

Paper Petition Details

Save Our Wellbeing Gym

As you are aware the Montem Leisure Centre will be closing down towards the end of 2018 and we are at risk of losing our Wellbeing Gym. The Wellbeing Gym is not only a friendly, uplifting area where we have made new friends but life changing where we have become more active and more healthy helping us carry out our day to day activities with a lot more mobility. It also helps people recovering from strokes, M/S and people recovering from injuries, older people, some referred from doctors and hospitals. We are petitioning to move the Wellbeing Gym area to the new centres, or move all the machines to another area so we can maintain our fitness and continue to exercise in a place we enjoy and feel comfortable. It is the only one in Slough and surrounding areas.

Please sign with your address and house number to show what this fitness area means to us all and hopefully we will be able to continue.

This petition was received on 15th November, 2017.

This petition was passed to the Leisure Strategy Manager on 15th November, 2017.

This petition was responded to by the Leisure Strategy Manager on 16th November, 2017.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	261
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Council Response

I am in receipt of a copy of your petition, received on the 15th November, which was forwarded from Democratic Services.

The wellbeing suite was created by the previous leisure operator Slough Community Leisure. As part of the new contract, which began in June, Everyone Active purchased the equipment. This was to keep the service running for as long as possible until the new leisure centre, currently under construction, opens in March 2019.

The new leisure centre on Farnham Road is smaller than Montem Leisure Centre and as a result transferring services have been reduced. Unfortunately, there are no other Council owned facilities within Slough that can accommodate the equipment. To ensure that members with health conditions are still fully supported, referral schemes and classes will be available to integrate users of the wellbeing suite into the main fitness-facility.

Furthermore, we are working with Everyone Active to provide a far larger and further reaching outreach programme to take more sessions out into the community. Classes such as seated exercise, yoga, healthy walks and tai chi will continue to be available, which would be suitable for members who would benefit from gentler exercise. The new centre will also have a large cafe area where members can continue to socialise.

We understand that the wellbeing suite has benefited a number of members over the years and it is with regret that we are not able to transfer the service to the new centre. The Council and Everyone Active are working closely together to ensure that there will be a variety of options for previous members of the wellbeing suite and we are positive that you will be exceptionally happy with the new facilities planned for both Langley Leisure Centre and the new leisure centre when they open.

The wellbeing suite will remain open and available to users up to February 2019, when Montem Leisure Centre will close to the public.