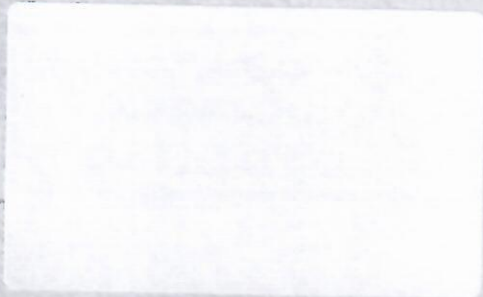


WORKSOP SPORTS CENTRE

A joint scheme created by the pooling of resources by Worksop Borough and Nottinghamshire County Council at the site of the Bentinck Comprehensive School.



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A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Meeting of Worksop Borough Finance and Parks Joint Committee held on Tuesday 5th April, 1965 recommended that a further report on the financial aspects of the joint scheme be prepared by the Worksop Borough and Nottinghamshire County Council Officials.

B. ACTION

To carry out the recommendations it has been necessary to design the complete scheme, integrating buildings, playing fields, and car parking with the whole Comprehensive School. The Swimming Pool accommodation has been developed from Scheme 3 given in the Outline Report presented at the Meeting of 5th April, the Sports Hall provision has been based on Scheme 3 shown in that Outline Report. The Playing Fields and Car Parking facilities are referred to later in the Report.

C. SITE

The Playing Fields and School Site owned by the Nottinghamshire County Council are of sufficient area to allow for the extension of the existing Secondary Modern School to 930 pupil size and it will also accommodate the joint scheme buildings.

The area is sited a mile from the centre of Worksop and will serve the town and surrounding areas.

The new School extensions and the joint scheme are to be sited adjacent to the existing School.

Additional playing pitches can be made on land nearby which the Borough is in the process of purchasing, this, plus the provision of one all-weather pitch, will enable playing field facilities to be available to the joint scheme users.

Car parking for 40 vehicles is needed for the School plus a 'bus parking area for 12 'buses, this will have an additional 20 car spaces added as part of the joint scheme giving a total of 60 car spaces and a 'bus pick-up zone. Baulk Lane will not become a through route for vehicles.

The Playing Fields to the East rise up with increasing steepness until Carlton Road is reached, the far boundary *having a back-drop of trees, the only attractive view from the site.* It is to be hoped that despite the need for open playing spaces some tree planting can be done as the whole area would become a more effective green wedge.

E. BUILDINGS, PROPOSED SCHEME

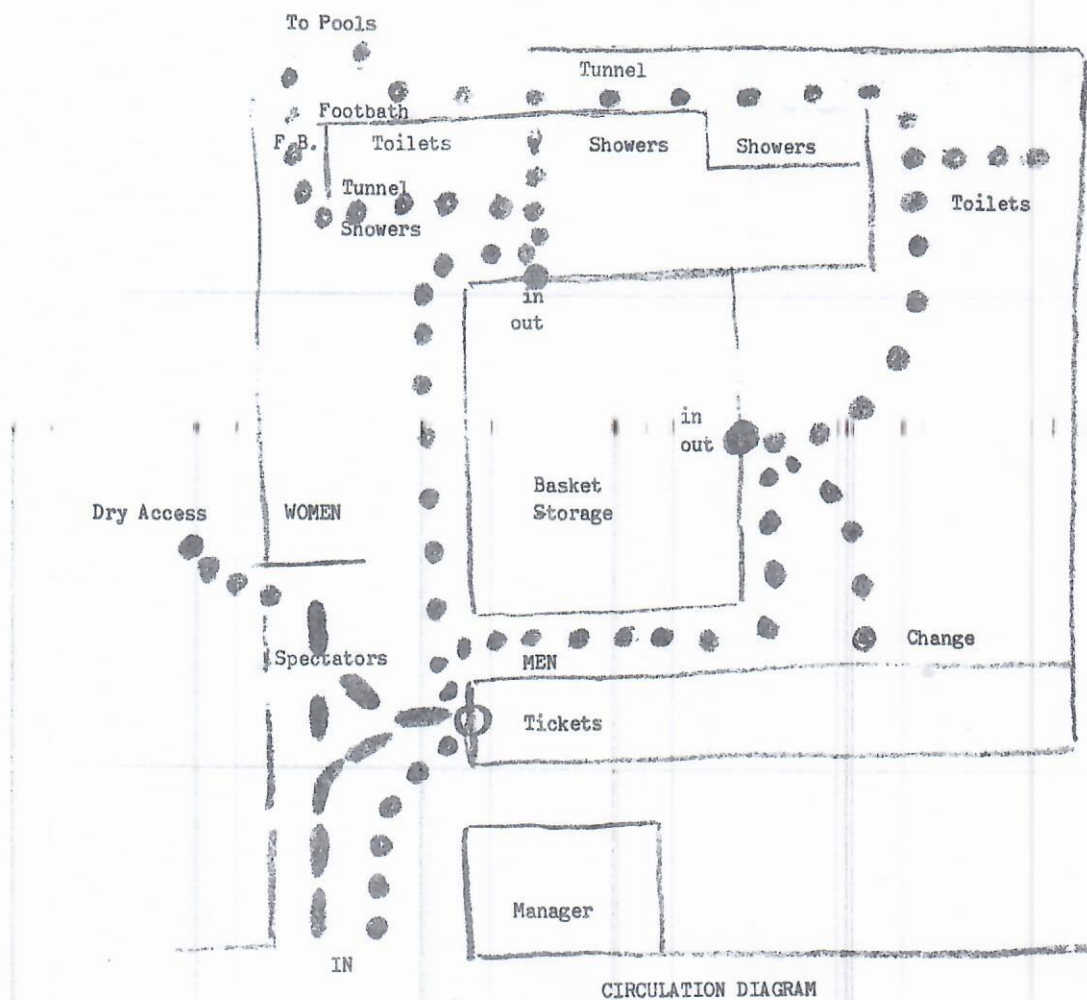
Following the Council Meeting, discussions were held between the Officers of the Borough and the County. It became clear that a prime requirement for the Borough was for fully effective swimming pools serving a concentrated Urban population. This to be associated with the scheme 3 type Sports Hall provision with a foyer, administrative area, and a social sports centre providing a common link between the two halves of the scheme. At this stage it became apparent that building costs were rising faster than had been anticipated and discussions on the Bingham scheme with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government had resulted in a need to improve the specification. It was felt that a sports centre of the Bingham type having generous club and committee rooms and bars was not a prime need at Worksop, and while the foyer, coffee bar and administrative rooms have been provided at Worksop it was felt that the nearby School could give ample accommodation for Committee Meetings and large social occasions, there being many rooms available for these functions in the School including a restaurant which could be used on occasions quite independently of the School if so wished.

The existing School changing rooms will serve the joint use of the playing fields. The Sports Hall and practice areas are broadly as envisaged in the Outline Report.

(a) Swimming Pool and Changing Rooms

These have been designed to the standards recommended by the Ministry (a visit to discuss the detailed scheme is to be made to the Ministry in the near future). The large swimming pool measures 82' 6" x 42' 0" and has a 22' 0" portion ^{6' 6"}~~6' 0"~~ deep, the rest of the pool sloping from 3' 0" to ^{6' 6"}~~6' 0"~~. The small pool is 42' 0" x 24' 0" x 3' 0" deep. These are both sizes recommended by the Ministry. The maximum pool capacity for the large pool is 290 people for the small pool it is 133. These figures are

calculated in accordance with the Ministry Bulletin 4. Changing is mainly by cubicles, ~~thirty~~³⁸ have been provided for men and nineteen for women, ~~eighteen~~ cubicles are available for allocation to either sex depending on the type of loading, these can be spread in the ratios of ten to men and eight to women or the full number to either sex. Bench changing is provided for thirty boys and thirty girls and/or adults as the need arises. This arrangement gives good handling flexibility and allows the attendant serving the hanger storage and supervising to be men or women. Clothes storage is by the hanger and basket system whereby a swimmer receives a basket on entering the changing area, uses a cubicle or the changing room to change in, hands back the basket loaded with clothes to the attendant and receives a disc in return. The route to the pool then passes toilets, showers, through the tunnel shower and out into the pool halls via the footbath. A diagram of the sequences is attached.



Spectators at gallery level reach this via the stairs from the foyer, approximately 120 can be accommodated. A second escape stair has been located at the far end of the main pool and this also enables parents with small children who wish to be near to them when the pool is being used to obtain access to an area where they may sit near the small pool. Adjacent to this area is a small supervisors base located between the two pools.

(b) Sports Hall Practice Areas and Changing Rooms.

This accommodation is basically as suggested in the Outline Report. It consists of a large sports hall 60' 0" x 120' 0" x 26' 0" high with approximately 8' 0" high solid impact wall at low level. A careful check has been made on the height requirement for this hall and the area representative for the Council of Physical Education, Mr. Logan, has been consulted, after investigation he reported that the full range of activities as envisaged in the Outline Report could be carried out.

Three 39' 0" x 39' 0" x 18' 0" practice areas are provided, these are open to the hall and are divided by netting only (except where solid walling is shown).

The changing rooms beneath the viewing gallery are able to accommodate thirty each, showers and toilets are included. These rooms will be artificially lit and ventilated. There is spectator provision on the gallery. No seating is provided. Access to the sports hall is via the foyer and ticket office, school pupils can enter from the School side.

(c) Administrative and Service Areas

A Manager's Office, large enough to be shared by a Deputy has been provided, this is by the main entrance. Small male and female staff changing rooms, cleaner's stores and main stores are also available. The coffee

G. SHARING OF FACILITIES

The Borough will have at least 50% use of the swimming facilities at all times. However, the exact details of this have yet to be worked out between the two authorities. The Education Department and the Borough Officials are satisfied that all their needs will be met and that the changing accommodation will work satisfactorily for joint use.

The Sports Hall and Practice Areas will be well used by School pupils and the Education Department are satisfied that they will be able to use all the time that the Borough can make available on a shared basis. This again has yet to be worked out in detail.

The Playing Field provision will allow the new Comprehensive School to have its full requirement and the contribution by the Borough will enable four pitches to be available for Borough use. Joint use will also be possible on the hard running track, the athletic area, tennis courts, and jumping pits. One pitch will have an all weather surface.