

Cleveland Pools Consultation for the Bathwick Estate

Dear Neighbour,

You are probably aware that the Cleveland Pools Trust (CPT) plan to restore the Cleveland Pools as the world's first naturally treated, heated, outdoor swimming pool. The CPT, with Council support, are applying again this summer for Lottery funding, and will get a decision in December 2018. If successful, works would start in 2020, and the pools open in 2021. You can see the detail on their website at www.clevelandpools.org.uk

The CPT's plans envisage attracting up to 36,000 visitors a year, almost all in the summer months, with opening times ranging from 7am to 9pm up to 7 days a week. BERA has raised several concerns about this. Many visitors are likely to come by car, even if they cannot park, bringing a lot of new traffic to our Estate. The hours of operation would have substantial noise impacts on the closer neighbours. The CPT are investigating the option of closing off Beckford Gardens during the construction phase; this would also have major traffic impacts for much of the Estate.

The Cleveland Pools Immediate Neighbours (CPINs) have developed alternative ideas for restoring the Cleveland Pools Site. The CPINs envisage restoring the area as a small park and heritage visitor centre, with the main pool area used as a water-garden, and paddling for children in the summer. The CPINs' proposals are only in outline form and need to be developed with the Council, probably with some lottery funding. BathNES Cabinet members have expressed interest in the CPIN scheme, but it will only be taken further by the Council if the CPT bid fails again in December.

There are links to both sets of proposals on the Current Issues page of the BERA website at www.bathwickestateresidentsassociation.org

We in BERA think it is important that the Council, HLF, and CPT have a good understanding of opinion on the Bathwick Estate about all this, and take account of it before decisions are made, as we will be most affected by whatever is decided.

We are therefore asking all residents to complete the short survey overleaf. There is one copy for each person on the electoral roll. (We had hoped to include an on-line option, but this has proved impractical) The paper is colour coded by street to help us understand how opinion varies around the Estate. The questions have been prepared with the assistance of Councillor Richard Samuel to ensure fairness.

The results of will be published on the BERA website in August, and sent to the Council, CPT, and HLF.

Thank you for your time.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Draper*

Chairman, Bathwick Estate Residents' Association (BERA)

Bathwick Estate Residents Survey - Cleveland Pools

1 Do you think the Cleveland Pools should be restored to bring this site back into public use?

YES / NO

Comment

2 Leaving aside impacts on our Estate, do you think the CPT's plans are a good way of restoring the Pools?

YES / NO

Comment

3 Taking account of local impacts, do you think the CPT's plans would be good for the residential community of the Bathwick Estate?

YES / NO

Comment

4 Leaving aside impacts on our Estate, do you think the CPIN's plans are a good way of restoring the Pools?

YES / NO

Comment

5 Taking account of local impacts, do you think the CPIN's plans would be good for the residential community of the Bathwick Estate?

YES / NO

Comment

6 Which of the proposals do you prefer?

CPT / CPIN

Comment

7 Is there anything else you would like to add?

Comment

**Please put your answers (with comments if you wish) on this form and post it through the letter-box of your BERA Street Rep at: [Street Rep address]
by: Sunday 22 July**