Examination of Kettering Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan

Further written comments by Kettering Amateur Swimming Club

1. The Club’s initial representation related to the Sports Facilities Strategy and the Sports Facilities Assessment and Needs Analysis that had not been published at the time the SSP2 was made available for comments.

2. Page 17 of the MIQ Document, under HWC3, the inspector asks whether the above documents have been published and whether the findings support the policies and proposals in the plan.

3. Kettering Amateur Swimming Club submits and represents that Section 6 of the Sports Facilities Analysis and Needs Assessment is fundamentally flawed and the model presented therein should be re-run to provide an accurate assessment of current facilities.

4. Within Section 6 of Sports Facilities Analysis and Needs Assessment, the assessment of current swimming pool provision in the Borough, and the model to assess future needs, is built from the availability of three swimming pools that meet the defined model criteria.

5. The model criteria is that, to be included in the model, a swimming pool should provide at least 160 square metres of water for swimming.

6. Kettering Swimming Pool at 325 square metres meets the criteria for inclusion.

7. Montsaye Academy Swimming Pool at 140 square metres is too small, but the inclusion is justified by its location and programme available for community use.

8. The swimming pool at Sports Direct Leisure is stated as being 160 square metres (16m x 10m).

9. Measurements for the Sports Direct Leisure pool are taken from the Sport England Active Places database, which is submitted by leisure facility operators.

10. The measurements for the pool at Sports Direct Leisure are incorrect. The pool actually measures 16m x 7.2m and, therefore, at 115.2 square metres is too small to be included in the model.

11. Kettering Borough Council Planning Approval KE/00/0883 shows the pool at 16m x 7.2m.

12. The width of the pool can be measured from outside the Sports Direct Leisure building and has been determined to be 7.2m.


14. On 13th July 2020, Kettering Amateur Swimming Club provided a formal Response to the Sports Facilities Assessment and Needs Analysis highlighting this issue.

15. Kettering Amateur Swimming Club represents that the inclusion of the Sports Direct Leisure pool skews the data for the model which, in turn, influences the Sports Facilities Strategy.

16. Kettering Amateur Swimming Club represents that the model should be re-run with Sports Direct Leisure pool excluded and the output used to amend Section 6 of the Sports Facilities Assessment and Needs Analysis. The Sports Facilities Strategy should be amended in light of the revised model and Assessment.