

Comments From A Consultation Exercise At Sneinton Market Nov 1st 2008

Introduction

This exercise was devised to clarify one of the key findings from the May 31st data, that 93% of those surveyed would rather see Nottingham City Council put the money they promised into making VLC better, rather than building a new Leisure Centre somewhere else.

The Consultation Exercise

The consultation exercise was based around 2 responses which participants were invited to choose between:

"I want Victoria Baths to be done up. This would save some of the best bits of the building while making it more modern";

and response 2:

"I want a new building to be in place of Victoria Baths. This would give a purpose-built building, all new."

The Findings

45 responses were recorded. 42 of the respondents agreed with the statement "I want Victoria Baths to be done up". 3 agreed with the statement "I want a new building in place of Victoria Baths".

When respondents to the survey had completed the form, they were asked why they had made their choice. The comments were either written down by the respondent or by the interviewer.

24 of the 42 respondents who ticked the "I want Victoria Baths to be done up" box left a comment:

- I like this Architecture and I would like it to keep its function- but would like it modernised
- Great building- in keeping with the local area
- Victoria Baths to remain the same. The heritage of Nottingham. I first came here 43 years ago. I still have the same sentiments even though my two brothers tried to drown me in the Oval Pool!"
- Don't ruin the existing building
- Why should the Council knock down a heritage building?
- There should be a heritage site- there are some good features- for example the iron girders and the clock tower. It is a landmark.
- They've demolished so much of old Nottingham already.
- Historical interest
- I like the history. It just needs cleaning up.

- It's got history.
- Keep the interesting part of our heritage.
- It fits the area
- The history that the Baths have been invaluable to generations in the past and the quality of the structure is second to none.
- Leave it alone.
- We need buildings of character in Nottingham.
- It's part of Nottingham's history.
- Lots of family connections with Victoria School and Baths.
- Outside looks good. Too many modern pools, people want something different.
- It is an iconic building and part of the local heritage and provides an essential service.
- Been going there since I was 7: 68 years!
- Preserve our historic fabric and a key part of our community.
- Save Victoria Bath pool. Save the building.
- For the history.
- Don't wash your hands of our Baths

2 of the 3 respondents who ticked the "I want a new building to be in place of Victoria Baths" left a comment:

- Let's have all the modern facilities.
- New build better for the environment.