

Andover Swimming & Water Polo Club

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Affiliated to ASA South East Region

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Dear all,

POOL CLOSURE LATEST

At a Full Council meeting on February 24th 2017, Test Valley Borough Council voted to submit a planning application for a temporary swimming pool. There are some suggestions on social media that the vote was nearly lost, but we have no definite confirmation of this. If it was close, then clearly it was good that we wrote and lobbied all councillors prior to the meeting. The planning application has been submitted, but has yet to appear on any TVBC web page. We will let you know when it does. It is still intended that the planning application for the temporary pool and the new leisure centre will go to the Northern Area Planning Committee on March 30th 2017, which we will attend.

At a meeting with TVBC Leisure Officers on February 10th 2017, it was promised that they would help us look for other nearby pools to train in. Some assistance has been given, but we've also been doing our own searches with the following results so far:

WATER POLO

Liaison is ongoing with Basingstoke. Potential sessions are available Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at the Basingstoke Aquadrome. With the temporary pool, only being proposed with a depth of 1.2 metres, this will only be suitable for younger swimmers. Older swimmers will have to train at Basingstoke and other locations until the new leisure centre is provided.

SWIMMING AND POTENTIALLY WATER POLO

The Hart swimming club have offered support and have offered the following at Fleet and Aldershot. This is being considered:

Aldershot Garrison

Monday 19.00 to 21.00

Tuesday 19.00 to 21.00

Friday 19.00 to 21.00

Fleet

Tuesday 06.00 to 07.30

Wednesday 18.00 to 20.00

Thursday 18.00 to 21.00

Friday 17.00 to 19.00

Saturday 07.00 to 08.30

Sunday 18.00 to 21.00

Basingstoke Aquadrome

Saturday 18.00 to 20.30. **This is confirmed and has been accepted.**

We are currently considering that this session will be for the Swim School, and possible barracudas

Basingstoke Festival Place

Have contacted, awaiting response

Basingstoke Queen Mary's College

The following has been offered. This is being considered:

Wednesday 19.00 to 22.00

Thursdays 20.00 to 21.00

The Winchester City Penguins have offered support. Details are yet to be established, but will cover the following pools. A meeting is planned soon:

Winchester Riverside

Winchester Kings

Winchester St Swithuns

Winchester Army Training Regiment

Farleigh

Have contacted – no space available

Durrington

Have contacted – no space available

Tidworth

Have contacted and we're liaising with the army. A meeting is to be set up soon

Bulford

Have contacted and we're liaising with the army. A meeting is to be set up soon.

Rookwood School

To be contacted

Newbury Northcroft

Have contacted, awaiting response

Eastleigh Fleming Park

Tuesday 18.15 to 20.00 possible half pool

Thursdays 18.15-19.25 possible half pool

Sunday 08.15-10.30 possible half pool

Romsey Rapids

Waiting to hear from TVBC and PFP

This is obviously still evolving and will evolve rapidly prior to April 1st 2017. We will keep you updated. We are assuming that the pool will still close on April 1st 2017, but nothing will surprise us. We are continuing to push that the existing pool remains open for longer.

Finally, we have recently supplied a Technical Note providing our detailed requirements regarding pool design, spectator facilities, etc. We were promised a response from TVBC by March 3rd 2017. It is still awaited. We will continue to push for a better design

The Committee