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<p>Chorlton doesn't have a general community space like a village hall, and though there are some community spaces these tend to be linked to churches or schools and have various restrictions as a result. A dedicated community cultural and arts based centre would in my opinion help to fill that gap. There is already a thriving arts and cultural scene in Chorlton so there would be plenty of people to support this. I also ticked the possibility for sports and leisure, but this would be secondary in my mind and to supplement the facilities that have moved to Hough End. For example if there was a general space at the centre, it could maybe also be used for things like community-based exercise classes, and flexible-space sports like badminton and martial arts, when not needed for cultural events. This could also help in terms of income generation.</p>
<p>I support the Unicorn Grocery's bid to use the site as a residential and retail mixed use development in conjunction with a social housing provider.</p>
<p>Chorlton has few community spaces, so this would be welcome. There are plenty of bars and restaurants, and we definitely do not need new chain stores.</p>
<p>There are already plans for more housing in the centre of Chorlton. Sports and leisure are important for keeping healthy. Not everyone can afford private gyms. The new sports centre in withington is too far for many people to travel and not easy to get to.</p> <p>A new community and arts centre would be well used and appreciated by the people of Chorlton. As the site had community use before I think it should remain as a community resource.</p>
<p>Chorlton is already full of housing and flats. We ideally need more decent off road car parking provision in the centre of Chorlton to reduce the pavement parking and obstruction of entrances and at road junctions; not flats in what is a main shopping and cultural road.</p> <p>If it can not be a car park then a social / leisure facility as Chorlton has very little other than pubs, bars and restaurants. Chorlton thrived due to alternative attitudes; these need space to grow and need to be nurtured for the greater good.</p>
<p>We are sick of flats going up on every available plot of land! The local amenities are stretched beyond capacity as it is. Doctor appointment typically are not available without a 3-4 week wait. The roads are clogged up with cars. There are not enough school places. This community needs investment in amenities not more housing. That centre was a valuable asset to us and whatever replaces it on that site MUST be beneficial to the community, it must be something for the community. The leisure centre is sorely missed, the replacement is far away and there is nothing similar in the local vicinity.</p> <p>Taking valuable assets from the community and selling off land to the highest bidder to maximise short term gain, while increasing council tax is exactly why the people of Manchester feel the city council is working against them.</p>
<p>It is well located for Chorlton people, especially those without transport such as the elderly.</p>
<p>I am 68 and I dont like having to travel to Hough End for keep fit.</p>
<p>it is a shame the developments in Chorlton cannot be considered holistically. If community space were to be provided in the Pecinct development there may not be a need to retain it on the leisure centre site, for example.</p> <p>I think the site should be retained for community use - this could be mixed cultural and sports, be community run and be developed with housing (rather like Merseybank community centre). Such a development could capture something about th unique character of Chorlton as a place.</p> <p>I do not understand why there was no option to select social housing in the types of housing to be provided - this is where the shortfall in Chorlton lies.</p> <p>I am disappointed that the Council intends to sell the site for full commercial value - why is there no constrctive discussion with local community groups about other terms of disposal? It is disingenusous to ikeep the option of community use and community run facilities on the table whilst putting evey conceibvable obstacle incethe way of a community gorup realistically being able to operate a facility. I sincerely hope that the Council will reconsider its position.</p> <p>Whatever the development, I would hope that a core principle would be for a zero carbon development and maintenance of the site and a clear fit with th Climate Change strategy; and for homes for life design for any housing ensuring it is fully accessible to disabled and ageing people.</p>
<p>The loss of such a central facillity to famillies has NOT been replaced. Hough End is not easily accessable for famillies and children. The redevelopment for a community space, especially for famillies and children, would be of HUGE community benefit. Currently only the library presents this in central Chorlton. If the redevelopment of more housing on other sites is pushed through then we need to create more infastructure to support a growing community and turning this into more housing wint help us. It should be used for community purposes only.</p>
<p>I would like to see a mixture of uses- maybe some shared ownership homes could be introduced in to the mixture of cultural/sports. community centre activities. preserving the old architecture is a big priority for me.</p>
<p>Lack of sports facility's close by. Hough end is a mooch</p>
<p>It is hard enough for young people to get on the housing ladder once they start paying rent. Starter homes for young and young family's to encourage to build a future.</p>
<p>Chorlton needs more community space for groups to use and for leisure activities and community meetings.</p>

a community hub like Trafford have now got. Something with classes or activities for kids. Something that allows kids and the elderly to mix perhaps a space for local businesses to engage.
Chorlton has been neglected by the local authority. Any redevelopment needs to consider a balance between local people and incomers who usually move on. Chorlton needs a community hub. More social housing that enables people who were born and grew up in chorlton to stay near their families. Media city has had a massive impact upon chorlton.
As someone who used the leisure centre every week for swimming and squash, I was disheartened to see it close. Especially since I don't drive, so find it difficult getting to Hough End and both my activities have now stopped. My friends and family would certainly love to see it put to community use.
<p>1. Older public swimming baths are notoriously costly to run and difficult to up-grade, however, the building is no doubt sound and attractive in its semi classical architecture. This building therefore is an asset to the urban scene and architectural variety in Chorlton.</p> <p>2. The environment since the site is sandwiched between the tramway and Manchester Road is anything but attractive and it is unsuitable for housing.</p> <p>3. The blank facades make this building suitable for cultural activities such as an art gallery or theatre or other performance space. We have lost our dancing venues with the demolition of Longford Hall and the ballroom down Barlow Moor Road and this could be also used as a ballroom with the interest and revival of interest generated by "Strictly Come Dancing".</p> <p>4. A wider view of the area shows that Albany Road is in a state of transition from industrial uses to residential it is not beyond ingenuity and cooperative planning to negotiate an extension of Albany Road to run through to join Manchester Road through this site. The BT site will eventually go for housing, 102 Manchester Road already has permission for 22 flats in the existing building and the Cosgrove Hall site is already home to 48 flats with parking. A through route would alleviate the congestion caused by the popularity of Unicorn vegan grocery with its regional catchment of customers. Of course, this idea will be said to be impossible, but are we so lacking in will and ingenuity ?</p>
The leisure centre was great because it offered so many sporting activities. We miss the Saturday squash sessions for children. The pool was great but not warm enough (water) so we went to Streford. We would love to be able to stay in chorlton though.
If it is going to be housing would be good if it could be affordable housing.
Should the Council choose to redevelop Chorlton Leisure Centre, and for it not to be handed over for community use, we are of the view that the whole of the Council-owned site should be set aside for affordable rented homes, with a proportion allocated for community space.
We look forward to hearing from you regarding the next stages of this process.
Kind regards
Chorlton and Chorlton Park Liberal Democrats
Many retired people would enjoy a cinema for latest or request films.
Many young families would enjoy cinema and other activities.
NO FLATS AT THE PRECENT

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Taking down the current gym part of the building allows either its re-creation but with an opportunity to build over it or the chance to create more retail.

3 Better delivery access

Remodeling the site also allows for the creation of a route through for deliveries to Unicorn Grocery - a co-operative retailer of enormous value, a success story the the area - but whose success has brought with it logistical issues that cause congestion issues currently up Albany Road.

4 Affordable housing

The release of the space above the baths then allows for more affordable housing.

5 A sustainable community asset

The opportunities allow for a capital sum to bring the baths up to appropriate standards as well as creating income to subsidise them into the future.

A Community Trust owning the site could also allow clauses to be inserted into the housing lease so that it remains affordable for future occupants.

a proposal

This sketch shows 6,400 sq.ft ground floor space including artic access.

Above could be 44 flats for sale of which 12 meeting MCC affordability criteria

60% car parking + disabled visitor parking for baths

Baths preserved

The building at the back is a similar height to the telephone exchange, buildings to Manchester Road rise up from the former council offices by 1 floor at the bridge so partially hidden by the rise in level here (sketch submitted to South Neighbourhoods Team

There is a lack of public sports facilities in Chorlton, in particular swimming baths, since the closure of the Leisure Centre. The Hough End Centre does NOT serve the population of most of Chorlton. The large car park there reflects the fact that most users have to access it by car - hardly an encouragement to adopt a more healthy and active lifestyle. Public transport is not particularly convenient and it is not within walking distance for the majority of Chorlton people.

I would like to see the leisure facilities restored, as Hough End is both overcrowded and remote.

if this is not practical, I would prefer to see the site redeveloped by Unicorn and a housing association to provide affordable accomodation.

Hough end too far and too busy

Ditto stretford

Should be encouraging healthy lifestyle

A space to display local talent, to hold clubs or meetings, and have children's groups would be nice.

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I would encourage the council and developer to make the response to climate change a central feature of the development's character. The appetite for environmentally conscious living is strong in this area and sustainable housing would be seen as a key selling point for future residents.

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The existing building is a mess - it has no architectural merit or historical importance and would cost a fortune to restore and maintain. It needs to be demolished to make way for something more attractive and useful. Chorlton needs more housing - in particular if that can be affordable (which could be eg shared ownership/social rented). This (more housing - possibly combined with retail) is more important than continued "community use".

It's no longer any use as leisure centre without massive investment. Chorlton Needs affordable rented and for purchase housing preferably developed by a Housing association.

A scheme similar to the Work For Change Co-operative (on Old Birley Street in Hulme) should be encouraged, with conditions applied to ensure that the post-development ownership and use of any sub-units can be controlled to suit the community and its needs.

This site should be developed in conjunction with any future plans for the precinct in mind. Also, any future housing development within Chorlton (inc. proposals for the precinct and Ryebank Rd) would lead to increased demand in public services and community spaces. Therefore, I think that keeping this space for community use could have increasing importance. I understand that Unicorn are considering making a bid for this site, and given that they are a key destination shop, this could have the potential to bring greater footfall and boost business to the area.

I think swimming pools are important assets for local communities and should be retained wherever possible. Facilities within walking distance of homes will always be more beneficial to people's health.

The proposals for Chorlton are transparent in pushing the area towards gentrification. Where is the social housing, the truly affordable housing? If the character of the area changes, does this wipe out the features that made it desirable in the first place? A substantial community hub would greatly enhance the area for all.

I really, really miss the swimming pool. I am a 65 year old woman who hasn't been swimming since the pool closed. I loved being able to walk there and the fact that it was a small pool. Ideally, I would love to have a pool there again.

If a pool is not possible (why not?) having a community and cultural centre up that way would give renewed life to that end of Chorlton and would bring custom to the independent shops up there. A cultural and arts centre, plus community meeting rooms and some leisure facilities would be good. Maybe a place where older people could get together. An exhibition space with places for pop-up stalls, cafes etc. How about some undercover spaces for the farmers' market and craft markets. Yes, definitely communal spaces please with an outdoor green area and bike park.

Housing would be dull and reduce the possibilities for communal space in Chorlton.

We miss the sports centre! It was so convenient and well used, great for maintaining good mental and physical wellbeing and making friends and building community.

The building would be well used for cultural events and community activities or even for local artists to use it as a space for workshops - it could be used as a community cinema or somewhere for independent food and drink outlets like an indoor market.

Chorltons infrastructure cannot currently support an increase in local population. build a school or two & a clinic & then the situation will alter.
i did not answer the last question because the option that I prefer is not offered. I know that many people in Chorlton want to see either 1) the leisure centre re-opened or 2) social housing - that's affordable rent publicly owned housing that is legally protected so that it remains as affordable rent housing. The only other option I would support would be a community space for events etc - Chorlton doesn't have a community centre capable of hosting local events (apart from Blue Box at CHS or commercial venues) so developing the former baths as a community centre would be a major contribution to the Chorlton scene..
Chorlton need more affordable housing and rent to buy is a good option for this site.
It is centrally located in Chorlton making it an important facility and should be used for sport/ cultural/ community purposes, rather than housing. If such uses are not viable, the other potential option would be making it into a market, similar to Altrincham or Mackie Mayor, although some space should be set aside for community uses or 1/2 days of the week. A further option would be to do something like Victoria Baths in Longsight and can be used for events/ weddings etc.
We need more affordable housing in Chorlton. Families are being priced out and it's very unfair. The baths site is an eyesore and we should get rid, but replace it with something a bit special, as this it will be a gateway development. Let's have imaginative, sustainable and eco-friendly architecture and create a landmark. The baths were awful and although it was good to have them within walking distance, they were old, dirty and not a very nice place to visit. I would also like to see community space in there, for meetings, exhibitions, markets, performance etc - that would be great, as would small retail units for independent retailers, rather than just letting the whole ground floor be another bloody Tesco! The Manchester Road end of Chorlton is quite vibrant and lively, so let's reflect that in what replaces the Baths.
Its a wonderful building very central to chorlton, there are no facilities within walking distinct of chorlton for sports or leisure since it closed so that should definitely be part of reopening the building and celebrating the wonderful community of chorlton
<p>RESPONSE FROM OSWALD ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHORLTON</p> <p>We note with great interest the development proposals to Chorlton Precinct, Ryebank Road and Chorlton Leisure Centre including the potential for around 290 new dwellings.</p> <p>The developments triangulate Oswald Road and St. John's Primary Schools, providing for a combined 1,200 pupils locally and sharing axial routes to Longford, Nicolas and Oswald Roads. We strongly recommend;</p> <p>The Community's Needs</p> <p>1 Creation of a Masterplan for "Chorlton North"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the cumulative impact and opportunity of the 3 developments • In context of the Chorlton Plan (2009) • Resulting in a focussed local Action Plan with key recommendations <p>2 Prioritising the Local Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major improvements to public realm and highways are required including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Child friendly, pedestrian priority and traffic calming measures o Improved access to public transport Chorlton Metrolink and Bus services o Creation of a holistic parking strategy for Chorlton, not just the Precinct o Creation of a cycling strategy for Chorlton <p>The School's Needs</p> <p>3 Controlling Vehicular Traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas, Oswald and Longford Roads experience heavy traffic flows. Encourage traffic flows away from these roads and prioritise children, pedestrians and cyclists • Create defined parent drop off / pick up area to, for example, the new Manchester Road as a circular route. • Encouraging walking and cycling to School and Work; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create new Zebra crossings encouraging safe access across; Longford Road towards Field of Os, Nicolas Road towards Chorlton centre, Oswald Road towards the community and café o Creation of dedicated cycle lanes and parking • Parking agreement within the new Precinct car park for School use <p>4 Improving the School Environment</p>

- The School currently meet less than 25% of Department for Education outdoor space guidelines
- The majority of the outdoor grounds are tarmacadam resulting in injuries and limiting outdoor activities
- The School requires an urgent upgrade of School outdoor play, sports and recreation areas
- Field of Os presents an opportunity as multi-sports pitch including new secure boundary fencing

Finally - could the proposed developments contribute annually to a local "charitable Fund" supporting, for example, School, Community and Public improvements for the long term?

As a major local stakeholder, we look forward to driving these proposals forward in partnership with the Council, developers, St John's Primary School our community and its children.

- Headteacher, Oswald Road Primary School

We have very limited facilities in the local area - ie within walking distance

There are other areas and developments in the vicinity which can be used for housing. This site is near the library and other areas of community activities and is well placed to continue being used for something of benefit to the community.

Situated close to a large number of, mainly, young persons, there is plenty of scope to offer sports facilities. I don't think the pool should be brought back into use though; it's expensive to maintain and the one at Hough End offers a better and more modern one.

We have lost the leisure centre without its facilities being replaced. In addition, given the rate of new residential building in Chorlton in recent years, I am opposed to any more residential development in the area.

I feel it is appropriate to use this facility for the benefit of the local community, as it has been a focal point until recently for sports and leisure and we should not jettison such a valuable community resource. We now have the use of a sports centre at Hough End Fields, but this is shared by three areas who have had their local sports centre closed down. Hough End was ill conceived regarding size and is already, I believe, too small for the number of people/ groups wanting to use it. It also require use of car or public transport to get there, so does not encourage the fainthearted or mobility challenged, and so does not adequately support preventative health to vulnerable groups.

It would be a great asset to Chorlton to have/ retain a resource for cultural activities, sports, leisure and social opportunities, and could greatly enhance and promote the mental and physical well being of the community, especially the elderly and the isolated. So many different opportunities could be made available by interested groups

People are so much more likely to use an easily accessible venue at the heart of their community where they can feel connected.

need more social housing, for people on low incomes, or a few private flats for single people.
miss community venues, youth clubs closed etc.

The site is suitable for an innovative scheme of co-housing, but should also be considered as an opportunity for culture or sport

There is a great need for the reopening of the leisure centre for both swimming and gym facilities and for being both LOCAL and a community spirit need. I believe the consensus is for people to get healthy. Not take away any facility that would help them to achieve this! Also, Hough End is too far away and oversubscribed. Therefore there is a need to reopen Chorlton-cum-Hardy baths. But by the local community not corrupt beings!
Chorlton character is based on its community activity, festivals, markets etc. I would like to see an indoor vase for done if these things combined with an arts centre or sports/leisure facilities for young people
We need more housing and I'm in favour of that, as long as there is sufficient parking provision included in the proposals.
This response to the formal consultation on the three areas of proposed Development Framework in Chorlton, the Precinct, Ryebank Rd and the site of the former Leisure Centre is submitted on behalf of all three councillors in Chorlton Park ward, Councillor Mandie Shilton Godwin, Councillor Dave Rawson and Councillor Joanna Midgley.
Chorlton Leisure Centre Whilst we mourn the loss of the baths, and feel that the Hough End development is in fact far too small to meet the needs of all the communities that it needed to support, on balance we hope that this site could be used to support local businesses and the development of more affordable homes.
Housing? Affordable housing eg flats/mixed types.
I believe the site could contain a mix of uses as stated so that it still could be used by Chorlton/other people as a community asset as originally intended eg 'sports' less expensive to run/maintain than baths
There is a difference between using the building and using the site. If the site has housing (council housing) and a community centre would be good. If using the building not sure how it would be used for housing. I would like to see it to be used for community use and pos link to unicorn next door.
Need more information. I do not want a single community run centre it must be accessible for all. Could it be used as both community centre and cultural venue.
It is too small for housing and it's a shame not to have something that brings the community together rather than more housing and more traffic.
The site is not suitable for more housing because the junction of Longford Road and Manchester Road is already busy.
Retain the building for community either as a community centre or leisure would be good. Chorlton doesn't have a lot of community space.
There is no provision for swimmers in Chorlton now. The centre at Hough End was already crowded when it opened i.e. too small to meet demands. A keep fit centre or lower cost gym would also help fill a hole. There has been too much building and shoe-horning in of housing in Chorlton in recent years. Traffic and pollution and overcrowding have increased as a result.
Chorlton is crammed with flats and houses already, with pressure on the public transport, road usage infrastructure. Hough End Leisure Centre is too crowded. We need facilities affordable that residents can walk to.
If it has to be housing there it needs to be social housing
This is an opportunity for Manchester City Council to increase its provision of quality social housing in a central location.
I would prefer if this was kept for sports and leisure activities to help maintain the community environment flustered with Chorlton. Housing development for private rent will only gentrify the area and make local residents feel more isolated.
It's a waste of a great resource to demolish it and build houses here. It is a community asset and should be used as such.
There is a lack of community shared space and affordable housing
I think if they are going to be private rented they should be rent controlled??? Why have you not included social housing on this list??? It seems that Manchester City Council has decided that the majority of those on the waiting list for homes are desisted to remain there
I am concerned about the density of the housing if this is what all 3 Chorlton sites are used for? A small well-designed amount of new housing would be fine, but not huge building with a million flats in it. There is already a building like this next to the Lloyds pub which I feel should have never been allowed.