

Statement of Community Consultation

Barnsley Youth Zone

April 2022



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Executive Summary

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), submitted on behalf of Barnsley Youth Zone, details the pre-application consultation activities carried out with the local community about the proposed scheme on Schwäbisch Gmünd Way, Barnsley to form a new Youth Zone.

The pre-application consultation was carried out to comply with the recommendation within Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): April 2020 and with guidance within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The approach taken to the pre-application consultation process was to provide detailed information about the proposed redevelopment scheme to members of the local community in order to help answer questions about the proposals and provide reassurance that key issues likely to affect the local community have been addressed as part of the development of the project. A range of communication methods were used to provide information and to give people the opportunity to get in touch to give feedback. These methods included:

- A briefing document was sent to elected members and key stakeholders.
- A consultation leaflet was issued electronically via social media.
- A consultation leaflet issued to 5200 nearby residential properties
- An Information Notice was published on the following websites:
 - Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
 - We Are Barnsley
- Provision of a consultation website which provided up to date information about the proposals including design boards and a Frequently Asked Questions section.
- An in person two-day public consultation event was held in Barnsley Market place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December 2021.

The provision of detailed information about the proposals in the consultation materials meant that only a small number of people (4) felt it necessary to make comments or to ask questions via the online feedback form. Of those who did provide feedback, 100% were supportive for the aims of the project. During the pre-application consultation, the project website was visited by 134 individuals.

All feedback received during the consultation has been carefully considered by the project team and OnSide Youth Zones during the finalisation of the proposals. This SoCC explains where within the planning application documentation the issues raised by consultation respondents have been comprehensively addressed.



1.Introduction

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) is submitted on behalf of **Barnsley Youth Zone** in support of the proposed development to create a new Youth Zone for Barnsley which is the subject of a planning application submitted in April 2022.

This SoCC fulfils the recommendations of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to provide evidence that appropriate community engagement has been undertaken during the development of the proposals. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's policy relating to Statement of Community Involvement states that:

“It is important to us that all sections of the community are given the opportunity to take part in the planning process at the earliest opportunity so that decisions can take account of the range of community views and reflects, as far as possible, the concerns and aspirations of the people affected by them”.¹

Throughout the pre-application consultation, Barnsley Youth Zone, via its representatives, **OnSide Youth Zones**, have taken an open and comprehensive approach to community consultation helping to:

- Create a more constructive atmosphere for the eventual determination of any planning application.
- Allay any misunderstandings or concerns by the community so these can be addressed, comments taken on board and proposals revised before an application is submitted.
- Become more inclusive and effective supporting Application determination.
- Ensure the quality of the built environment is improved and better reflects the local communities needs and desires.

This approach is also consistent with the guidance within the National Planning Policy Framework, published in July 2021, which encourages applicants to engage with the local community before submitting an application. ²

In addition to adhering to published guidance, Barnsley Youth Zone, recognises the value of maintaining strong relationships with members of the local community surrounding the Youth Zone site by being proactive in sharing information about the proposals and responding to local people's questions. Full details of who has been consulted and details of their comments are contained within this report.

¹ Barnsley Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement: April 2020

² Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, National Planning Policy Framework - Paragraph 129



2. Scheme Overview

The Youth Zone at Barnsley will be an important building for young people and a key new amenity for the area. The design will provide a place that is inspirational and recognisable while also accommodating the requirements for first-class youth-led facilities in sports, arts, performance and enterprise for Young People agreed 8 - 19 years (and up to 25 with additional needs). Barnsley Youth Zone will become one of currently 14 Youth Zone facilities in the OnSide Youth Zone Network.

The project site is located to the East of the train station on a prominent position of Schwäbisch Gmünd Way.

OnSide Youth Zones provide opportunities to inspire young people to lead healthier and more positive lives. Potential is everywhere and Barnsley Youth Zone will provide the space for young people of the town to try new things and face challenges in a safe environment, supported by staff and volunteers who care, giving young people the chance to build career skills, life skills and confidence; all of which lead to young people having raised aspirations for the future with the prospect of growing to become happy, caring and responsible citizens, with more to offer themselves, their families, the community and employers.

The state-of-the-art, design has been developed by looking at the constraints and opportunities on this difficult site to maximise the amount of floor space for the facilities, by working with the challenging topography to reach a suitable plan arrangement. Consideration of the massing and positioning of facilities has been tested to respect the adjacent gateway location and residential amenity to the North and potential development to the East.

A key design driver has been creating a distinctive landmark building with an active frontage onto the public facing elevation that acts as a gateway into the town centre. A projecting first floor that overhangs the ground floor frames areas of floor to ceiling glazing offering distance views of the internal activity and provides shelter at ground floor to the entrance.

A bold feature colour of red is used to give the facade a contemporary and exciting aesthetic which appeals to young people of all ages. The red feature colour is set against a darker palette of materials to allow the feature colour to stand out. This feature colour is used to frame windows and other architectural features to add a vibrancy to the elevations.

The smaller scale elevation to the eastern boundary faces towards the existing residential areas and the future development site. This elevation has been crafted to respond to this architecture by introducing a rhythm to the fenestration and detailing that echoes the domestic scale of terraced housing nearby.

Barnsley Youth Zone will enhance the area by providing a destination for the young people of Barnsley giving them somewhere to go, something to do, and someone to talk to. This exciting new building forms part of the wider Barnsley regeneration of the Town Centre and improvements to the public realm.



3. Community and Stakeholder Mapping

This section details the key local audiences who were engaged with during the pre-application consultation process. The different audience groups identified were:

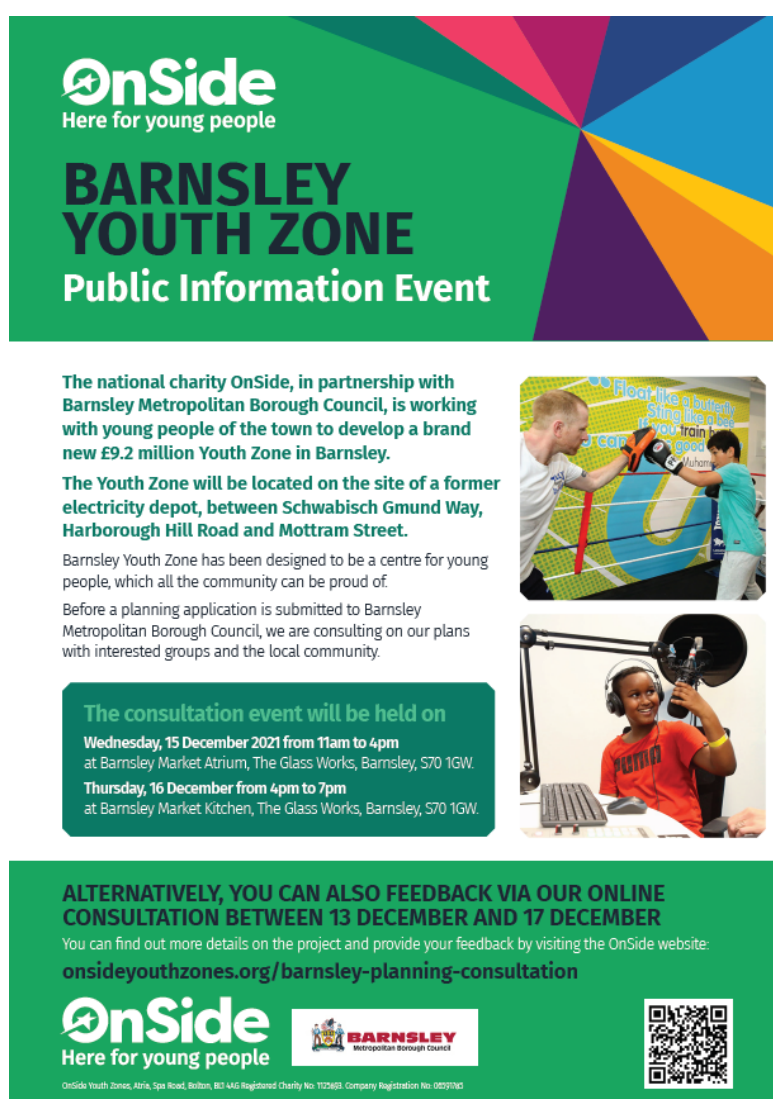
- Members of the public via Online Media outlets
- Members of Parliament
- Locally elected ward Councillors
- Local Community and 3rd Sector Organisations
- Statutory Bodies

Members of the Public - Online

To publicise the consultation events, the project has employed both leaflet mailings to local residents along with electronic media advertising, this has been done via various websites, primarily, OnSide Youth Zones, Barnsley Council Website, We Are Barnsley.Com, Facebook and Twitter.

The following online publications have previously published information about the project:

- Business Link
- Yorkshire Live
- The Star
- Barnsley Chronicle
- The Business Desk
- Press Reader
- Opera News



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ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN ALSO FEEDBACK VIA OUR ONLINE CONSULTATION BETWEEN 13 DECEMBER AND 17 DECEMBER

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Figure 1- Electronic Flyer issued by Email. See Appendix 1

Political Representation

Local political representatives have been provided with information during the pre-application consultation. This consisted of a direct information email along with a copy of the electronic event flyer. See Appendix 1. It has been important to ensure that political representatives are aware that their constituents are being actively engaged with and involved in the development of the proposals. The political representatives within Barnsley with whom OnSide/Barnsley Youth Zone has engaged with are as follows:

Councillor	Political Party	Ward
Councillor Jim Andrews BEM	Labour	Rockingham
Councillor Robert Barnard	Conservative	Penistone West
Councillor Janine Bowler	Labour	Stairfoot
Councillor Roy Bowser	Labour	Worsbrough
Councillor Margaret Bruff	Labour	Central
Councillor Wendy Cain	Labour	Dearne North
Councillor Alice Cave	Labour	Darton West
Councillor Trevor Cave	Labour	Darton West
Councillor Tim Cheetham	Labour	Royston
Councillor Anita Cherryholme	Labour	North East
Councillor John Clarke JP	Labour	Worsbrough
Councillor Dorothy Coates	Labour	Dearne North
Councillor Mat Crisp	Liberal Democrats	Darton East
Councillor Neil Danforth	Independent	Dearne South
Councillor Karen Dyson	Labour	Stairfoot
Councillor Martin Dyson	Labour	Central
Councillor Brenda Eastwood	Labour	Wombwell
Councillor Jeff Ennis OBE	Labour	North East
Councillor Victoria Felton	Independent	Monk Bretton
Councillor Peter Fielding	Liberal Democrats	Dodworth
Councillor Robin Franklin	Labour	Hoylan Milton
Councillor Robert Frost	Labour	Wombwell
Councillor Alan Gardiner	Labour	Dearne North
Councillor Andrew Gillis	Barnsley Independent Group	Stairfoot
Councillor Annette Gollick	Labour	Dearne North
Councillor Steve Green	Labour	Monk Bretton
Councillor David Greenhough	Liberal Democrats	Penistone West
Councillor Paul Hand-Davis	Conservative	Penistone East
Councillor Joe Hayward	Labour	Cudworth
Councillor Dorothy Higginbottom	Labour	North East
Councillor James Higginbottom	Labour	Wombwell
Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	Labour	Cudworth
Councillor Sharon Howard	Labour	Darton West
Councillor Steve Hunt	Liberal Democrats	Darton East
Councillor Hannah Kitching	Liberal Democrats	Penistone West
Councillor Chris Lamb	Labour	Rockingham
Councillor Dave Leech	Labour	St. Helens
Councillor Jake Lodge	Independent	Worsbrough
Councillor Phillip Lofts	Labour	Old Town

Councillor Mandy Lowe-Flelo	Liberal Democrats	Penistone West
Councillor Caroline Makinson	Labour	Royston
Councillor Pauline Markham	Labour	Darfield
Councillor Pauline McCarthy	Labour	Royston
Councillor Kath Mitchell	Labour	Kingstone
Councillor Jo Newing	Labour	Old Town
Councillor May Noble	Labour	Dearne South
Councillor Kevin Osborne	Labour	Darfield
Councillor Clive Pickering	Labour	Old Town
Councillor Jenny Platts	Labour	St. Helens
Councillor Pooja Ramchandani	Labour	Kingstone
Councillor Ken Richardson Msc	Labour	Monk Bretton
Councillor Summer Risebury	Labour	Central
Councillor Tim Shepherd	Labour	Hoylan Milton
Councillor Trevor Smith	Labour	Darfield
Councillor Harry Spence	Labour	Darton East
Councillor Mick Stowe	Labour	Hoylan Milton
Councillor Nicola Sumner	Labour	Rockingham
Councillor Sarah Tattersall	Labour	St. Helens
Councillor Kevin Williams	Labour	Kingstone
Councillor John Wilson	Conservative	Penistone East
Councillor Charlie Wraith MBE	Labour	Cudworth
Councillor Chris Wray	Liberal Democrats	Dodworth
Councillor Neil Wright	Labour	Dodworth
Sarah Blunkett		Central Area Team
Lisa Phelan		
Rachel Payling		

Local Community and 3rd Sector Organisations

Local community and have been provided with information during the pre-application consultation as it is important to ensure that potential partner organisations are aware of our proposals and can engage with the project. The organisations OnSide Youth Zones have engaged with are as follows:

Schools

Type	School
Primary	All Saints Academy Darfield
Primary	Athersley North Primary
Primary	Athersley South Primary
Primary	Barugh Green Primary
Primary	Birdwell Primary
Primary	Birkwood Primary
Primary	Brierley Church of England (VC) Primary
Primary	Burton Road Primary
Primary	Carlton Primary Academy
Primary	Carrfield Primary Academy



Primary	Cawthorne Church of England (VC) Primary
Primary	Cherry Dale Primary
Primary	Cudworth Churchfield Primary
Primary	Darton Primary
Primary	Dodworth St Johns the Baptist CE Primary Academy
Primary	Elsecar Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy
Primary	Gawber Primary
Primary	Goldthorpe Primary Academy
Primary	Gooseacre Primary Academy
Primary	Greenfield Primary
Primary	Heather Garth Primary Academy
Primary	Higate Primary Academy
Primary	High View Primary Learning Centre
Primary	Holy Rood Catholic (VA) Primary
Primary	Holy Trinity 3-16 Catholic & Church of England (VA)
Primary	Hoyland Common Primary
Primary	Hoyland Springwood Primary
Primary	Hoylandswaine Primary
Primary	Hunningley Primary
Primary	Joseph Locke Primary
Primary	Jump Primary
Primary	Keresforth Primary
Primary	Kexborough Primary
Primary	Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre
Primary	Lacewood Primary
Primary	Ladywood Primary
Primary	Laithes Primary
Primary	Mapplewell Primary
Primary	Meadstead Primary Academy
Primary	Milefield Primary
Primary	Millhouse Primary
Primary	Oakhill Primary Academy
Primary	Oakwell Rise Primary Academy
Primary	Outwood Primary Academy - Darfield
Primary	Outwood Primary Academy - Littleworth Grange
Primary	Oxspring Primary
Primary	Parkside Primary Academy
Primary	Penistone St John Baptist CE Primary
Primary	Queens Road Academy
Primary	Royston St John Baptist CE Primary
Primary	Sacred Heart Catholic (VA) Primary
Primary	Sandhill Primary
Primary	Shafton Primary Academy
Primary	Shawlands Primary
Primary	Silkstone Common J & I
Primary	Silkstone Primary
Primary	Springvale Primary



Primary	St Helen's Primary Academy
Primary	St Mary's CE Primary
Primary	St Michael's & All Angels Catholic (VA) Primary
Primary	Summer Lane Primary
Primary	Summerfields Primary Academy
Primary	Tankersley St Peters CE (VA) Primary
Primary	The Ellis CE (VA) Primary
Primary	The Forest Academy
Primary	The Hill Primary Academy
Primary	The Mill Academy
Primary	Thurgoland CE Primary
Primary	Thurlstone Primary
Primary	Upperwood Primary Academy
Primary	Ward Green Primary
Primary	Wellgate Primary
Primary	West Meadows Primary
Primary	Wilthorpe Primary
Primary	Wombwell Park Street Primary
Primary	Worsbrough Bank End Primary
Primary	Worsbrough Common Primary
Secondary	Barnsley Academy
Secondary	Darton Academy
Secondary	Holy Trinity 3-16 Catholic & Church of England (VA)
Secondary	Horizon Community College
Secondary	Kirk Balk Academy
Secondary	Netherwood Academy
Secondary	Outwood Academy Carlton
Secondary	Outwood Academy Shafton
Secondary	Penistone Grammar Advanced Learning Centre
Secondary	The Dearne Advanced Learning Centre
Special School	Greenacre
Special School	Springwell

Youth & Community Groups

Barnsley CVS
Barnsley YMCA
Reds in the Community - Barnsley FC Foundation
Ad Astra
ChilyPep
Anchor Charity
Sea Cadets



Local Authority & Statutory Services

Area Council Managers
Holiday Hunger Programme
Economic Regeneration
Barnsley Homes
Stronger, Safer & Healthier Communities Business Unit
Early Start and Prevention Team
Youth Council
Social Prescribing
Public Health - Children & Young People
Public Health - Sports & Wellbeing

Meetings with the aforementioned groups and individuals will be ongoing throughout the development of Barnsley Youth Zone, so that partner agencies are able to make use of the facilities which Barnsley Youth Zone will provide once operational. Key to the development of Barnsley Youth Zone is the involvement of young people and we have been talking to partners about the establishment of the group that will represent the area. Initially contact with young people will be with the well-established and successful Youth Council that operates in Barnsley. Barnsley Youth Zone will be established as a subcommittee of the full Youth Council - further down the line a Young Peoples Development Group (YPDG), specifically for Barnsley Youth Zone, including members from other organisations will be established by OnSide, to help the development of the facility. An example of what young people will firstly be engaged in is branding with a local design agency to come up with a brand that reflects and celebrates Barnsley. Further down the line the YPDG will be involved in the interviewing of Barnsley Youth Zone staff team.

A strategy for this engagement has been developed and will regularly be reviewed and updated.

Statutory Bodies

Alongside consultation with members of the local community about the proposed development, OnSide Youth Zones and its Consultant Team has undertaken pre-application discussions with the following statutory bodies:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Planning Team

Close liaison has been had with the Economic Development and Regeneration and Culture Teams at Barnsley Council with fortnightly Keeping in Touch (KIT) meetings taking place in order to keep the project on track.

In addition, OnSide and Consultants HB Architects have liaised with the council team by way of an informal Pre-app planning meeting as well as progress meetings. The first informal Pre-Application meeting was held on 12th October 2021 with subsequent progress updates presented by OnSide and its consultant team in the second Design Review Panel. HB Architects have had several follow-on meetings with various council stakeholders for the Activity Park and have updated James Hyde with developed Youth Zone proposals as part of the informal pre-application process on the 16th February 2022.

Key members of the Barnsley team who were involved in those meetings were:

- Nicholas King, Senior Urban Design Officer
- James Hyde, Spatial Planning Project Manager
- Paul Clifford, Head of Service
- Sophie Moore, Project Manager



Design Review Panel

In accordance with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Councils regulations OnSide Youth Zone have presented the proposals at two Design Review Panels at key stages throughout the project. The first design review was held in March 2021 to inform the Stage 2 concept development where three proposals were put forward. The second Design Review Panel was held on 2nd December 2021 to aid the application process, which have focused on the design aspects of the proposal helping to achieve a considered design approach in line with town centre redevelopment plans. Nik King and Sophie Moore of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council have been key contacts and have helped feed information to other Council departments and key stakeholders.

Barnsley Highways

OnSide/ Barnsley Youth Zones Transport Consultant, SK Transport, have conducted a pre-application highways review to provide information on the highways and transportation aspects of the Youth Zone development proposals and to consider the traffic impact likely to arise from the scheme.

4.Pre-Application Consultation Activities

The online pre-application consultation ran for twelve days from Monday 13th December to Friday 24th December 2021. In conjunction, OnSide held a two-day public consultation event in Barnsley Market place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December 2021.

The methods utilised to communicate the project information were:

Distribution of Materials

Event Flyer

Event flyers were emailed by OnSide on 10th December 2021 to the local MP's and the Ward Councillors, schools and other interested parties as identified in Section 3 above. The event flyers were distributed with a covering email (as Appendix 2) which introduced the project with details of what a Youth Zone is, and the range of activities provided for Young People. It directed the reader to the specific consultation website containing further detailed information.

Consultation Website

A specific consultation website was created (as Appendix 3) and invited members of the public to provide feedback on the proposals. There was also an email provided should someone feel it necessary to request further information from the OnSide team.

Consultation Boards

Consultation boards were created to provide the public with more detailed information about the design proposals for the project. These can be seen in Appendix 4. Visitors to the website were able to download these boards to view and gain a greater understanding of the project at their leisure if they wished.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

As well as being able to download the building plans, the consultation website also provided an FAQ's list to provide further information about the project. These are the typical questions regularly asked by the public about a new Youth Zone project. Comprehensive answers were provided in the FAQ's and these can be seen in Appendix 5.



Social Media

In addition, the event was published on social media channels, local newspaper websites and The OnSide Youth Zones website. The reach for this event has allowed a great number of people to be sign posted to the event to view proposals and have the opportunity to comment.

Finding Out More and Providing Feedback

Website and Email

The consultation website (www.onsideyouthzones.org/Barnsleyplanning) was launched on Monday 13th December 2021 and was taken down at 5pm on Friday 24th December 2021. The website was an important resource throughout the consultation as it provided information about the Barnsley Youth Zone project to all those with an interest in the proposals. The website provided details about what a Youth Zone is, the facilities provided, details on the existing site, design boards showing the proposals and a Frequently Asked Questions page.

During the pre-application consultation, the website was visited by 134 individuals. The website also hosted a built-in response form so that members of the public could quickly and easily provide their feedback directly to the consultation team. For those people who wanted to send a more detailed response, a specific email address was provided (enquiries@onsideyouthzones.org). No requests for further information were received by this email address during the consultation.

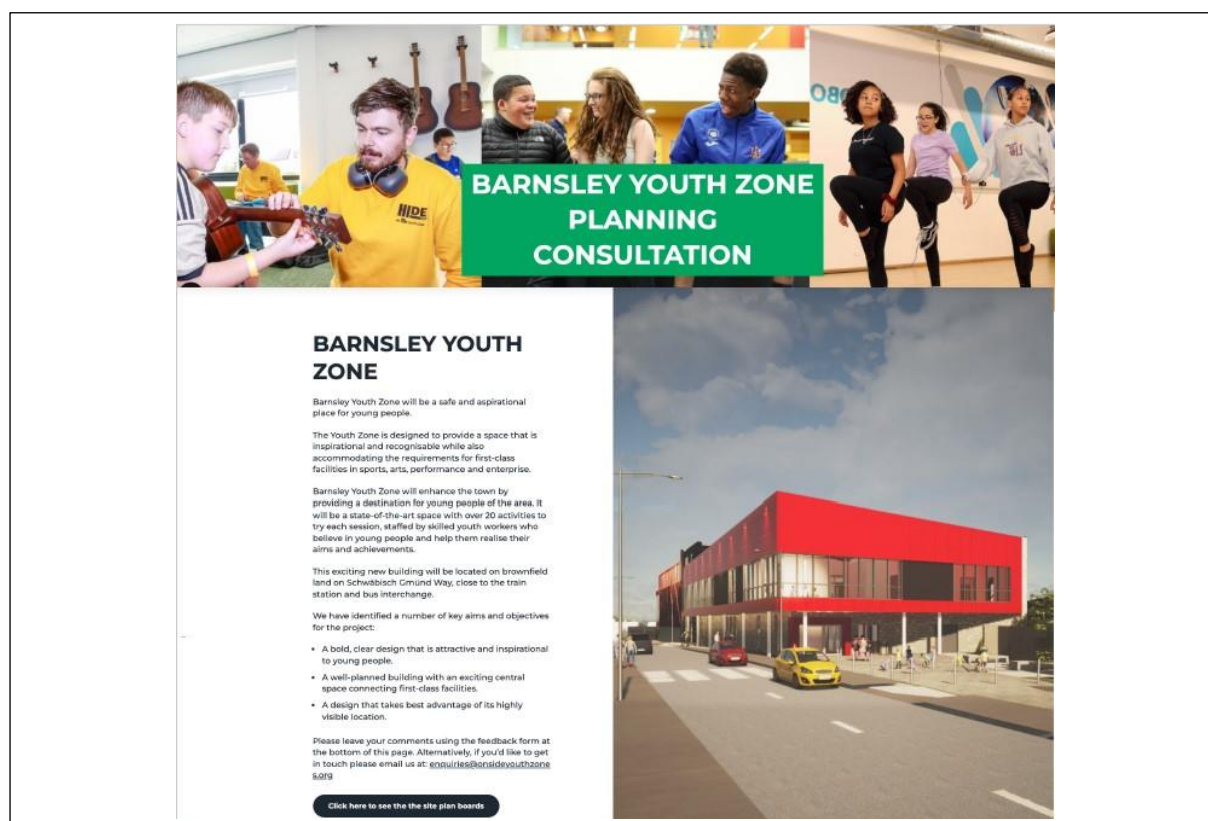


Figure 2- Screenshot of website page. Full details of the website can be seen in Appendix 3

Summary of Feedback

Throughout the pre-application consultation, several channels were made available for people to ask questions and provide feedback. To summarise, these were:

- The online response form hosted on (www.onsideyouthzones.org/Barnsleyplanning)
- The enquiries email address (enquiries@onsideyouthzones.org).
- The public exhibition feedback form.

In total, 4 written responses were received via the website from the local community and these are provided in full in Appendix 6.

The postcode location of the responses can be seen in Figure 3 below:



Figure 3 - Postcode Locations of Respondents

Key Issues Raised

Table 1 on the following pages displays the key issues raised by respondents to the pre-application consultation. The table also explains how these issues have been considered and responded to during the finalisation of the proposals and where, within the planning application documentation, further information about each issue can be found.

Table 1 - Pre-Application Consultation Feedback

Issue Raised	Response and/or Consideration of Issue
Anything that will give hope to and enhance the life of our young people is worth fighting for.	Currently, more than 50,000 young people are members of OnSide's Youth Zones across the UK, with over half a million visits being made a year. During a recent survey amongst Youth Zone members, 77% said they felt more self-confident as a result of attending, with 70% saying they believe they are physically healthier as a result.
I think the whole plan overall is brilliant, however the area outside the rail station is bedlam whenever the trains are due in the morning (8-9am) and evening (3-5pm) in my experience. Due to cars stopping where they shouldn't and then traffic getting stuck behind. So the rail station could do with a lay-by area for pick up/waiting.	Barnsley Youth Zone plans include a drop-off/ pick-up parking bay close to the Youth Zone entrance for use by the relatively few parents/carers who drop off their children. From experience, 85% of young people get to the Youth Zone under their own steam, be that on foot, skateboard, bike or public transport. Our strategy is to promote a green travel policy which aligns with most Local Authorities desire to promote public transport and get traffic off the roads.
What an amazing idea for children and teenagers. Well thought out.	OnSide fund, build, launch and support a network of state-of-the-art, multimillion-pound Youth Zones in the UK's most disadvantaged areas. These are incredible spaces filled with energy, inspiration and highly skilled youth workers who truly believe in young people. This is passionate, properly funded youth provision. A unique partnership between young people and their community, local authorities and private business leadership, and a growing movement of supporters. Together, we believe that all young people need is a chance to discover what they've got and where it could take them.
Fabulous idea, so close to public transport hub too, really hope it goes ahead for the kids' sake.	The central location of the Youth Zone will help to ensure that all young people from all districts can access it via various means of travel.



6. Conclusions

This SoCC has detailed the comprehensive pre-application consultation activities that have been undertaken on behalf of Barnsley Youth Zone on the proposed new Youth Zone in Barnsley Town Centre.

The approach to the pre-application consultation was to be proactive in sharing detailed information about the proposed project with members of the local community via a number of different methods. The project team has encouraged people to ask questions and provide feedback on the project, this approach is consistent with Barnsley Youth Zones' commitment to forming and maintaining strong relationships with members of the local community and other partner organisations in the area surrounding the site.

Electronic consultation leaflets introducing the proposals were distributed to several media outlets along with a maildrop of 5200 leaflets to local residents. As a result, the consultation website was visited by **134** different individuals to find out further information about the proposals. In addition to providing information about the scheme design, the consultation materials addressed potential areas of concern for the local community, such as traffic and parking impacts and construction impacts. The level of detail that was provided in the consultation materials meant that only a small number of people felt it necessary to ask further questions or raise issues (**4**).

Of those members of the local community who made comment, they were overwhelmingly in support of the proposals to provide Barnsley's young people with a safe, supportive environment, offering them new opportunities to reach their potential.



7. Appendices

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Appendix 1 - Event Flyer





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Appendix 2 - Briefing Information Covering Email



Good Morning,

Barnsley Youth Zone: Public Information and Online Consultation Events

The national charity OnSide, in partnership with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, is working with young people of the town to develop a brand new Youth Zone in Barnsley on the site of a former electricity depot, between Schwabisch Gmund Way, Harborough Hill Road and Mottram Street. This is your personal invitation to find out more about our proposals.

Over the next few weeks, prior to the submission of a planning application to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, we will be consulting on our plans with interested groups and the local community. We will be holding a two-day public exhibition for local residents and businesses to view the plans, ask questions and comment on the proposals.

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We will also be holding an online consultation via the OnSide website: www.onsideyouthzones.org/barnsley-planning-consultation with specific details about the design proposals. The proposals will be published from 13 December to 17 December to allow the community to view and comment on the proposals.

The Youth Zone is designed to respond to the clear, ongoing demand from young people, parents and wider communities for the provision of, and improved places for young people to go in their leisure time.

The proposals include:

- 4-court indoor sports hall.
- Indoor climbing wall.
- Super Fitness Suite, combining state-of-the-art gym equipment with boxing and martial arts facilities.
- Performing arts studio.
- Music suite with instruments and recording equipment.
- Large open plan recreation area.
- Project rooms, including arts, crafts, health, wellbeing and fashion.
- Film and multi-media facilities.
- Teaching/mentoring kitchen.
- Café serving hot nutritious meals (costing no more than £1).
- Multi use games area/kick pitch with floodlights.
- Break out room to include activities such as employability workshops, general and gender specific health/youth issue topics/projects and youth participation.

The Youth Zone will also create a wide range of employment opportunities for local people, circa 15 full time and 40 part-time positions and generate a similar number of volunteering roles.



Barnsley Youth Zone will be open whenever local schools are closed: seven days a week, all day Saturday & Sunday and all-day during school holidays. The entry fee is only 50p for a typical four-hour session, with a wide range of leisure, sporting, artistic and cultural activities available.

This state-of-the-art space is purposely built for young people aged 8-19 years old, or up to 25 for those with additional needs. With at least 20 activities to try each session, staffed by skilled youth workers who believe in young people and help them see what they could achieve.

More than 50,000 members make around 600,000 visits to Youth Zones every year attracting young people from the most disadvantaged circumstances.

The iconic, inspiring buildings house high quality services and facilities open to all young people. Located in neutral spaces, they are a safe, non-threatening environment to spend time with friends, enjoy a nutritious hot meal, take part in group activities and learn from adult role models.

To young people, a Youth Zone is something truly their own. It is their place to escape the pressures of normal life and focus on their own development. Youth Zones are packed with inspiring group and individual activities, overseen and supported by paid experts and an 'army' of volunteers.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 3 - Consultation Website Screenshots





BARNSELY YOUTH ZONE PLANNING CONSULTATION

BARNSELY YOUTH ZONE

Barnsley Youth Zone will be a safe and aspirational place for young people.

The Youth Zone is designed to provide a space that is inspirational and recognisable while also accommodating the requirements for first-class facilities in sports, arts, performance and enterprise.

Barnsley Youth Zone will enhance the town by providing a destination for young people of the area. It will be a state-of-the-art space with over 20 activities to try each session, staffed by skilled youth workers who believe in young people and help them realise their aims and achievements.

This exciting new building will be located on brownfield land on Schwabisch Grönd Way, close to the train station and bus interchange.

We have identified a number of key aims and objectives for the project:

- A bold, clear design that is attractive and inspirational to young people.
- A well-planned building with an exciting central space connecting first-class facilities.
- A design that takes best advantage of its highly visible location.

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ABOUT ONSIDE

OnSide is a national charity that believes all young people should have the opportunity to discover their passion and their purpose. To find out what they've got and where it could take them. We raise the funds to build state-of-the-art, multimillion-pound Youth Zones in the country's most economically disadvantaged areas. We train the amazing people that run them. We offer continuing support to the nationwide OnSide Network where they can learn and grow, share their stories and celebrate their success together. These are brand new, purpose-built spaces fizzing with energy, and crammed with incredible facilities. They are staffed by skilled and dedicated youth workers who truly believe in young people – helping them see what they could achieve, and giving them the skills, confidence and ambition to go for it. This is life-changing support that helps tens of thousands of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to thrive.

There are now thirteen OnSide Youth Zones in the Network (Bolton, Carlisle, Blackburn, Oldham, Manchester, Wigan, Wolverhampton, Wirral, Chorley, Barking & Dagenham, Barnsley, Croydon and Manchester East) with several more in various stages of development. OnSide is committed to extending its vision and Network of Youth Zones throughout the country.

[Find out more about OnSide](#)



WHAT MAKES AN ONSIDE YOUTH ZONE?

The following are key considerations:

- An inspiring, safe and affordable place for young people to go
- The right location – in neutral territory that all people from the community can share
- A functional, inspirational building based on how young people engage, socialise and participate
- A private sector led board, heading up an independent local charity
- A sustainable funding model

Typically, a Youth Zone offers a minimum of 20 different activities each session in a facility that includes the following:

- 4-court indoor sports hall
- Indoor climbing wall
- Super Fitness Suite, combining state-of-the-art gym equipment with boxing and martial arts facilities
- Performing arts studio
- Music suite with instruments and recording equipment
- Large open plan recreation area
- Project rooms, including arts, crafts, health, wellbeing and fashion
- Film and multi-media facilities
- Teaching/mentoring kitchen
- Café serving hot nutritious meals (costing no more than £1)
- Multi use games area/kick pitch with floodlights
- Break out room to include activities such as employability workshops, general and gender specific health/youth issue topics/projects and youth participation



SITE LOCATION

Barnsley Youth Zone will be a brand-new facility for the young people of the town. It will be located to the east of the train station on a prominent position just off Schwäbisch Grmünd Way.

Consideration of the massing and positioning of facilities has been tested to respect the adjacent gateway location and residential amenity to the North and potential development to the east. A key design driver has been creating a distinctive landmark building with an active frontage onto the public facing elevation that acts as a gateway into the town centre.

The Youth Zone design has been developed by looking at the constraints and opportunities on this difficult site to maximise the amount of floor space for the facilities. By working with the challenging topography to reach a suitable plan arrangement the level changes around Barnsley Youth Zone offer the opportunity to provide soft landscaping for ecological enhancement.

Along Schwäbisch Grmünd Way a new public plaza will be created leading to the entrance of the Youth Zone, offering seating and cycle storage for members. The projecting first floor provides shelter at ground floor level while the floor to ceiling glazing offers discrete views of internal activities.

The Youth Zone will enhance the area by providing a landmark destination for the young people of Barnsley.



WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER GREAT YOUTH WORK

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council are keen to increase the level of quality youth provision in the town. Therefore, the Council has taken the opportunity to partner with OnSide to create Barnsley Youth Zone; this facility will provide a major boost to what is available in the area and has been shown in other parts of the country to improve levels of physical activity; reduce anti-social behaviour and improve opportunities for local young people to be 'healthier, happier, independent and active'.

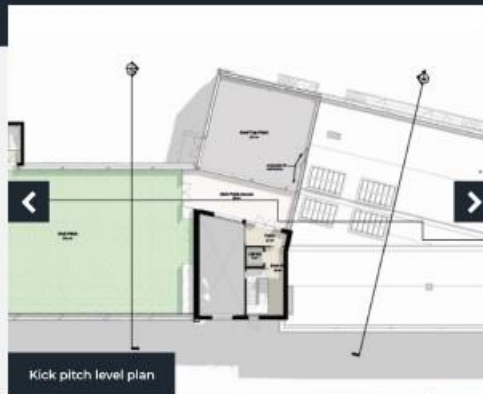
The OnSide model is proven to deliver positive results for young people, their families and the surrounding community. Located in neutral spaces, close to good transport links these iconic, inspiring buildings house high quality services and



BUILDING ARRANGEMENT

The plans include:

- 4-court indoor Sports Hall
- Indoor Climbing Wall
- Super Fitness Suite, combining state-of-the-art gym equipment with Boxing and Martial Arts facilities
- Performing Arts Studio
- Music Suite with instruments and recording equipment
- A large open plan Recreation Area
- Project Rooms, including Arts, Crafts and Fashion
- Film and Multi-media facilities
- A Teaching/Mentoring Kitchen
- Cafe serving hot nutritious meals costing no more than ~ £1
- Multi-use Games Area/Kick Pitch with flood lights
- Breakout Rooms for activities such as employability workshops, general and gender specific health and youth issue topics, plus youth participation projects.



KEY FAQs

Answers to frequently asked questions such as: Who is the Youth Zone for, what activities are on offer, when will it be open? Can be found by following the link below

[FAQs](#)

LEAVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Barnsley Youth Zone: Public Consultation

Name *

Email Address *



Appendix 4 - Consultation Boards



Barnsley Youth Zone will be a brand new facility for the young people of Barnsley. It will be located to the east of the train station on a prominent position just off Schwabisch Gmund Way.

OnSide Youth Zones provide opportunities and challenges that inspire young people to lead healthier and more positive lives, raising their aspirations so they grow up to become happy, caring and responsible citizens, with more to offer themselves, their families, the community and employers. Having opportunities to try new things and face challenges in a safe environment, supported by staff and volunteers who care, gives young people the chance to build career skills, life skills and confidence.

The design has been developed by looking at the constraints and opportunities on this difficult site to maximise the amount of floor space for the facilities, by working with the challenging topography to reach a suitable plan arrangement. Consideration of the massing and positioning of facilities has been tested to respect the adjacent gateway location and residential amenity to the north and potential development to the east.

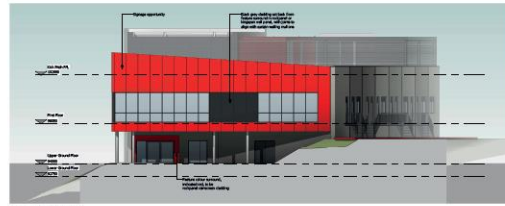
A key design driver has been creating a distinctive landmark building with an active frontage onto the public facing elevation that acts as a gateway into the town centre. A projecting first floor that overhangs the ground floor

frames areas of floor to ceiling glazing offering distance views of the internal activity and provides shelter at ground floor to the entrance.

A bold feature colour of red is used to give the facade a contemporary and exciting aesthetic which appeals to children of all ages. The red feature colour is set against a darker palette of materials to allow the feature colour to stand out. This feature colour is used to frame windows and other architectural features to add a vibrancy to the elevations.

The smaller scale elevation to the eastern boundary faces towards the existing residential areas and the future development site. This elevation has been crafted to respond to this architecture by introducing a rhythm to the fenestration and detailing that echoes the domestic scale of terraced housing nearby.

Barnsley Youth Zone will enhance the area by providing a destination for the young people of Barnsley giving them somewhere to go, something to do, with someone to talk to. This exciting new building forms part of the wider Barnsley regeneration of the Town Centre and improvements to the public realm.



South Elevation



View from Station Entrance

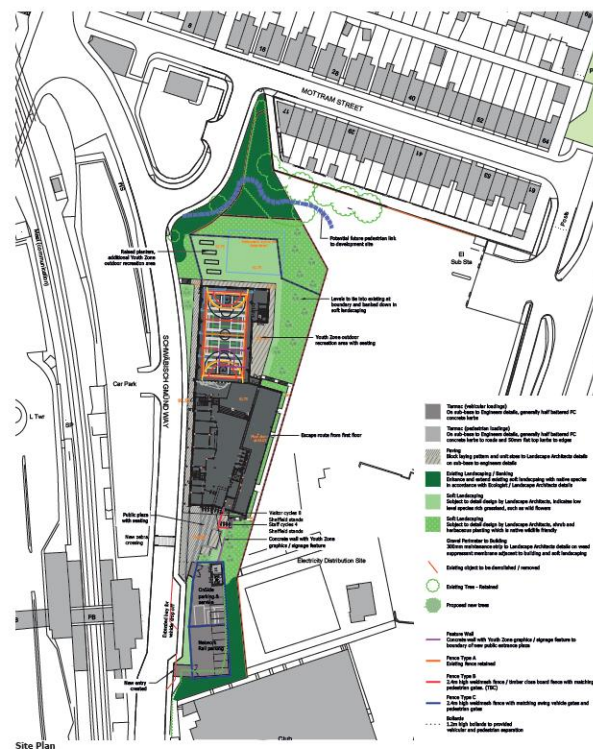
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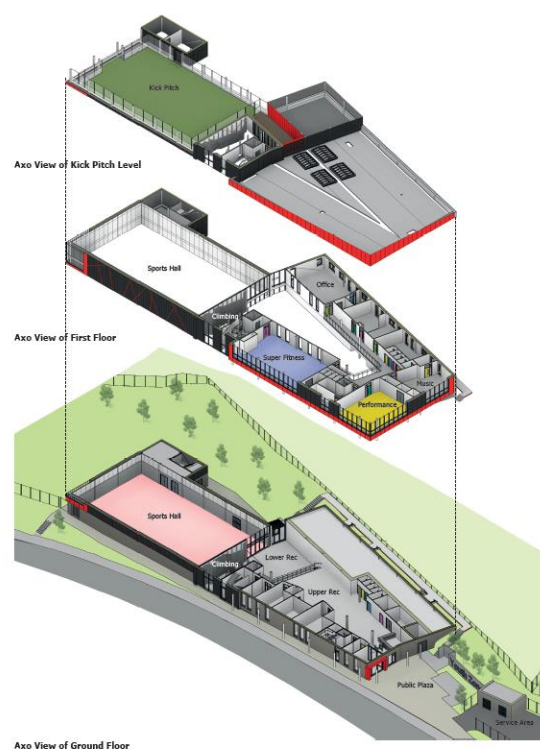
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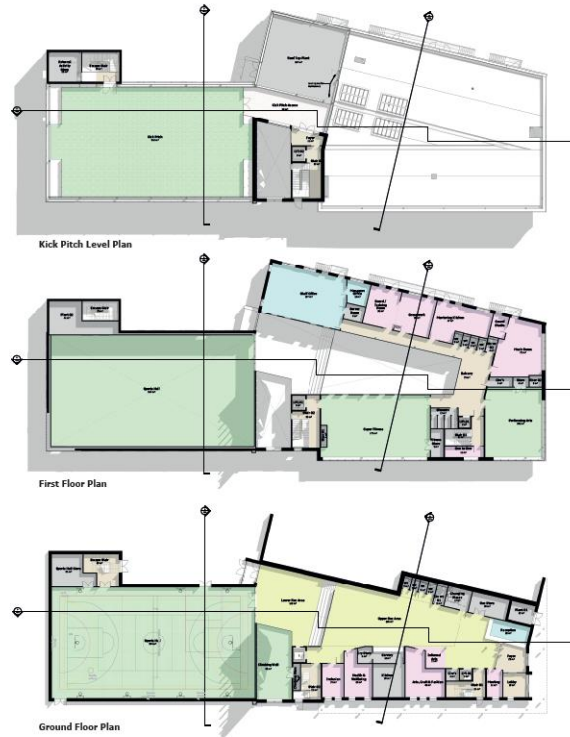


Axo View of Ground Floor

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View from North



East Elevation



West Elevation Facing Schwäbisch Gmünd Way

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Materials proposed are to be high quality, robust finishes that will ensure longevity with minimum levels of maintenance. The building is designed to have a masonry base at low level on public and activity fronting areas, with slots of glazing giving glimpses of activity within.

The projecting upper storey will be clad in Rockpanel in a feature red colour with large glazed areas to activity rooms and a raising parapet towards the corner. The corner to the north will also use this feature colour to frame a backlit polycarbonate panel with the remainder of the sports hall covered in a dark cladding with expressive illuminated feature bands.

Masonry in various mixes will be used on the more domestic scale elevations giving reference to the residential areas to the north and east.

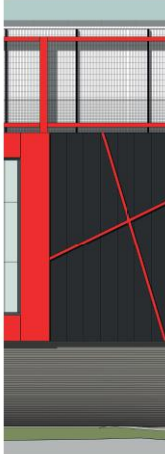


Elevation Materiality

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Sports Hall Elevation Materiality
The mass of the sport hall is treated differently to the other elevations due to it being one large volume where glazing is not suitable due to glare when playing sports and damage from the activities. The materiality is considered to help break up the massing and also provide a sense of fun and energy.

We have tested various design options to break up the massing and have proposed a dark cladding with illuminated feature bands. Other options shown on this page are a barcode of differing panel colours interspersed with lighting strips along with a further option using the feature red colour with a light grey panel below with reducing panel widths.

All the options have a kick pitch on the roof level which when in use will provide a 'halo' effect of light and activity above the volume of the sports hall below.



View from Balcony into Rec Area



View from Lower Rec Area



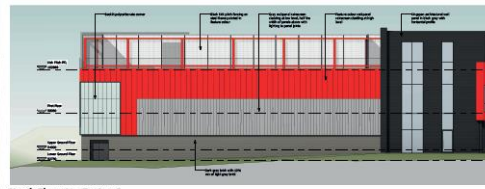
View from Interchange Night-time



View from Interchange Daytime



North Elevation Option B



North Elevation Option C

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Appendix 5 - Frequently Asked Questions



Barnsley Youth Zone

Frequently Asked Questions



Q1. Who are OnSide Youth Zones?

A1. We're OnSide, a national charity determined to make sure that all young people have the opportunity to shine. The chance to discover their passion and their purpose.

We fund, build, launch and support a network of state-of-the-art, multimillion-pound Youth Zones in the UK's most disadvantaged areas. These are incredible spaces filled with energy, inspiration and highly skilled youth workers who truly believe in young people.

This is passionate, properly funded youth provision. A unique partnership between young people and their community, local authorities and private business leadership, and a growing movement of supporters. Together, we believe that all young people need is a chance to discover what they've got and where it could take them.

Q2. What is a Youth Zone?

A2. Every OnSide Youth Zone is a safe and inspiring place for thousands of young people to enjoy a wide range of activities and support. Here's what makes an OnSide Youth Zone unique:

- Open 7 days a week including evenings, weekends and school holidays.
- Over 20 activities on offer each session, including sports, music, media, dance, drama and much more.
- Kitted out with state-of-the-art facilities including an indoor climbing wall, 3G kick pitch, 4 court sports hall, music room with recording studio, dance and drama studio, training kitchen, arts and crafts room, enterprise and employability suite, fully equipped gym and much more.
- Staffed by skilled and dedicated youth workers who really care, supported by a team of committed volunteers.
- Open to all young people with a typical membership of 4,000 young people aged 8 to 19 (up to 25 for those with additional needs) with 100 to 250 young people attending every session.
- Delicious hot meals available from £1 at the café.
- Entry is just 50p per visit.
- Provide targeted support both in house and through external specialist services, creating a seamless link between the Youth Zone and local services.

Q3. Where will Barnsley Youth Zone be located?

A3. Barnsley Youth Zone is to be built on land adjacent to, Schwäbisch Gmünd Way, Barnsley S71 1AY and close to Barnsley railway station.



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Q4. How much will it cost to attend?

- A4. An annual membership to the Youth Zone is £5, with each visit costing young people just 50p. All the activities (over 20 per session) are included for this entry fee.

Q5. When will it open?

- A5. The plan is for Barnsley Youth Zone to open in late 2023.

Q6. How did it come about?

- A6. Barnsley Council, in partnership with local businesspeople, have seen the Youth Zone model in other towns and cities and want to give more young people in Barnsley access to a Youth Zone and the benefits it can bring for the whole community. Barnsley Youth Zone will be part of The OnSide Network of Youth Zones across the country with others in Bolton, Blackburn, Carlisle, Chorley, Manchester, Oldham, Warrington, Wigan, Wirral, Wolverhampton and 3 sites in London.

Barnsley Youth Zone is being delivered in partnership with OnSide Youth Zones, Barnsley Council, and a variety of private philanthropists and organisations who wish to support the social development of young people in Barnsley.

Q7. Why did you choose the site?

- A7. We were keen for the Youth Zone to be accessible for all the young people of Barnsley and complement existing provision in the town. This is a central location accessible by foot, bus or train and is prominent so to make a statement about the value Barnsley places on its young people.

Q8. Who will run Barnsley Youth Zone?

- A8. Barnsley Youth Zone will be an independent charity, governed by a Board of Trustees, made up of local businesspeople, alongside the Council and others who have a passion for the town. They will ensure the new charity delivers for the young people of Barnsley. The day-to-day management of the Youth Zone will be the responsibility of a dedicated team of paid staff headed up by a Chief Executive and supported by an army of volunteers.



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Q9. What will happen to all the existing Youth Provision?

A9. Barnsley Youth Zone will complement the town's existing youth provision, acting as a platform to help grow the Town's offer for young people. Youth Zones deliver the best service when they work in partnership with local voluntary and statutory organisations. In other towns and cities, the Youth Zones provide a new physical space for other organisations to deliver their activities or services to young people. Other local organisations find they can reach more young people and new young people through the Youth Zone membership. Barnsley Youth Zone is also keen to work in partnership with as many existing youth groups as possible. Early consultation meetings are already planned. To find out more about working in partnership please contact enquiries@onsideyouthzones.org.

Q10. How much will it cost to run?

A10. The annual running costs for the Youth Zone will be approximately £1.3 million. This includes for example: staffing costs, equipment, support of volunteers (including DBS checks), insurance, maintenance and utilities. The annual running costs are met through local authority support, local private sector supporters, charitable trusts and grants, and young people's membership and entry fees.

Q11. How do we know the Youth Zone will be sustainable in the future?

A11. The Youth Zone model is based on the successful Bolton Lads and Girls Club, where a combination of revenue streams, including private sector funding, ensures its sustainability and over time allows the income streams to grow and diversify steadily, increasing the Youth Zone offer. At the time of opening, OnSide ensures that each Youth Zone has three years revenue funding in place and this will be the case in Barnsley. This allows the new charity time to establish itself as a key part of the local youth offer and demonstrate the huge value it can provide to the lives of many of the town's young people. Over the first three years, the Youth Zone, supported by its private sector-led Board, will develop new income sources and partnerships to allow its income to grow, in the same way that all OnSide Youth Zones have grown.

Q12. How can young people get involved?

A12. OnSide will be working with young people from Barnsley and establishing The Young People's Development Group. This is a group of local young people who meet regularly and will be key in shaping the Youth Zone. Members have opportunities to meet new people locally and



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nationally, express their views and opinions, become an ambassador for the Youth Zone and play a key role in bringing the Youth Zone to life.

If you'd like to find out more about joining the Young People's Development Group, please email enquiries@onsideyouthzones.org.

Q13. How can you say it's for all of Barnsley's young people when it's in the middle of the Town?

A13. Our experience from other Youth Zones is that if the offer at the Youth Zone is strong enough the young people will travel to it. The central location of the Youth Zone will help to ensure that all young people from all districts can access it via various means of travel. From experience, 85% of young people get to the Youth Zone under their own steam, be that on foot, skateboard, bike or public transport.

Q14. How do I know my child will be safe when using the Youth Zone?

A14. Barnsley Youth Zone will be run by suitably trained and qualified members of staff that are vetted in line with current legislation (including DBS check). Their focus will be to ensure all young people are safe when accessing the services offered by the Youth Zone.

Youth Zone sessions are split between Junior (8-12yrs) and Senior (13-19yrs) sessions. In the junior sessions all young people must be collected from the Youth Zones by their parents, carers or guardians. Members must stay inside the Youth Zone in what we call a closed session. Senior sessions are open sessions where they are able to come and go as they please due to their age and level of responsibility.

Q15. What impact have Youth Zones made?

Q15. Currently, more than 50,000 young people are members of OnSide's Youth Zones across the UK, with over half a million visits being made a year. During a recent survey amongst Youth Zone members, 77% said they felt more self-confident as a result of attending, with 70% saying they believe they are physically healthier as a result. More than 400 jobs have been created, while there are more than 750 volunteering opportunities across the Youth Zones.



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Q16. Will the central location of the Youth Zone increase anti-social behaviour?

Q16. The impact of other Youth Zones in their local areas has been extremely positive with statistics showing that the Youth Zones have actually contributed towards the decrease in anti-social behaviour.

Local police in some areas across the country have reported up to a 77% reduction in anti-social behaviour (ASB) as a direct result of strategic and continued partnership work between Youth Zones and local police.

PCSO Rob Smith, a local police officer in Greater Manchester commented: *"We have come across residents that were against the opening of the Youth Zone stating that it would cause more problems than it would solve. Since the opening, we have had further comments from those residents who are now happy and grateful that Manchester Youth Zone has given the young people a place to go rather than cause problems by hanging around on their streets."* This direct feedback from Police and Residents is consistent across the Youth Zone Network.

Q17. Will young people from across the Town mix together in the Youth Zone?

Q17. One of the major strengths of a Youth Zone is the way young people from different areas and backgrounds are able to mix in a neutral space. Evidence from existing Youth Zones suggests that their members will mix with their peers from different backgrounds, as well as young people from a range of local areas in the town / city, as long as the offer is good enough.

Q18. What time will the Youth Zone be open until?

Q18. The Youth Zone will be open until 9pm for Junior sessions and up to 10pm for Senior sessions.

Q19. How will the Youth Zone provide services to young people with additional needs?

Q19. All existing Youth Zones provide and cater for young people with a range of additional needs up to the age of 25 through inclusive ability sessions alongside the mainstream offer. The sessions are adapted for young people with additional needs and are open for a wide range of young people to access, including those with mild learning difficulties to more complex needs such as visual impairment and physical disabilities. Young people are given the opportunity to access a range of activities for example boxing, trampolining, karaoke, arts and crafts, cooking, gaming and much more.



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Q20. Will the floodlights on the outdoor MUGA be lit until 10pm each evening?

A20. The Youth Zone has 1 floodlit multi use games area (MUGA) located on the roof of the facility and is for sole use by Youth Zone members and will be fully supervised at all times, a strict lights off by 10pm rule applies. The pitch lighting has been carefully designed by specialist lighting engineers to avoid detrimental impact on local residents or wildlife i.e. lighting points into the site and only lights the pitch area.

Q21. There's no provision for parking. Why?

A21. Our plans include a drop-off/ pick-up parking bay close to the Youth Zone entrance for use by the relatively few parents/carers who drop off their children. The vast majority of young people will access the Youth Zone on foot or by public transport. Our strategy is to promote a green travel policy which aligns with most Local Authorities desire to promote public transport and get traffic off the roads.

Q22. What about parking by staff and volunteers when the Youth Zone opens?

A22. Our strategy is to promote a green travel policy which aligns with most Local Authorities desire to promote public transport and get traffic off the roads. All members of staff and volunteers will be encouraged to use public transport and where that is not possible, they will be required to respect the amenity of local residents and park in the public car parks available close by.

Q23. Will there be disabled parking on site?

A23. Yes. A transport statement has been carried out which will support our planning application. There is disabled parking on site for staff and one space for blue badge holders.

Q24. Where will contractors park and receiving construction related deliveries in an already congested area?

A24. A Construction Management Plan to confirm the delivery strategy will be agreed with Barnsley Council Highways teams. Deliveries will be made via a dedicated site entrance off Harborough Hill Road.



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Q25. How to you intend to cut down the noise pollution?

A25. The building is designed to meet all the necessary Building Regulation requirements for noise transfer and a professional acoustician has been involved in the building design. The noise generated by the MUGA being used is not significant. The experience of the Youth Zones that are already operating around the country is that they receive almost no complaints from neighbours. This is, in part, due to the careful design but also because Youth Zones strive to be good neighbours; the relationship between the staff, volunteers and young people is founded on high quality youth work and the members will be asked to respect the amenity of local residents as they make their way to and from the facility.

Q26. Are you planning to have CCTV in the area?

A26. Yes. The Youth Zone will have external CCTV linked to a monitoring station during out of hours. This is to protect the building and its contents as part of the building's insurance requirements. CCTV is employed at all our Youth Zone buildings both on the exterior of the building (as a deterrent against break-ins) and internally for reasons of safeguarding. It is certainly not because we expect problems from the young members.

Q27. How will you monitor young people hanging around outside the Youth Zone?

A27. The Youth Zone clearly wishes to be a good neighbour and would ensure that there would not be groups of young people "hanging around" before, during or after sessions. We do not and would not let that happen and that would be managed by the youth work managers on a daily basis. Young people want to be in the building taking advantage of the high-quality facilities and the wide range of activities on offer in the Youth Zone. This means that the Youth Zone does not tend to find groups of young people hanging around outside or in the neighbourhood.

Q28. Who will police the members when they leave the facility at night?

A28. Once the Youth Zone closes then we expect young people will be collected or make their way home on public transport. The senior members are welcome to come into the Youth Zone for as little or as long as they wish, as such there is not a mass exodus as the Youth Zone closes and instead young people tend to arrive and depart in small groups. Due to the strong relationship between the Youth Zone staff team and the young members there are very rarely complaints at our Youth Zones about nuisance as the young people disperse.



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Q29. Are you employing local builders, contractors and staff from Barnsley and surrounding local areas?

A29. We always aspire to employ local people in the building of our facilities and the appointed main contractor will be encouraged to involve local people but ultimately it will decide on which sub-contractors to use.

The majority of the full and part time staff team once the Youth Zone opens will be from the local area.

Q30. Will there be employment opportunities for members?

A30. Barnsley Youth Zone will have a room dedicated to helping young people with Enterprise and Employability opportunities, with workshops focusing on CV writing, interview techniques etc. as well as our extremely successful 'Get a Job' course which has enabled so many young people across the OnSide network to find both part and full-time jobs.

For more information visit: www.onsideyouthzones.org



Appendix 6 - Consultation Feedback



Consultation Interaction

Consultation Mailing:

- Leaflet drop to approx. 5200 local residences
- Emailed information to:
 - 66 local Councillors
 - 77 Primary Schools
 - 10 Secondary Schools
 - 2 Special Schools

Online Consultation:

- An in-person consultation was held in Barnsley Market on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December
 - Approx. 50 local people were spoken with and feedback was positive.
- An online consultation page was created for the local community of Barnsley to share their feedback from Monday 13th December to Friday 24th December
 - The page received 134 views
 - Average amount of time spent on the page 00:04:56
 - 16 referrals to the page came from <https://www.wearebarnsley.com/news>
 - 9 referrals to the page came from <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/>
 - We received four responses via the online form

Table 1. Consultation Comments

Total Registered Comments = 4

Positive Comments = 4

% of Comments Positive = 100%

Postcode	Comments
S73 9PJ	anything that will give hope to and enhance the life of our young people is worth fighting for
S72 0BF	I think the whole plan overall is brilliant, however the area outside the rail station is bedlam whenever the trains are due in the morning (8-9am) and evening (3-5pm) in my experience. Due to cars stopping where the shouldn't and then traffic getting stuck behind. So the rail station could do with a lay-by area for pick up/waiting
S72 0EZ	What an amazing idea for children and teenagers. Well thought out
S70 6JO	Fabulous idea, so close to public transport hub too, really hope it goes ahead for the kids sake

OnSide Youth Zones are delighted to report that no negative comments were received as part of the consultation process.



Appendix 7 - Barnsley Youth Zone Media Coverage



Channel	Date/Time	Post/link	Analytics
Twitter	2:28PM 14/12/2021	Tweet promoting the online consultation https://twitter.com/OnSideYZ/status/1470762619246100492	3,970 impressions* 21 likes 7 retweets and 3 quote tweets 30 link clicks
	2:28PM 14/12/2021	Tweet promoting the in-person consultation https://twitter.com/OnSideYZ/status/1470762709402755083	400 impressions* 4 likes 1 retweet
	6:38PM 17/12/2021	Tweet notifying that the online consultation is being extended https://twitter.com/OnSideYZ/status/1471912650254737418	1,244 impressions* 4 likes 2 retweets
	10:25PM 23/12/2021	Tweet notifying that the online consultation closes in 24 hours https://twitter.com/OnSideYZ/status/1473962848359493637	265 impressions* 2 likes 1 link click
LinkedIn	23/12/2021	LinkedIn message notifying that the online consultation closes in 24 hours https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6879728541844439040	652 impressions* 20 reactions 16 clicks 5.52% Engagement rate

(*Impressions are the number of times the post was seen)



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