

SAVE VICTORIA BATHS

RESPONSE TO LEVITATE'S DESIGN PROPOSALS

The three proposals presented by Levitate are intended to be a starting point for debate – pick one, and add or subtract the elements as you see fit, they said.

With this in mind, here is our response.

We are pleased to see that the proposals offered by Levitate were thought provoking and interesting. There was a good balance of new build and refurbishment across the options.

Of the three, the Campaign is in favour Option A with the proviso that the Girder Hall be retained as a Sports Hall.

With the Sports Hall included, Plan A would retain all the key elements which the community have asked to be kept. It is the only option where the pool provision effectively and simply addresses the issue of secluded swimming for Asian women, and for those groups who may participate in swimming if they could do so in private. With the installation of a moveable floor in the teaching pool, children could be provided for with a splash facility.

Crucially, Option A keeps and improves the Turkish Baths, so dearly loved by those that use them and one of the few remaining working Turkish Baths in the country.

The Campaign favours the retention of the Sports Hall as both a sports hall and a flexible community space integrating with the market in the light of strong support for it from the community. We do not believe this would add a significant cost to what is the cheapest of the 3 options presented. We also believe it would be a profitable addition to the revenue generated by the new leisure centre. Finally, it would be a useful facility to help provide continuity of leisure provision whilst development was taking place.

Of the other two options, we felt that C was a not a serious contender due to the fact that it had limited functionality and almost no heritage value. Option B was a beautiful re-interpretation of the old Oval Pool, but sadly lacked a proper separate teaching pool, a sports hall and did not give a new lease of life to the Turkish Baths.

Please look at the design options displayed on our website (provided by Levitate) and email your comments by **Monday January 13th** to Emma Bates at TANC emma@tanc.co.uk and copy them to Steve Harrison steve.harrison@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, Louise Seymour at Nottingham Regeneration Ltd lseymour@nrl.uk.net, and Jon Collins jon.collins@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. Please also copy them to us info@savevictoriabaths.org.uk.

Thanks for your support!