



Cleveland Pools Bath



Cleveland Pools Trust update March 2018 – for the residents of the Bathwick Estate

The next steps to revive the Pools for public swimming

In December 2017 the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) was unable to confirm financial support for the Cleveland Pools Trust. Despite this set-back the HLF have encouraged the Trust to re-submit the project for further consideration and the first stage of this process was achieved on 15th March. In the meantime the Trust has been working closely with the HLF, B&NES and Historic England to improve the project proposal and de-risk the project further. This includes:

- Finalising the lease and outstanding boundary wall issues with B&NES
- Re-working the Activity Plan to increase the scale of engagement within the community
- Appointing a specialist to conduct an options appraisal for site access and deliveries during the construction phase of the project
- Updating the Cost Plan
- Establishing a consultative group for the implementation of the project

If successful with the new submission the programme is as follows:

- Achieve HLF approval; December 2018
- Confirm project funding; spring 2019
- Issue tender documents; autumn 2019
- Commence works on site; spring 2020
- Open the Pools to the public; summer 2021

The HLF, B&NES and Historic England have confirmed that the only scheme that will receive their support and funding is that prepared by the Cleveland Pools Trust - a scheme that already has planning permission, listed building consent and an approved and viable business plan. The objective of the Cleveland Pools Trust is to restore the heritage buildings and pool to the original use – that of public bathing. The Trust will not deviate from this objective.

Relationship with the Bathwick Estate

The Bathwick Estate Residents Association (BERA) has informed the Trust that 90% of their 128 members are opposed to its scheme to revive the Pools for public bathing. We have no way of knowing if this statement is a true expression of feeling from all locals. Last autumn BERA put forward a proposal for a cold water pool option which was fully explored by the Trust and was rejected by the business planning consultant as not viable. The HLF subsequently confirmed that it could not support BERA's proposal and that it could not be funded.

Cleveland Pools – new consultative group

The Trust's objective is to deliver the project as approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund and in accordance with the planning permission, and any conditions attached.

The Cleveland Pools Trust wishes to establish a mechanism by which it is able to consult with a representative group of local community and resident opinion during the construction and operational phase of the project. This proposal is supported by Ward Councillors Fiona Darey and Richard Samuel.

The objective of this liaison group is to represent key community stakeholders and work with the trust, its professional team, contractors and representatives of B&NES to minimise the disruption, nuisance and inconvenience that will be caused during the construction phase of the project. This group is the forum to discuss the implementation of the approved plan.

The proposed draft terms of reference for this group to agree, under an independent chair, include:

1. *To discuss and comment on the emerging Construction Phase Management Plan to then be approved by B&NES prior to the commencement of construction works on site.*
2. *The Liaison Group can establish smaller working groups concerning specific issues if deemed necessary by a majority of group members.*
3. *The Liaison Group will have access to project documentation, reports and plans relevant to the issues to be discussed; including detail of programmes and operational information in order that a comprehensive understanding of the methodologies employed during the construction phase are understood.*
4. *During construction a hotline will be established between the Group, the Project Manager and the contractor(s) working on site to deal with all urgent or emergency matters that may arise.*
5. *This Group or a successor body will remain in existence as the pools are brought back into public use in order to consider issues relating to operational matters and any issues arising with the community stakeholders.*

To be manageable this liaison group will be of no more than 12 individuals, some of whom will represent key stakeholders such as Bathwick St Mary Primary School, BERA, Curo and others.

Next step

If you would like to put your name forward for this group please email your interest to liaison@clevelandpools.org.uk with a short comment on your opinion of the Trust's objective to restore the Pools and whether you are an individual or represent any particular group or organisation. You can also express your interest by post to The Cleveland Pools Trust, Acacia Lodge, Kensington Place, Bath BA1 6AP. The Ward Councillors will make the final decision concerning the make-up of the group. ***Please do this by Friday 13th April.***

For further project information see www.clevelandpools.org.uk Thank you. /End.