Appendix 1 Consultation Log

This appendix outlines the comments received through the consultation process on the leisure strategies, the source of the comment, the document/s to which the comments relate, officers' proposed response to the comment and the page number in the relevant document where the response can be found. The page numbers given refer to the pages in the "tracked changes" versions of the strategies, which are provided in appendices 2,3 and 4.

Notes to table:

Over: Overarching Strategy

GSS: Green Spaces Strategy

SLS: Sport and Leisure Strategy

All: applies to more than one of the strategies

Through: changes made throughout the document

source	Date (if known)	strategy	Comments	Proposed Response	Page no.
member - scrutiny	28-Nov-05	over	clarity over areas specified, eg Headington	such a level of detail in the overarching strategy could make it unwieldy as a document.	n/a
member - scrutiny		over	p9 - why info missing?	clarified	5
member - scrutiny		over	Area committees will need more info on how the strategies relate to their areas	through area committees and later consultation	n/a
member - scrutiny		over	timescale for consultation seems short as over Christmas	extended	n/a
member - scrutiny		over	be pro-active in getting feedback from user groups	invited to workshops	n/a
member - scrutiny		GSS	does it include roadside verges?	for wildlife purposes, yes	n/a
member - scrutiny		GSS	SSSIs - improving and long term objectives	incorporated	19
member - scrutiny		GSS	Delighted to see education in there	acknowledged	n/a

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member - scrutiny		GSS	Strengthen reference to allotments	agreed - throughout action plan	8,10,11,1 5,19,23
member - scrutiny		GSS	Clarity of language: level vs quality? Range versus type?	incorporated	over: 8. SLS: 6
member - scrutiny		GSS	P14 - using parks for energy / water / heritage / arts / ecology trails. Metastrategy missing - fingers of green areas with cultural links. Also an education link	incorporated	20
member - scrutiny		GSS	Maintenance programme, p12 row 2	incorporated	12
member - scrutiny		SLS	Include reference to reduce global environmental impact of our leisure facilities	incorporated	12
member - scrutiny		SLS	Reducing cost of involvement - energy a major cost and issue. Reduce energy consumption	incorporated	12
member - scrutiny		GSS	Allotments - £0.5m programme - how resourced?	budget bid - clarified	11
member - scrutiny		GSS	Need greater reference to the countryside. Also Thames Corrider, towpaths and canal	incorporated	20
member - scrutiny		all	Oxford brand - change the term	changed to recognition through pursuit of excellence	page 1, & action plans
member - scrutiny		GSS	Ward boundaries versus urban villages?	explained in text	4
member - scrutiny		GSS	Muslim burials - don't wait until 06	strategy not released until 06	n/a
member - scrutiny		GSS	Managing trees - can we do that before s42?	management of trees is ongoing	n/a
member - scrutiny		GSS	"Botley Park", not Botley	amended	10
member - scrutiny		GSS	Ward councillors - use them to encourage young people.	incorporated	10
member - scrutiny		all	Who is responsible for maintaining maintenance? Training issues	this is more of a management issue than a high-level strategic action	n/a
member - scrutiny		SLS	How develop the slice card?	strengthened	7
member - scrutiny		SLS	Blackbird Leys - potential but not trade fairs	removed	13

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member - scrutiny		SLS	Cross-cutting work within and between units	strengthened, specifically in relation to links with community centres.	14
member - scrutiny		GSS	p10 - climate change - migration of species: review options to increase/enhance corridors	incorporated	19
member - scrutiny		all	Be clearer as to who has responsibility for delivery	amended	over:6. GSS:5. SLS:4.
member - scrutiny		all	p43 - youth service: too much emphasis on crime	other issues included	over:8. SLS:8
member - scrutiny		all	Health and PCT - need to be consistent with area plans, area committees, BVR consultation	acknowledged	n/a
member - scrutiny		over	p5 - Ox in Bloom - not just recent years, but 20+	amended	5
member - scrutiny		n/a	Extend consultation period and return to joint scrutiny on 23 Jan	agreed.	n/a
member - EB	12-Dec-05	GSS	p29 - what does review mean?	clarified	19
member - EB		all	Terminology - big names, Oxford's talent, bits of research etc	amended	over: 4, SLS: 13
member - EB		SLS	Involve all non-council facilities: private, colleges etc	incorporated	6,9
Leisure BVR		SLS	p5 - refer to needs assessment: is it the right service, in line with community needs?	incorporated	6
Leisure BVR		all	Change of unit name to "Leisure and Cultural Services"	implement	through
staff	21-Dec-05	GSS	Very positive way forward for the department that mirrors good practice and trends nationally	acknowledged	n/a
staff	21-Dec-05	GSS	I think we should offer secondment opportunities to deliver some of the action points	incorporated	17
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	3.1 - play areas: could specify age (30+ years)	amended	3
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	Scope of the service - when to be produced? New ranger service to be added?	rangers included	13
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	Table p8 - remove "intro rangers" as already in place?	amended	13
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	Ongoing athletics track maintenance?	incorporated	12
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	Ensuring pitch capacity - add Blackbird Leys?	no, as other sites aren't specifically named	n/a
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	p12 - is sports development to stay in the unit	no plans for this to change	n/a
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	p16 - Farm on Court Place Farm.	amended	22

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staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	p16 - is the centre of excellence still ongoing?	incorporated	2
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	p18 - Abingdon Road: anything about car parking issues?	not an issue for the strategy - refers to study	n/a
staff	06-Dec-05	GSS	Blackbird Leys - changing rooms an issue: lack of and what we have is poor.	incorporated in review of facilities and infrastructure	
staff	07-Dec-05	GSS	Boults Lane is mentioned but can we influence as looked after by Marston Parish Council?	still need to consider as a resource for residents	n/a
staff	07-Dec-05	GSS	Should we mention the probation service as we may use them at a later date?	have not done so as a full list of partners would be very long	n/a
college	03-Jan-06		Risk assessment eg responsibility for removing fallen trees, provision of life saving equip near waterways - need some targets. Specifically referred to Angel and Greyhound Meadow but applies across the city.	incorporated	1
college	03-Jan-06	GSS	Interested in options for possible shared use of a sports field on Marsden Road which is underutilised. A grass pitch - would be looking for some sort of fee.	incorporated	1
club / assoc	20-Dec	GSS	Please ensure that signage at parks, playgrounds etc includes info about telephone numbers to call if you find used needles. Could also develop opportunities to promote access to drug treatment services.	incorporated	1
user	20-Dec	SLS	Concerns over closure of TCP and sale of land. Shortness of consultation period.	acknowledged	n/a
public	21-Dec		It all sounds well intended - my personal priority is that there be as many football pitches available as possible, as this is the main attraction as parks in my view	acknowledged, although other views differ	n/a
club / assoc	22-Dec	SLS	Rink staff are helpful and facilities are OK - ice surface and training rooms are good but scoreboard often needs repair, supporter facilities are poor and there's no café of shop selling kit. Main points - parking charges are terribly high; why can't we hire the rink at weekend lunch times? cost of ice hire is also high. Would like to host a tournament but seating is bad and lack of amenities is poor.	incorporated	1
user	30-Dec	SLS	Don't close TCP - we're not all rich enough to join private facilities	subject to facilities review	n/a
partner org	29-Dec		I would be interested to know how community safety will be mainstreamed through the provision of leisure facilities and activities	Incorporated - through their consideration in procedures and practices, maintenance and refurbishment activities, etc	
club / assoc	03-Jan	GSS	Many of the environmental aims are laudable, apart from the plan to take over allotments to compensate for the lack of green space. Since green space is so lacking in Headington, the intensive building programme should be curtailed and the remaining open space preserved. Strategy should contain more provision for increasing the number of countryside staff as staffing levels have been halved pver recent years.	seeking to increase staff through ranger service	1

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school	03-Jan		Much of what is planned seems eminently desirable and sensible, though I wonder about the cost implicatioons of achieving all that you wish. Note no mention of early morning swimming - vital for many who work through the day.	hours of swimming incorporated. Cost issues acknowledged - BVR may release funds	10
user	04-Jan		Impact on the provision of allotments. Existing funds insufficient for allotment maintenance. Additional green spaces can be made available by bringing unused allotment sites into more general use. Request additional funds for allotments and ensure no loss of acreage.	incorporated	10,11
user	04-Jan		Can I find out what the usage for TCP is compared to others? Has a 3rd party expressed an interest in the land? When will your decisions be made, what based on and where I can find out about them? Where can I get details of the planned improvements to BBL gym and swimming facilities? Several people have left the centre recently (eg because of roadworks or closure of creche) - how can you draw them back? How do the council advertise its leisure facilities - need to do better. do companies get discounts for using facilities, and if so has the business park been targeted?	operational comments - response dated 18 Jan	n/a
public	05-Jan	SLS	Concern over closure of TCP	acknowledged	n/a
public	06-Jan	SLS	Concern over closure of TCP	acknowledged	n/a
user	09-Jan		Concern over closure of TCP: may need refurbishing but surely cheaper than rebuilding. Should move sauna and steam rooms closer to pools - many people don't like walking across a reception area in a towel. A more direct bus service, eg from Headington, would be useful.	transport references stratengthened and strategy now includes aim to attract back former users	d 8,10
user	08-Jan		Concern over lack of support for allotments. Recurring theme of taking space from them and converting into green space. No additional funding for them. Incredibly regressive to talk of reducing allotment provision when more popular than ever. Many sites have a problem with security	references to allotments strengthened	8,10,11
club / assoc	09-Jan		Allotments rarely mentioned, eg aims 2 and 6. Entrances to allotments are just as much in need of attention as entrances to parks, eg CowMead and Dean's Ham allotments. Aim 6 - local ownership of green spaces, community spirit etc.	incorporated	8,15,23
user	21-Jan		Concern over closure of TCP. Staff could not be more helpful, but no creche anymore, diving pool closed, looks scruffy and expensive	acknowledged	n/a
club / assoc	17-Jan		Welcomes the aspirations and goals set out, but supports references to to the importance of ensuring delivery - will be judged by the people of Oxford in their personal experience of facilities and staff.	acknowledged	n/a

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club / assoc	03-Jan		Major aim to increase membership, improve level of performance and quality pool time. Would like Brookes to conduct a study on viability of a new 25 or 50m pool in the Oxford area.	Incorporated – increased membership and performance level	13
user	16-Jan	SLS	TCP ideally situated. Changing facilities much better than at Marston Ferry as not combined facilities.	Acknowledged	n/a
partner org	16-Jan		Need to ensure unrestricted access to all sections of the local community, eg BME groups. Neighbourhood policing is likely to enhance a positive attitude to sport and leisure in local communities. More constructive time spent in sport will have a diversionary impact. Operational standards should incorporate already-established principles for the development of safer communities.	Community safety issues clarified in procedures and practices	GSS:13. SLS:8.
User	15-Jan	SLS	Does agree with closure of TCP over summer for refurbishment but strongly opposed to any long term closure or relocation	acknowledged	n/a
staff	17-Jan	GSS	Green Spaces Strategy reads very well	acknowledged	n/a
staff		SLS	Could we make more use of the indoor facilities assessment from Strategic Leisure? Could we do a similar thing to the green spaces summary?	Subject to facilities review	n/a
club / assoc	09-Jan	SLS	Welcomes the publication of an overall strategy and would wish to be an active participant in the detailed development and delivery of it. The County 5-yr plan has the objective of having a National League team in the city, which needs improved facilities. Previous discussions had been stalled pending the production of a strategy and now we hope to pick up again to achieve mutual aims.	Incorporated – through pursuit of excellence	13
partner org	16-Jan	all	Summary shows commitment to ensuring sport, leisure and fitness facilities are available to all the community – we'd particularly like to support you with this strategy. Query over slice cards – clients using group slice card need supervision at gym/pool, but can use their own cards unsupervised. Can't understand the distinction: are there alternatives / ways around it? Thanks to particular staff at TC Leisure Centre.		over: 8. GSS:12. SLS: 7
club / assoc	13-Jan	SLS	I am pleased to say that there are a number of areas outlined within the draft where there are clear links with the Oxfordshire Football Association. I look forward to discussing the potential for partnership working in the near future.	Acknowledged	n/a
club / assoc	16-Jan		Number of structures eg notices and bins should not be increased as they detract from the appearance and atmosphere. Parks need more trees and grass, less asphalt. More should be done to prevent vehicles entering parks. Monopoly of public areas by private individuals (eg mooring of houseboats) must be strongly resisted. Number of playing field areas should be controlled so they don't take over.	Incorporated – effectiveness rather than number of signs and other furniture	15

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public	16-Jan	SLS	Do not close or relocate TCP. Main pool is dirty. Staff are unhelpful. Shower area floors are slippery. Slime in steam room. Basins need to be closer together. Need more showers. The temperature fluctuates in the showers. Do not want village changing. Pool temperature should be kept at 28 centigrade. Sauna and steam room should open earlier. Showers in sauna area are poor and need replacing. Steam room is frequently not working. In the first week of the school term there are no schools booked but it isn't changed to a public session and pools remain empty. gym should have windows pr more effective air conditioning. Reduce the loud music in the gym or use headphones. Vending machines are offensive – should promote health food and fair trade. Provide a staffed snack bar. The layout of the facility is poor - too many corridors and wasted space. Replace seating in the foyer. Mend the door in the disabled toilet. Replace all the taps in the women's changing room. Review lighting to enhance energy efficiency. Lockers need replacing.		through
member	13-Jan	SLS	Is there a commitment in the strategy to investigate replacing infrastructure in the most sustainable way possible?	incorporated	over: 10. SLS: 12
public	14-Jan	GSS	Allotments are about growing veg - all other considerations are secondary. Much voluntary work involved to run the allotments, which could be valued at £500-5000. It is important that the council reciprocates this work with an equal effort in the form of capital spending on gates and facilities.	greater emphasis included for allotments and holders' needs	8,10,11,1 5
partner org	14-Jan	over	May I suggest that fairly-traded produce is used for staff refreshments, refreshments and merchandise sold to the public, and staff corporate dress?	incorporated	10
user	13-Jan	SLS	Are you considering closing TCP? It's a brilliant pool with excellent staff in an extremely central location. I really hope that closing such a well-used and much-loved leisure facility is not part of your strategic plans for city leisure.	no plans - subject to facilities review	n/a
member	05-Jan	SLS	Certain that no review of facilities would lead to closure of TCP as no member, officer or public rep would support such a move.	subject to facilities review	n/a
public	24-Dec	SLS	No specific details on sites but concern over TCP - when will we know what will happen at each site?	subject to facilities review	n/a
public		GSS	Laudable aims, but far greater funding needed for allotments. Concern that allotments earmarked for green spaces. Allotments better for wildlife than grassland. Allotments contribute to most of the aims. Should include a more proactive approach to allotments - maintenance and conservation. Council may like to consider restricting the building on Warneford Field - a priceless wildlife corridor. Council should also enforce obligations of care - Warneford Hospital orchard.		8,10,11,1 9
		GSS	If wood farm play area is poorly used, could it be used for skate/BMX? engage with Oxford Wheels project to increase recreational opportunities for young people.	incorporated	9

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partner org	17-Jan	SLS	Would like a centre of excellence at Horspath Road; multisport including rugby. There is a shortage of quality floodlit pitches. Both universities would like to work with the council to develop facilities, co-ordinated through the emerging sports partnership.	incorporated	13
partner org	17-Jan	Over	Welcome general aspirations and five aims. Note with concern the high spend on leisure compared to usage. Considerable opportunities to promote use of cycles by tourists - should have cycling-related info at gateways to the city.	strengthened references to cycling and the needs of cyclists	8
partner org		SLS	Strategy is only weakly evidence-based: use sport England and Understanding Participation in Sport reports.	Acknowledged: supplementing with local information through facilities review and BVR	n/a
partner org		Over	Urban traffic-free sections important to encourage people to start cycle-commuting.	acknowledged - incorporated with "alternative transport options"	8
partner org		Over	No mention of the National Cycle Network as it passes through Oxford.	incorporated	8
partner org		Over	Should have high standard cycle parking facilities at each venue - a high level action	incorporated	8
partner org		GSS	Strategy is not firm enough in its comments on use of s106 money - should aim to use some beyond that required for transport itself to improve local leisure facilities.	incorporated	21
partner org		Over	Strengthen partner working refs to offer training, events etc and to publicise activities.	incorporated	9
partner org		GSS	Element to ID new ped/cycle crossings is not resourced - opp to integrate cycleways through parks and open spaces, linking Dual Oxford Cycle Network and the National Cycle Network.	incorporated	14
partner org		GSS	Assessing accessibility should also review cycle parking.	cycle parking incorporated	14
partner org	16-Jan	Over	Welcomes the strategy with its emphasis on access to leisure for all.	acknowledged	n/a
partner org		all	Ensure that access on foot is safe and convenient for visitors of all ages and abilities in all light conditions - London Road etc.	incorporated - arterial routes referenced	over:8. GSS:14. SLS:8.
partner org		all	Public transport needs to be available at all times a site is open.	incorporated	over:8.
partner org		all	Bus stops should be safely and conveniently located	incorporated	-GSS:14. SLS:8.
partner org		GSS	Surfaces in parks and open spaces need to be welcoming. Gateways need to admit, among others, those in wheelchairs, or with prams and pushchairs.	incorporated into action plans	8

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partner org		GSS	Paths in parks etc need to be lit after dark.	Incorporated in review of facilities and infrastructure	8
partner org		GSS	Increase the number and quality of small local spaces.	Incorporated	9
partner org		GSS	Strategy should be accompanied by investment by the County in streets and footpaths linked to a safe and enjoyable walking network.	Incorporated the need to work with County but can't commit funds on their behalf	14
partner org		GSS	Improve parks infrastructure to include benching and resting places, and shelter	incorporated	8
member – AC		SLS	Need to work with sports clubs generally, and to encourage young people to take part.	Incorporated	11,13
member – AC		GSS	Proposal to set up "friends" groups was welcomed	acknowledged	n/a
member – AC		all	Needed to be adequate budget for repair and maintenance of facilities	agreed – incorporated in action plans	over:8. GSS:7. SLS:12
member – AC		all	Contents of the strategies need to link with the area plans	acknowledged	n/a
member – AC		GSS	Investigate possibility of involving schools in the volunteer scheme for countryside sites	incorporated	17
member – AC		GSS	Funding needed to allow countryside service to advertise and undertake activities with schools	scheduled to be within existing resources	n/a
member – AC		GSS	Proposals involving waterways should be brought forwards and extended to include the canal.	Incorporated	13
member – AC		all	Achievement of excellence should be added to the strategic aims	linked to recognition of Oxford	over:1. GSS:1, SLS:1
member – AC		SLS	Holding classes in community centres could lead to a loss of income for council sports centres.	Agreed – referenced in action plan	14
member – AC		GSS	Proper recognition needs to be given to allotments.	Agreed – amend strategies to strengthen links to allotments	8,10,11,1 5,19,23
member – AC		n/a	Extreme anger that the consultation period is so short – would like it extended to the end of February	extended	n/a
user	12-Jan	GSS	Little reference to allotments: demand has been rising considerably so they deserve more recognition, more financial support and more maintenance	strengthened in the documents	8,10,11,1 5,19,23

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user		SLS	Important to secure funding to improve TCP, particularly the sauna suite.	subject to facilities review	n/a
member - AC		GSS	River should be highlighted as a recreation area	greater emphasis on waterways	13,20
member - AC		GSS	Need to clarify level of park ranger services and the contracting out of parks kiosks management	clarified	8,13
member - AC		over	Request for healthy eating menus at refreshment outlets	incorporated	8
member - AC		over	Need to co-operate with private sector and universities to ensure limited resources are focused in the right areas	principles clarified - greater emphasis on joint working	3
member - AC		SLS	Some users "fed up with tatty council facilities" and have joined private clubs	reference in document to attracting people back	10
member - AC		n/a	Workshops needed as the area parliament not an ideal forum for public involvement in the consultation	2 workshops held as part of consultation. Further workshops planned on site-specific details	n/a
member - AC		n/a	Documents were complex and a summary paper would be useful	summary paper was available. Over-arching strategy also meant to simplify the highlights	n/a
partner org	12-Jan		Good to see considerations of wildlife diversity included throughout the GSS, but monitoring of council performance in this area is not well defined and we'd like it included more specifically. It links very well with community involvement as species identification often involves voluntary organisations.	include in text on monitoring and indicators	6
partner org		GSS	Green spaces outside the city boundary for which OCC is responsible are left off the map (Shotover Country Park and Chilsewell Valley) - should be included in appendix 1.	not incorporated as not within the urban village context in which the others were reviewed	n/a
club / assoc	11-Jan	GSS	We were astonished by the low profile of allotments in draft leisure strategy	agreed - amend strategies to strengthen links to allotments	8,10,11,1 5,19,23
public	17-Jan	Over	Difficulties over consultation - nothing seen in press, over Christmas etc	acknowledged - PRs were sent out and consultation period extended	n/a
public		Over	Don't like the term vibrant - reminiscent of night-time drunkenness	changed	over:1. GSS:1. SLS:1
public		Over	Budgetary constraints may mean actions not delivered	true, but subject to efficiencies and BVR - suspect untapped resources can be released.	n/a
public		Over	Would have been helpful if the documents had included a full list of actual sites and facilities	could then have become unwieldy as a document	n/a

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public		Over	Public/private links hard to judge - could negotiate savings with private centres where council facilities aren't available but private facilities can go bust - each needs to be assessed individually with full discussion of the area committee.	acknowledged - investigation of options to work with private sector does not mean a commitment to do so in all areas.	n/a
public		all	Limited reference to initiatives by the University to open their facilities - is there a standing partnership to explore ways to share facilities? The brand must accommodate both elements.		over:3. SLS:9,11
public		Over	No mention of adventure playgrounds - are they now impossible on H&S grounds?	not a priority given current state of service	n/a
public		Over	Need for proper repairs and maintenance to be budgeted for isn't made clear in the draft		over:8. GSS:12. SLS:7
public		Over	Catering facilities are not mentioned - private firms could contribute: image of catering could be transformed through provision of fairtrade and healthy options.	incorporated	8
partner org	05-Jan	SLS	The council supports your proposals to work with schools to make facilities available when not used for school activities. No mention made, though, of school holidays - will need to work with County to do this.	incorporated	11
partner org		SLS	Should give consideration to parished areas of the city where the parish council undertakes maintenance etc instead of the City Council. City should contribute to these costs, for which they would be entirely responsible in unparished areas.	beyond the scope of these strategies, but maintenance in parished areas should be considered as part of planned and resourced maintenance programme	n/a
partner org	13-Jan	GSS	We welcome the aim to protect and enhance the natural and built environment, but it could be strengthened to include creation of new resources in line with Government policy.	incorporated "where possible"	6
partner org		GSS	No mention is made of the European Nature Conservation Status of the Oxford Meadows SAC (Special Area of Conservation)	incorporated	2
partner org		GSS	If the strategies have the potential to affect the SAC (through increased visitors etc), then OCC has a statutory obligation to undertake an appropriate assessment in accordance with the European Habitats Directive - can not do this just case by case but need to assess the plan / strategy	incorporated	18
user	Jan	GSS	p2. Help and support should be offered to tennis clubs as well as to casual players. Clubs should be allowed to rent facilities within their means and not be asked for fees beyond their membership means.	incorporated in review of fees and charges - consider VfM and needs of customers	12

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user		SLS	Little is said about games for seniors – it would be a great shame if long-established clubs were priced out of existence.	Incorporated	10,11
user		SLS	p4. Encourage ideas and comments from users, and introduce friends of groups – both strongly supported: great for involving seniors who, for example, were not consulted on the removal of the pitch and putt course which was great for those who can not afford to belong to golf clubs.	Acknowledged	n/a
user		over	New activities should come after those activities that already or previously existed. Youths for example, may like to join up with older people who could coach them in a sport, eg bowls.	Principles commit to provision in line with need	3
user		all	scepticism about branding – jargon.	Changed to "recognition through excellence"	over:1. GSS:1. SLS:1
user		GSS	Summary of Green Spaces study – because of H&S issues "Wolvercote Bathing Place" ruled out some time ago – Wolvercote Picnic Area instead.	Changed	арр
user		GSS	Check Wolvercote column on summary table – Ulfgar Road: should it really say "low on both quality and value"?	yes because assessment made against set criteria	n/a
partner org	03-Jan	over	Good to see that the strategy includes developing healthier lifestyles but I wonder whether it will include introducing initiatives such as "Prescriptions for Health", which would need co-operation with Oxon PCTs and Public Health initiatives.	Incorporated ref to such schemes	9
club / assoc	no date	GSS	4 area committees currently seeking further funding for allotments, but strategy says refurbishment is possible in existing resources. Also, leases have already been reviewed and extended to 2021 – continually reviewed by associations, the Fed and Council officers.	Clarified to show most recent budget position	11
club / assoc		GSS	Clear implication that allotment land could be given up to create more park space, eg Court Place Farm and Thompson Terrace. These are both designated through the Local Plan and have leases through to 2021.	References to allotments amended and strengthened	through
club / assoc		GSS	We resent the way allotment holders are treated in this document – are we not important?	Not intended – stronger focus in revised drafts	8,10,11,1 5,19,23
club / assoc	31-Dec	SLS	The review should ensure that it measures use and need. If leisure centres are appropriately located, any improvement should increase use. All other points seem sensible to us.	Acknowledged	7
club / assoc		GSS	Expensive so perhaps improvements should be implemented only where necessary, eg city toilets closed because of maintenance costs to deal with graffiti; a typical problem needing intervention. If by rationailising it is meant that play facilities might be closed where they appear to be redundant, this should be implemented	acknowledged	n/a

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club / assoc		GSS	Allotments: improvements should be allocated against real need identified and requested by their management committee rather than against a theoretical list of perceived facilities - therefore recommend a consultation with allotment associations before decisions are made.	incorporated	8
club / assoc		GSS	We also believe that the necessary refurbishment programme can not be achieved within existing resources. This needs additional funding.	incorporated	11
partner org	13-Jan	GSS	Produce management and development plans for parks in association with local communities.	incorporated	11
partner org		GSS	Submit upgraded parks for awards under the CABE Green Flag scheme	covered in strategy action plan	20
partner org		Over	Employ a landscape architect to undertake design work proposed in management plans; eg a year-out student who could also support voluntary organisations	subject to funding available	n/a
partner org		GSS	Encourage local schools, communities and voluntary groups to get involved in tree planting projects.	incorporated	15
partner org		GSS	Promote sustainability and biodiversity in parks.	incorporated through trails	20
partner org		GSS	Establish better footpaths and bridges between parks and open spaces, and produce leaflets to promote the network.	incorporated	14
public	03-Jan	SLS	Concern over closure of TCP	acknowledged	n/a
public	05-Jan	all	Concern over closure of TCP. Most impressed by the comprehensiveness. Would like to see more emphasis on the link between healthy eating and exercise, and reduction in smoking and passive smoking as part of healthy lifestyle.	healthy eating links strengthened.	over:8. GSS:8.
partner org	05-Jan	SLS	Concern over closure of TCP	acknowledged. Invited to workshop	n/a
Member - AC	09-Jan	GSS	Allotment provision still very important	references strengthened	8,10,11,1 5,19,23
		SLS	BBL Pool very important to the community	acknowledged	n/a
		SLS	Greater use of BBL Leisure Centre to be welcomed	acknowledged	n/a
		GSS	Football provision across the city should be examined carefully to ensure faciltiies sufficient for all who need them	already covered in action plan	n/a
		GSS	Play areas, particularly smaller local sites were still very valuable to the local community	acknowledged	n/a
Member - AC	04-Jan	SLS	Noted that there are currently no plans to close and demolish TCP	acknowledged	n/a
		GSS	To suggest that there should be a green space strategy for the whole of Oxford which should include allotments and Oxford/Britain in Bloom	references strengthened so document now fulfils this	n/a

source	Date (if known)	strategy	Comments	Proposed Response	Page no.
		n/a	Consultation process should be reviewed to ensure it is clear and transparent to alleviate rumours	acknowledged	n/a
			Equity of access to leisure facilities including financial implications be considered as part of the process	affordability a key part of all action plans	over:8. GSS:12. SLS:7
Member - AC	18-Jan		Action tables in overarching strategy should be broken down into strategic aims in line with the others	amended	8 onwards
			Clarify the links to supra- and sub- strategies in the action plan for the overarching strategy	amended	8 onwards
		all	What is the anticipated lifespan of the strategy?	clarified	over:6. GSS:5. SLS:4.
		all	Clarify acronyms and abbreviations	clarified	through
Oxford Sports Council	08-Feb	all	Reword aims 5 and 6 to: To improve the participation and excellence in sport; and To nurture and encourage community spirit and well-being	aim 6 amended, but aim 5 covers more than sport as excellence applies to quality of tourist provision, standard of events etc	over: 1. GSS:1. SLS:1.
		all	We agree with your principles in determining your broad approach	acknowledged	n/a
			Focus too much on own provision, rather than overall needs and provision in Oxford. Need to strengthen sports development and coaching, a more integrated approach, maximise use of existing facilities, and provision for the disabled	principles and partnership references strengthened.	through
		SLS	Need to carry out a city wide audit of facilities and activities across all sectors	underway as part of the Best Value Review	n/a
			Site specific questions around supporting clubs on planning and development issues; refurbishment or replacement of TCP; replacement of the ice rink; and opportunities for training bases for visiting teams during the olympics.	site specific questions mainly subject to the audit mentioned above, but issues around planning support and training bases incorporated.	6,13