

FREE TEXT RESPONSES TO COMMUNITY CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

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<p>After the closure of leisure centre, I think residents deserve something developed quickly and replaced.</p> <p>It would unwise to wait until 2021 for the land to be available where the risk is that landlord may not allow at all.</p> <p>Council should use current land available and build something for residents.</p> <p>it seems that this administration pays only lip service its Green Spaces and seems it always wants to build on them. Rainham Rec is the only usable green space in central Rainham so developing this would be detrimental to the majority of Rainham Residents who cannot afford centre membership fees but can use green space for free! Maybe you should consider investing in Rainham Rec instead of building on it. If you want a leisure centre in Rainham how about looking at the land where the old library and job centre was!</p>
<p>Save our parks.</p> <p>Neither site is ideal. I don't understand why the money being spent on this couldn't have been put into refurbishment at chaffords.</p> <p>The Viking way site will have huge impact on Tesco & Rainham village primary school, causing traffic & congestion.</p>
<p>As the council owns the land of the existing but closed chafford site, why not build there.</p>
<p>Good transport connections and safe walking for the users in Rainham especially the older members of the community. I miss being able to use the pool at Chafford as booking classes at Harrow lodge centre is impossible as they are always over subscribed.</p> <p>All the other facilities in the borough are too far away for the over 60's and travelling safely in the dark evenings is a problem. Keeping fit in later life is very important. It would be an advantage if the facility was open to the public during the day rather than just a few evenings and a couple of hours at the weekend as Chafford was.</p>
<p>Viking Way is close to rail and bus links, within easy walking distance for local residence and schools also safer as well, (the college option would mean more vehicular movements in the area and is not a nice area to be walking around after dark).</p> <p>Visitors are more likely to use the village shops and facilities which will be a welcome boost,</p>
<p>I don't believe there is any need for additional gym sites in the borough. We have cheap alternatives at 'Pure Gym' in Thurrock and Romford and 'The Gym' in Dagenham and Chadwell Heath. There is a need for swimming and other recreational areas however, so i would suggest focusing on developing these activities at the same proposed sites.</p>
<p>I think it would be very beneficial to the local community and would be seen on the a13 so other users could use it can't wait I am a trustee of Hornchurch and Elm Park amateur boxing club and we used chaffords for our shows now that has been taken from us we haven't had a show for 2 years thanking you in anticipation</p>

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<p>theication is best placed for residents and ease of access if driving. it will not incur loss of children's playing space which is well used and busy. chdrebs spaces are also very limited in the area</p>
<p>Which ever site is decided this part of rainham is increasing in size with new housing and I feel sufficient care should be given to the roads and access to ensure traffic does not build up around surrounding areas like cherry tree or wennington</p>
<p>We definitely need more central recreational activities close to Rainham village. It would be best placed to be in a central location</p>
<p>We need more leisure facilities and Health Services and GPs in Rainham. You are allowing too many homes to be built in this area without proper infrastructure. You are only interested in the Council Tax revenue the homes will generate. No more housing in Rainham. Havering is a GREEDY MONEY GRABBING Council and it needs to stop now.</p>
<p>We lack sports facilities in Rainham.</p>
<p>The park facilities at Rainham Recreation ground have been replaced within the past few years so it would be a waste of money to then rip it out. Do NOT take away green spaces when there are so few left! Also using the Tesco car park for it would be a nightmare for parents and disabled to get parking spaces as there aren't enough already!</p>
<p>Utilise the space at the Chafford complex and modernise or rebuild there save the park space for the children to play do not take more green space out of the area. Maximise on the Chafford site to allow facilities to public and schools</p>
<p>Please leave green space alone plenty of brown fill sites empty around</p>
<p>It would be good if it could be built further back on the site keeping some green area.</p> <p>Also there needs to be some demarcation between the path to the school and vehicular access to the new site.</p>
<p>Although I feel it would be nice to get the new centre opened as soon as possible I think the one at the park will be taking things away from the borough as to the one on new road will only be bringing more into the borough. So long term I see the one on new road being better for the whole of the borough. It already has the transport and roads to deal with potentially any more traffic. The one at the park will make that area very busy Saturday mornings and school pick up times will be busy with Tesco and the local school</p>
<p>Why cant th old Chafford Centre be refurbished / knocked down & rebuilt?</p>
<p>Viking way would be a nightmare for traffic as it already has busy periods, plus green recreation space is important to residents and their families. Much better option is New Road with a bigger space, easier to get to and from and hopefully more parking for people to use the leisure centre.</p>
<p>As a local resident I am probably in the minority with my views. Rainham village would benefit from this massively, the area has become run down and neglected. This would inject new interest not only in fitness but in the area itself. With bus and train links close by it will be easy for people in other areas of the borough to use. Also it would bring more people to the local area and this will give a boost to the local economy. But more importantly, I would use it.</p>
<p>Rainham needs good quality leisure facilities and I believe the one in Viking way is better at it within the hub of the village, close to parking and transport which the other option does not. Provided there is still some space for the children to play on swings and slides, then I feel that this is a good use of space.</p>
<p>Would be nice to have a sports centre more central in rainham which is easily accessible to everyone. The current site at chaffords is not easy to get to if you don't have a car.</p>

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Site 2 appears more accessible and would hopefully encourage young people who go to the youth centre to get involved in sport too. Please make sure there is sufficient parking! The parking situation at Becontree is appalling after over half the land was taken for a bus stand, and is very frustrating when trying to get to a class etc.. The parking at Barking everyone active is a total let down and has made it totally inaccessible and stopped me using the facilities which is a shame as they look great.

Why destroy a kids play area?

Obviously this is a knee jerk reaction and no thought has been put into it!

If you can spend £12 million on buying M&S building, then you can spend the same of giving us a decent replacement and not just squeeze a "modular" building in on a children's playground!

The park is well used and is a vital area for the children of Rainham. This amenity space has been stolen in small chunks over a number of years and we need a green space in this over developed area. Why oh why are you looking for a new space?

We already have a space with a leisure centre. Why are you not using that site. Leave our parks alone. DON' T keep building on every bit of green in Rainham.

We would be a great idea for Rainham to finally get their Sports centre back, as I know a lot of people did not want to see the current sports complex closed in Lambs road South, as it was more convenient and economically sound for the local people living here in Rainham.

The closure of Chafford Sports complex was understandable due to it's dilapidated state however the site still remains a good space to also consider for this new development and I wonder why this is now not an option.

Continuing to wait for space to come available at the Havering College site is risky and not guaranteed, therefore if there are only these 2 options the Recreation ground is preferable.

The access is on a one way road with the Tesco there too I think congestion and parking will be a problem with people using the Tesco car park

Pool is needed now not in 2-3 years time.

The park land is very busy and used daily by local children. With a clear peak in use by the local school children before and after the school day.

We should be doing all we can to protect our current green open spaces and use developed space to build.

I am happy that there are two potential sites out there for the new sports complex, however, I wish this to be a speedy process and hope we do not wait another 5 years!

There is already a big leisure fitness on new rd

The site at Viking Way is already congested due to Tescos being located there, amongst other facilities such as a nursery.

It should not be up for debate, purely on a congestion and traffic flow point of view.

The viking way development would be taking away more of our green land in rainham. Kids love playing here and you would be taking all that away. What was wrong with redeveloping the old chafford site?

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Please build asap
After losing Chaffords we desperately need this for Rainham.
We do not wish to lose green space. There is insufficient space. The one way road infrastructure is insufficient. Parking is insufficient.
The village is small and could not cope with the level of traffic / parking that would be needed. It's better to make sure of land that's used can support parking and traffic and not use up more of our green spaces.
Why can't it be built on old site of swimming pool. The land is bigger enough. Why destroy green areas,
Plenty of parking space as the present council parking is not large enough . also would you be using the field at the back of the school for the recreation area.
Havering council have made it clear they wish to rid Rainham of green space and overdevelop. Whilst it is not housing, perhaps a police station for the security of residents and the abundance of new people coming into the area would be better suited as this area is increasingly falling victim to anti social behaviour.
Location is better and more central for the community
Could you please provide coffee lounge as that also provides a more community feel and opportunity for community engagement
I don't think it would be sensible or favoured by many to remove recreation ground that is used regularly. How widely is this information being made available? I do not feel that this is being considered by enough people to make an impact.
We need a leisure centre in this area. Somewhere where our children can walk to safely and to spend time as a family. It's great to know the council are giving something back to the community!!

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I am strongly against the proposal to build the sports centre on the site of Rainham Recreation Ground for the reasons outlined below:

1. The Viking Way car park only contains 32 parking spaces, which would be vastly insufficient for the number of people that would potentially be using such a facility. As such it is likely that more and more people will use the Tesco car park adjacent, as is the case today. Indeed, I pass the Viking Way car park on a daily basis and can barely ever recall seeing a single vehicle parked within it (with the exception of the traveller community last year) - I would be interested to know the revenue that Havering Council has taken to date from this parking facility. This will inevitably lead to further overcrowding of the Tesco car park, and will bring in absolutely minimal revenues to Havering Council - just because the space is available earlier does not mean that it will generate more revenues in the long term.
2. Rainham Recreation Ground has already seen a part of it be reallocated to Rainham Village School, which has reduced the size of the available green space in this area. The proposal would completely decimate the remaining green space, leaving Rainham Village with no green space whatsoever, thereby reducing quality of life. The size of the recreation ground is such that whilst the proposal is that it will use "part of the current recreation ground", in practice it will be necessary to utilise all of the recreation ground. Havering Council should publish their plans for how much Recreation Ground will be remaining after construction, and what purpose this land will then be used for.
3. Linked to the above, this will lead to a worsening of air quality in Rainham Village. I find it incomprehensible that in an age of environmental concern that Havering Council are proposing to remove the little remaining green space to build a facility that will be largely used by people using cars.
4. At times the traffic tailing back from the Bridge Road/Lamson Road/Viking Way roundabout already reaches the turning for Tesco/Viking Way Car Park. With an increase in traffic this would become more regular, which not only impacts air quality from idling vehicles, but also impacts public transport since the 165 (direction: Romford), 287 (direction: Barking) and 372 (both directions) buses end up being stuck at Rainham Tesco being unable to exit their designated bus-stop area. Hence the service becomes more unreliable.

I trust that you will give the above comments your utmost consideration,
Yours,
A concerned local resident of Upminster Road South

Yet again green space has been put on the table for potential building development. The same thing happened with Oldchurch Park which had a thriving youth football scheme, which was swept aside and "provision" was made elsewhere which cost to the teams pitch fees and further transport costs. when will Havering council stop building on our green space. Why is Chaffords not being demolished and re-built. It was obviously in an accessible location and had good car parking etc. The new Road site is "hard standing", so brown field. This would be much more beneficial to develop than yet another green park.

Still keep the kids park around there somewhere.

Why rape and ruin another park in the borough?

Once developed it will never be a green space again, the council needs to abide by its own green belt and planning rules.

Loss of the play park at Viking Way is unacceptable as the park is so well used and was part of the original planning application in respect of the Tesco store. LBH insisted that Tesco revamp the old council owned park. That had been there since the 60s but was in great need of upgrade. Your proposal says you will TRY to find other space for a play area. There is no other green space in the Village. The park is ideally located next to the school and is used by the children every day unless weather is really bad.

On top of the Council's proposal to close the the groups for mums and babies from Rainham Children's Center this is yet another snub to families here.

Use what the council already own to save money

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Please note that your offer to replace open space lost is laughable in the face of your actions towards the community of Dovers Farm Estate.

To close Chaffords in the face of public opposition then offer a loaded-question 'consultation' for its replacement is cynical at best.

The parking & traffic situation if option 2 were employed would be abominable, but since it will never affect the officers of Havering Council you've not considered it.

Havering is constantly building on green space and the park needs to stay what with the new development. Havering has passed planning for in such a small area this will create dense over populated area so the park needs to stay

This will give Rainham some much needed leisure facilities. I have found it inconvenient to have to go to Hornchurch sport centre, and miss the quick accessibility of Chafford.

The council car park next to The Viking way site is tiny, parking would then overflow into the Tesco store impacting shoppers. The store has a three hour parking limit which visitors to the new site would take advantage of. Tesco is my local store and do not wish to struggle to find a space when shopping. Expanding the current car park would be a good option.

There often seems to be groups of males and odd characters hanging around the Viking road play ground which could be intimidating for visitors and could cause problems.

Apart from these points I do feel that using a current council site is the better option, also it would be in the heart of the village and far easier for all to access

Why was chaffords closed before facilities were replaced ?

Why is the council hell bent on building on every piece of green in the borough?

You take away leisure facilities and green areas then complain that children of the borough are not healthy.

This is not a consultation, like everything this council does we do not get a proper say.

You start off with several options but cut them to 2 loading the options significantly towards what the council want.

Roll on election time

The cost of green space is, in the longer timeframe both socially and economically unviable if the leisure centre was to be sited near to the recreation ground. Time and the council buying property to site a new leisure centre is more feasible - the land is already developed to a certain degree and although on a smaller footprint it will have less environmental impact in terms of carbon and development.

Out of the two sites Viking way would be better but I don't know why it can not replace the current existing site in lambs lane. There is nothing this side of the borough for the children to use. The current site was used by 4 local schools which was in walking distance which was used weekly. Now they have nothing!!! No one cares about Rainham !!! And the schools will not pay for transport to get them anywhere. How are these children going to learn to swim and be healthy. I used to take my family to this site on a regular basis which was walking distance. But

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have not been able to take them since this site closed due to the distance and not driving, would take too long and make it too late for the children , On a school night.

What is happening to the current site? And why can this not be re-used.

The New Road site needing to be purchased, would need extra car parking spaces, and takes it out of the village area. Would it be available for schools to still use?

The Viking Way site should never happen. This area floods.

The park is regularly used by the community, the re-locating of Rainham Village School entrance through the park has lots more children in the park. Why remove something that works for Primary children?

The college site is more favourable as it is already in concrete. We have houses and flats being built on ever plot of green you seem to find. The Viking way is open and has a nice little park where children can play away from the road. I expect the council we have at the moment will do what they want and this consultation is probably just a waste of time. Let's face it in Dunedin Road we were first told it will not build high rise flats on the site (the highest being 6 storey) what are we getting now, 2 x 16 storey blocks !!! Will be very surprised if this comment will be posted in full.

There is already too much green spaces being absorbed by buildings. Let's start taking back brownfield sites instead.

The New Road site is a better use of the current site and in the long term will provide bigger facilities from which more people can benefit and has better access without losing a park and sharing access with Tescos and the one way system.

The council have permitted homes for 1000's of people along New Road in recent years the supporting services and infrastructure now needs to be put in to accommodate the extra people. Therefore a larger centre on a larger site makes more sense in the long run. A smaller site with limited access and shared parking is a compromise and easy fix for the council and should not be accepted.

A larger centre that can be used by more people makes much more sense in the long run. The council have permitted homes for 1000's extra people along New Road in recent years and now the services and infrastructure need to be put in to support and accommodate these people.. the access to this site is better than site 2 and would not force users in to a one way system with reduced access and parking. More people to could walk to the New Road site as a more residential area. Site 1 a much better long term option for Rainham residents but as it involves more money and time and it is Rainham not other areas of the borough would be no surprise you opt for site 2 despite our comments!

I think the Viking Way site is more central for most of Rainham residents, including myself, and I would very much welcome facilities there. I used the gym for years at Chaffords and my kids had swimming lessons there for the last 5 years so having no facilities in Rainham has been a complete blow to our family, having no access to a car having facilities in Romford or Hornchurch are not suitable for us as it us, i cannot get my children to swimming lessons for a specific time after school by public transport.

The option 2 is prone to flooding and they have alot of problems with sewer waste coming back up in Tesco. I think this will cause big problems

RAVE would need somewhere to hold their fairs

It would be useful to buy the additional space, when it becomes available, and then turn that into "open space", therefore replacing that lost by the new Sports Centre - just a thought.

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<p>Rainham residents are in need of a leisure centre .</p> <p>The centre proposal which will as stated include a comprehensive balaced leisure centre can not come soon enough .</p> <p>The residents , youths and children need access to a centre not only to encourage physical and mental health but for a oppportunity to focus on positive activities .</p> <p>This centre is vital for rainham and I feel would benefit all residents and eleviate anti social behaviour.</p>
<p>The Rainham recreation ground would impact traffic through the one way system via Tesco which could be an issue and lots of schoolchildren use that park a building there would be an eyesore and subject to flooding from the river</p>
<p>Hopefully people with heart conditions will be able to use facilities, as we can't use the one at Hornchurch</p>
<p>Centralised for local community of Viking way site and aided by good transport links.</p> <p>Cost is lesser to the council and needs to be opened ASAP.</p> <p>Will bring recruitment into the area and provide a good opportunity for rainham to get fit! Swimming pool is a must so pleased that the facility will be available</p>
<p>I would prefer that the recreation ground in Rainham be left untouched as it has already been reduced in size in recent years by the extended car park and road.</p>
<p>Havering College site have less impact on conservation Area. Viking Way already busy with Tesco traffic and petrol garage making it more difficult in access. College site has easier access via 1036. Play ground in Rainham Village needed as only such site in the area. Playground site adjacent to Rainham Village School, unpleasant for school to have such large overpowering building next to it. Building on playground cause chaos in Rainham.</p>
<p>The Viking way site is better place for everyone old and young people and more accessible</p>
<p>Err build on a green playing area that used by lots of people? Or some spare concrete land thar once was used as a temporary dump by some nice individuals? Space 1 all day long ;)</p>
<p>Unused and abandoned space would be better than demolishing further green spaces</p>
<p>Turn the site at Havering College off New Road to a green space in the long term.</p>
<p>This area cannot afford to lose any of its recreational grounds. Buildings are getting closer and closer to the flood plains. Take away that hem area and I for one will not be surprised when the area begins flooding again.</p>
<p>How are Upminster residents served by this. There are sports centres in Harold Hill, Romford and Hornchurch and nothing in Upminster. Walking and travelling by bus to Hornchurch sports centre takes me 3/4 of an hour.</p>
<p>Site 2 is a lot closer to where the existing chafford site was. Public transportation links to site 2 are also a lot better for people without cars</p>
<p>Site 2 is easily accessible and lots of people travel this way from rainham station after work so it is more likely to be used</p>

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1. There would be an enormous advantage to our local children (including the pupils of the adjacent school) as the access would be easier and significantly safer than walking younger children along the main road.

2. I think parents would encourage older children to use the facilities as they (the parents) could incorporate local shopping into the equation.

3. Parents could use the facilities once they have dropped their children into the care of the school.

It could be a win/win situation all round.

It would be most feasible to have the centre in viking way as it is most close to the main transportation links.

if you build on the play area there will not be enough parking for users of the sports centre as the tesco car park should be used for tesco customers only and not for a sports centre users. plus at peak times say christmas you are queing up to get a parkign spot and to add a sports centre near there will further reduce parking available for shoppers. you need to think of a different area where a large car park can be built next to the sports centre whilst not interfering with any green space or parking that is already in rainham. or better still redevelop the chaffords sports centre to a modern up to date site .

It makes the most sense!

It is vital for Rainham and the south of the borough to have access to proper leisure facilities. This should have been planned well before the closure of the Chafford Sports Complex which has left residents without facilities unless they have the means to travel to other locations within the borough. This is particularly difficult for parents who want to access swimming and other sports activities for their children especially when obesity and poor health is high on the national agenda.

The leisure centre for option 2 will be closer to Rainham station and close to the Tesco extra allowing a person to have access to a number of services at once. There is already a gym along New Road (Elite) and with the closing of pools at Harris Academy the centre being more central to Rainham makes sense.

It is far preferable to develop a brownfield site than to build on green space.

The time frame is not relevant in my view; the council should have started planning at an earlier stage if earlier delivery was required.

It really is about time Rainham is being 'put on the grid' and why Chaffords had to close down before new site was sort beggars belief. I am looking forward to the leisure centre and hope that all goes to plan. I do sincerely hope that Viking Way car park is the chosen site. Moreover once it is built will be properly maintained unlike Chaffords.

The Viking Way option is preferable because it can be delivered sooner and a more central location for existing Rainham residents.

Why not use the chafford sports complex site and repkace like with like and both neighbouring schools can use. Alternatively why not use the ground behind Rainham primary school. I have lived in Rainham for 50 years and this ground is hardly ever used if at all by the school. It is a waste of land.

Please dont take the only park in rainham and the parking would be horrific in tescos if you built there...

The parking at rainham Tesco is already bad, to add a centre where would just build up more congestion

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Liaise with a gym company like Nuffield or gym box they could help finance.
The council has said it would aim to replace the green space lost. It would be good to have more specific information about this
The recreation ground is used by the schoolchildren a lot which means that they cannot use while construction takes place. I believe it's on a flood plain. Cannot see the existing car park is big enough able to take the parking of cars that could be generated if the facility is popular. If Harris Academy requires the land at the old Chaffords site then that money from the sale should go towards the buying of the land at Havering College. Welfare of Rainham Village School should be considered
Promise to move the playground and this is clearly the better spot!
Viking way is a more convenient location and will serve the community of better
Children will be using this and not sure it is the best idea to walk down a very busy road with site 1
Site 2 sounds like a much better plan as it doesn't have so many disadvantages and could be built by the time you purchase site 1
it is good that a Leisure Centre will be built in Rainham. The sooner the better.
Having a gym in Rainham would be very ideal as I can take my children to swimming and I can use the gym facilities. We definitely need a gym with facilities for children I am not sure where Viking way recreational is, it is a big enough site to open a gym please open one asap!
This park doesn't get used that much. Rainham Village school would benefit from it too to encourage the young children to swim, also this area needs regenerating and this would be a great start of it. Imagine getting a Costa Coffee or Starbucks in Rainham or any other coffee shops... wow dream come true.
There should still be enough green space left and it is more central to Rainham Village and all the bus stops
Just moved to the borough and would love to get the kids swimming again. They loved the exercise weekly. Good for everyone if we are promoting good levels of fitness and health.
Amazing idea
I feel that losing some nice green space next to Viking Way car park would be a big loss
That there is sufficient car parking spaces that are free to Rainham residents to use while using the new sports complex. That it is well lit and everyone who lives locally feels that the opening hours will suit all of our needs. I currently use a gym that is 24 hrs and I am able to attend from 5am to 7am before I need to leave for work. I am looking forward to the new leisure centre. We really need it and hopefully they will employ local people.
Whatever site is chosen, the most important for me and most of the people in my neighbourhood is to have BADMINTON courts.
Pleased the council are doing something about getting a leisure centre in Rainham. Since the loss of Chaffords, we don't have a pool/sports centre within walking distance. Excited as an understatement
A delay means Rainham residents will be without swimming facilities for a significant period, negatively impacting on well being.
Why don't just refurbish the old sports complex, and not waste money on new one, Havering Council should be ashamed about the way they are wasting our money!!!! shame on you!!!!
Do not want to lose the current green space eg Tesco park and feel it will increase traffic through Rainham village. Would prefer the New Road site as there should be adequate parking and great access to multiple buses that travel past there.
Rainham needs this type of facility.

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<p>I have used Mile End, Wapping, Becontree leisure centre. So If Rainham leisure Centre comes with all the package which it should. I think Rainham its bit undermined compare to other borough. So this should would tick another box.</p>
<p>Thanks</p>
<p>We are living in Rainham from 5 years and we struggle to find swimming place for children. We will look forward for new leisure centre.</p>
<p>It is important to keep the children's play areas. Health and Safety considerations need to be given to changes/rearranging of the area (or providing alternative green space) as the area is on floodplain and has a stream. Providing alternative green space should not be at the expense of the school losing playing field area - the school has just had additional classrooms block built on its playground and the expansion will mean children will use the field more as their play area. Will Viking Way become congested with traffic? - Parents dropping off/collecting children from the school (entry is via the park) and using Leisure Centre and coming out of TESCOs?</p>
<p>As a parent of children at the school based within feet of the new prosposed site at Viking way, I'm concerned about the safety of my children going to and from school. The building will be over looking the playground and I'm concern with the extra people that will be within the facility. I feel this site could potentially put the children in danger.</p>
<p>I think the viking way site is ideal and would greatly benefit the while community.</p>
<p>Make it affordable for local residents</p>
<p>My child goes to rainham village primary sch. I don't think this is acceptable to have so close to the sch. If you actually visit the park you will see a lot of children play in the park. Don't take something away, to replace it somewhere else. Build the centre somewhere else. So you don't have to rebuild a park and build a sports centre (a centre that people don't actually want) Many of the parents are not very happy and do not want this.</p>
<p>Use the money you save by using this site to improve its facilities or reduce the cost of membership.</p>
<p>This sports centre is a must have for the borough. Seeing as the council already own the land on one site and this is available now, it makes more sense to use this for the sports centre</p>
<p>Although it will take away the park it will benefit the children going swimming as there is other local parks.</p>
<p>I believe the wording of the consultation is biased towards site two, this is unacceptable. In addition both sites are poor which is unacceptable when there are other alternatives that have not been included. In Planning terms, loss of the recreation ground to this historic village is completely unacceptable, and shouldn't even be being suggested. Site 2 is also in a flood zone. The consultation wording towards proposing pre fab modular buildings is also biased and leading. These buildings have short design life and will dilapidate quickly, this is short term planning. I would have been happy to see options for the Authority to invest in the Chafford/Harris site and other alternative sites that do not cause the significant detrimental harm to existing public space. I would like to see details of secured available funding for the project including ongoing maintenance, site analysis based on passive design principals to reduce cost (both construction and operational) and construction time. I would like to see an overall site evaluation which considers the most sustainable project sites so that a high quality long term facility can be achieved and feel this consultation falls far short of the required standard and will lead to a forced choice by the public between these two sites.</p>
<p>Because of the position of option 2 I think it will be much more widely used.</p>
<p>I ran the Judo Club at Chaffords prior closure, and would like consideration be give to clubs like mine, ie small halls at affordable costs, within the complex, to allow these clubs to continue what they were doing, bringing people off the streets, and educating many on the art of respect.</p>

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Viking Way provides easier access for people so it will be easy to walk to so is the Greener option. The area currently attracts anti-social behaviour so hopefully that will end.

The Havering College site is too far away from residential areas. It will require driving to.

Hundreds of children access outdoor space in the park each day after being cooped up in a classroom 6 hours a day, I think this suggestion is appalling as Rainham is an area of deprivation with many children living in flats with no garden. They need to be free and healthy outdoors rather than making Havering Council more money.

Site at recreation ground is the best option in my opinion, lots of public transport, car parking and increase business in Rainham.

Siting the new leisure centre at Viking Way, would benefit the local Community and would certainly benefit from commuters, going to and from work.

Time is the important factor and I fear the site at the Havering College will not only be very expensive to develop, but could be bogged down with legal wrangling.

Looking forward to having a local pool again.

All the children from Rainham village primary and other schools in the area use Tesco park every single day, it would be a real shame to take this away from them and replace it with a monstrosity of a building that has no use to them. Yes there are 'open spaces' nearby but used more by dog walkers, not kids who want to play in the park after school and let off some steam.

The recreation site would be a big winner for residents, easy access by rail or road/bus, Tesco bus terminal serves a large area and quite a few buses enter all day. Look forward to using local facilities again rather than travelling too far. Good luck

It is most important that the council can find and confirm to residents a new site for a playground. Once again Rainham seems to be losing a much loved recreational facility. We lost Chafford pool given away rather than develop on a site used by many generations. Then have to wait for at least two years for a replacement.

Other locations i.e. Hornchurch can just carry on as their new leisure centre is built.

On topic at the moment is child and adult obesity, children must be allowed to run around and play this playground must be built locally and before the old one is built on.

Will sufficient free parking be allocated as no one should have to pay to visit the leisure facilities?

With the Rainham population increasing, we need a bigger and better area to call our 'Central'. This Leisure centre would be a great start in creating a bustling hub for all us locals to enjoy our area and integrate. It would also attract a lot of students from local schools such as Harris Academy, helping tackle the fight against obesity. Health focused cafes could open nearby which would boost local economy, and maybe take some of the monopoly away from Tesco. I am a small tutoring business owner and would love to provide tutoring services in the leisure centre, as a joint venture. Parents who do not come to the gym due to child care, can leave their children with me/my teachers, doubling up as a childcare service at the same time as getting tutoring/school homework done etc. This would benefit the gym greatly, with customers who are mums/dads and those who do not have enough funds to cover both a gym membership as well as childcare.

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Use the recreation ground for recreation. Move the playground or build a bigger one somewhere else
Unhappy with the loss of the recreation ground open space including free open air gym, an all weather court and two children's play areas.
Pedestrian access to Rainham Village Primary School is via the park allowing parents and pupils to enjoy the open space before and after school, especially in the summer.
Existing car park is pay and display whilst the adjoining Tesco's carpark is free for up to 3 hours.
Congestion through village, conservation and surrounding area.
Preferred access to a new facility should be via New Road A1306 to provide full access to Rainham communities avoiding local congestion and unacceptable loss of green space.
Would be next to Tesco Express therefore the Leisure Centre would be more visited and It is easily accessed
How soon will it be completed
Rainham needs children's entertainment centers and you will be the first ones
I have attended the consultations and watched social media activity around this. Lots of people are in favour of site 2, except are hung up on the green space. Site 2 is the clear choice here. If you can show how the green space can be continued for use of events / play equipment then its an easy win. Nobody seems to be in favor of site 1. Only the issues of site 2.
Access in Rainham of a leisure centre for the use of the learning disability is a priority.
Access into the building and through to the pool is of great importance for those with any disability. Ensure that there are enough changing room facilities and easy assessable showers with relevant seating in the vicinity,
Lots of people talking about loes of green space but I think it would be much better for everyone schools business to the area
With all the housing being constructed along the New Road, the New Road site would more accessible.
The Rainham village site would impose traffic problems for residents on the Upminster Road South & the one way system through the village, Also there is the proximity of the Rainham Village school.
Would provide a 'doorstep' facility for students at the college.
Green space would not be interfered with nor disruption of play facilities.
A two storey building should be considered. it would not appear out of place on the New Road with all the other building work going on. In several years more facilities/office space will be needed & it will save demolition & reconstruction.
The 'village' site may cause problem with Tesco's re misuse of their car park.
Car parking fees at the village site?

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I really miss chaffords, hopefully if it is built I. Vikinh way, I'll e able to meet up with so. E familiar faces. I hope there is aqua and a steam and sauna, all of these where helpful to the disabilities I have.

Having a new leisure Centre in the heart of the village at Viking way seems the better option. But we have concerns about taking away more of the existing park area which has already been eroded for the building of Tesco and Viking way and more recently the new building for the school site. Another area needs to be designated to replace this loss. This I feel should be in place before the original play area is dismantled in preparation for the new leisure Centre.

I also think this leisure Centre should have a sports hall the same as the Chafford site had. I have been told that the existing Chafford sports hall will remain open to the public although it is now run by the Harris Academy. But in the future if the school changes this arrangement we will have no sports hall facilities in Rainham at all.

Overall site 2 has more advantages than site 1. There is no guarantee that the council can buy site 1 when it does become available, and even if they did, we would be without a leisure Centre for even longer.

It's better for the entire community. A loss of a little green space to make everyone life better is not an issue!!?

Site 2 is easily best site for rainham at a very minimal loss

Play park is used by local school children to run around and play ball games without the scare that they may break windows nearby, the new pool would encroach and could cause children stress. The park has direct access to Tesco which is often used to purchase picnic to enable children to eat out in the fresh air. New sports centre would increase traffic going past the primary school. Vicking way has nearby underground river through the recreation ground which could cause some building problems/insurance issues.

I believe most people, based on social media discussions, want the park but are concerned about the equipment and green space. I have personally inspected the grounds at the recreation park and believe there to be plenty of space available to move the equipment AND have the centre placed there. There would be no real loss here. Site 2 is the obvious choice for a better rainham.

My family go swimming once a week. We are happy to drive to Romford to do this, but a pool in Rainham where we live would be more convenient. Our children go to Rainham Village School and we play at the recreation ground most days. It would make our lives worse to have the Leisure Centre built on the recreation ground. My 6 year old daughter particularly dislikes the idea of the recreation area disappearing. A huge number of children enjoy the recreation ground every school home-time, something that probably wouldn't happen if it were moved elsewhere in Rainham. There are already other parks in Rainham, but in my experience they don't seem to be as popular as the recreation ground even on non-school days due to its proximity to Tesco and the village. I don't feel that this consultation provides enough information to make a sensible decision. I have no idea what the cost difference is in the 2 sites, or where the new park would be, and how much that will cost. But based on the information given here I strongly recommend the College site. I am grateful that plans are being made to put a new leisure centre in Rainham, and that the effort has been made to consult the residents on this.

I think to loose the playground will be a massive loss for all the families and children that go to Rainham Village and the surroundings areas.

Having a green space next to a school also encourages that most children after school have a bit of fresh air and parents/carers also have an opportunity to socialize.

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<p>Our family goes swimming once a week and we are happy to drive to Romford and having a closer health centre would be an advantage but no if it means that a lovely park that is used by my children every day and during summer holidays would a disaster!</p>
<p>Please do not go ahead with the use of these grounds and plan to use the other site instead witch it will be more favourable and in the long term the families that live near the area can continue to have a park that is accesible and next to the school and supermarket.</p>
<p>Would be a shame to see the recreational ground made smaller when there is an alternative so close.</p>
<p>Do not put it on Viking way, the area is fine where it is and we do not want it.</p>
<p>I am concerned about parking at the viking way site. The current council car park is very small and cannot see there being enough spaces when lots of children are having swimming lessons. Will there be additional parking? Will it be possible to park in the tesco car park? Will there be a charge for parking? The council car park currently there is chargable. However parking at chaffords leisure centre, abbs cross, becontree and hornchurch are all free of charge. We need this centre to be used and people want to use it but would not be able to afford paying for parking when people can be attending a few times a week taking kids to swimming lessons on different days and using it themselves also.</p>
<p>The only logical choice here is site 2. There is nothing around site 1 that would greatly benefit rainham, its community, or its local businesses unlike site 2. Site 2 is local to everything with great transportation to and from Tesco and is also located central to everything. There is significantly much more foot traffic in the evenings/after work from people traveling from the rainham station to where site 2 would be located so the site would be utilised way more. I dont know why site 1 would even be in option with a question mark on if the council can even purchase the land. Even if they had the land guaranteed it just does not make any sense.</p>
<p>Some people complain about the green space but there is lots of room left over to still be used there. I have asked some people who argue for the green space about how often they actually use this space and its next to none anyways. I love green space but this challenge in reality is a nonchallenge. Do the right thing and put it in site 2!</p>
<p>It seems short sighted to build in the middle of the village - Rainham is still a village and not a town - and I'd prefer it nearer to the main road rather than additional congestion at Tesco. Closing the only real car park would kill the last of the custom for the village shops</p>
<p>Not sure why the land behind the school couldn't be used. Could have it's own car park and still have a walkway from the park area. Been told it's because the school own it, so why was the school enlarged taking a piece of the park and why was a large part of the Chafford/Harris school playing fields sold off.</p>
<p>The site next to Viking Way car park is much more central for people who do not drive and its also safer to walk to and from when dark compared to site on New Road. Its also served better for public transport links, especially Rainham station.</p>
<p>Option 2 is best choice!!</p>
<p>The college only does one subject which is not helpful (site 1). If site 2 is built upon it would be good for shops although the parking will be horrendous and the children will grow up with a bad experience of Rainham because the park they used to play in everyday got destroyed. Just take into account that site one is an industrial site anyways and shops could be built closer</p>
<p>Rainham needs a leisure center for the all the people , and the sooner this can be build the better</p>

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Rainham seems to be the least important area of Havering and it needs a lot of attention as it has been neglected for some time now

The planned site no 2 is regularly used by the school children of Rainham Village Primary School after school ends and also used for community events such as the May Fayre. The council car park does not have the necessary spaces for people to use a leisure centre and they would be penalised if they used Tesco's as there is a time limit on how long you can stay there. If anything site no 1 is still not viable as it is unavailable for a long period of time. I think the council should look to find an alternative to both of these sites