

## Victoria Baths: Positive visions for the future

These images show some of the great ideas that the Save Victoria Baths campaign have had for an exciting revamp of the existing leisure centre.



This view shows how, by replacing the squash courts building, a new vibrant edge to Sneinton Market could be created.

The key idea is to have visible activities and usable entrances AT STREET LEVEL so that people can come and go from this building.

There could be opportunities for commercial units here facing the market with entrances from the street. This would also give direct access to the wonderful girdered sports hall behind, so that events or indoor markets could be held in the hall, bringing in revenue and offering a new community events space.

It is a proven and well-known urban design principle that visible activities and entrances at street level improve security of public spaces- something that is badly needed at Sneinton Market!

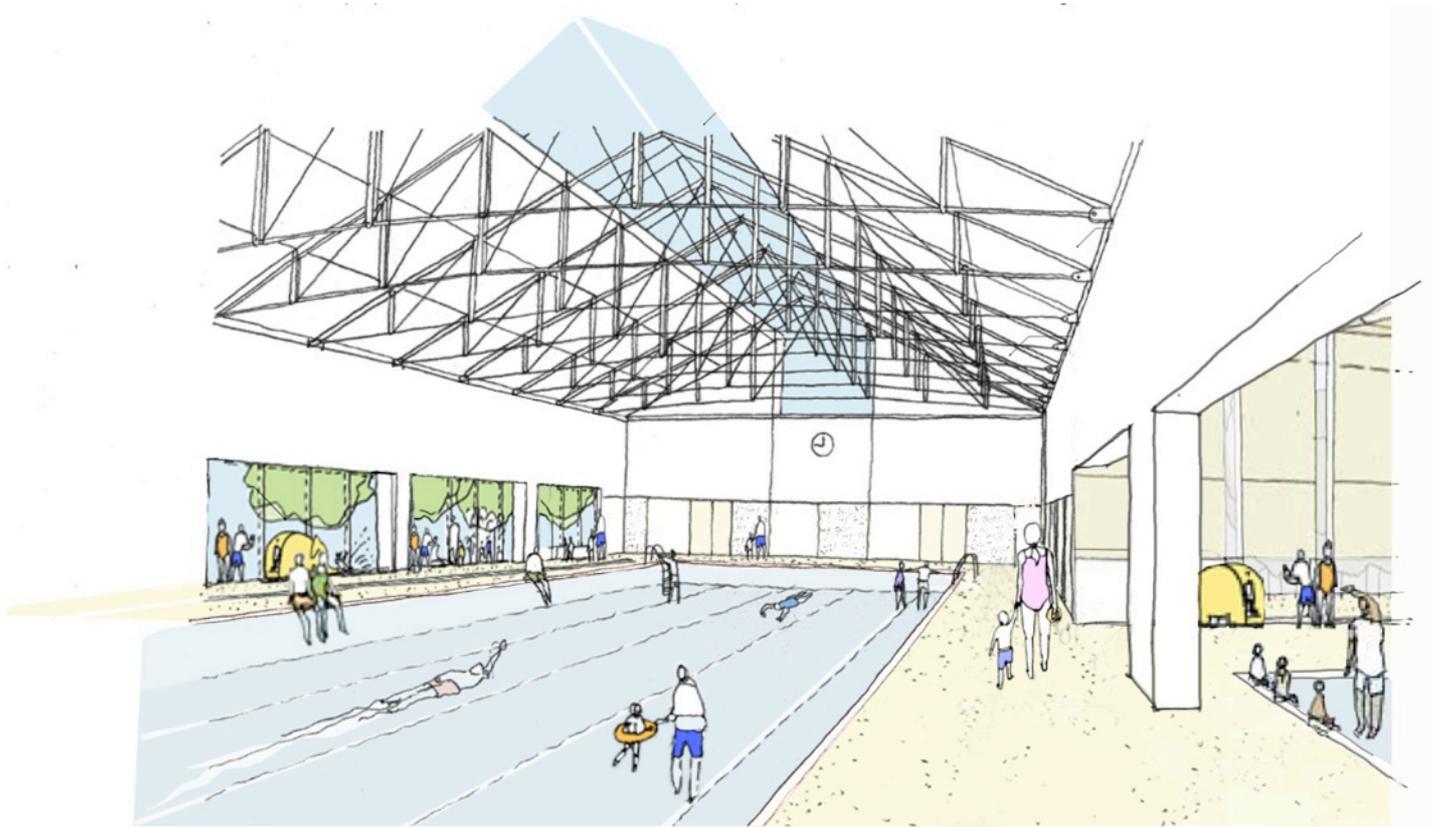


This sketch shows another option for the frontage to Sneinton Market. The basic idea is the same- to replace the blank walls of the 1970s additions with new buildings which allow views in and visible activities at street level.

Obviously, the activities on show have to be carefully considered- ideas that would work include the reception area, a cafe, and parts of the gym.

Not many of us would like to be seen in our swimming gear in public, however! If the swimming pools were to be placed right next to the market, a complicated and expensive way would have to be found to screen them off- which would then get rid of views of activities...

So a sensible idea is to keep the swimming pool areas away from the most public parts of the building- those which face on to the market: In fact, leaving the swimming pools where they currently are works very well in this respect!



And so to the swimming pools!

Our surveys have shown that most people are delighted by the size and atmosphere of the existing large pool, with its open roof structure and natural daylight. However, things could be made even better, as this sketch shows.

A small garden area could be created (instead of the existing row of run down storage spaces) to the left of the picture- allowing a view out and more daylight in to the large pool.

The small pool could be completely revamped to create a real learner pool and a fun splash zone for the kids. New openings could be made in the wall between the two pools so that they can work together- simplifying things for parents with kids and for the lifeguards. If needed, the pool halls could be easily separated with screens so that the pools can operate independently- offering even more flexibility for activities than the current set up.

We think this looks great and would work well- and is a simple adaptation of what is already there.