

Banff Option A – Better Life Centre & Deveron Terrace

The Banff Better Life Centre proposal has been developed by the Princess Royal Sports and Community Trust.

In 1997 the Princess Royal Sports and Community Trust benefited from a new grandstand at Princess Royal Park, complete with community rooms, a gym and an all-weather surface adjacent to the playing surface at Deveronvale Football Club. The facilities are well used and it was an aspiration by the Sports and Community Trust to further develop their services. They commissioned project Architects to design a new sports centre. This was linked to the replacement facilities required as part of the disposal of Canal Park, Tennis Courts and Community Centre to Tesco Stores Limited. The plans were developed over a number of years and the Princess Royal Sports and Community Trust sought external funding for their project.

The site of the Banff Better Life Centre is on the former Environmental Health Depot, which is currently being used as a temporary car park. As part of the proposals a car park was constructed in 2009, which is used by the Community to access the facilities at Princess Royal. The designs were further amended to include provision for a replacement library. The proposal by the Princess Royal Sports and Community Trust is that the facility would be managed by the Trust with parts of the building let to the Council. The proposal would form part of the regeneration plans for the town centre of Banff.

Facilities Provided at the Better Life Centre

- 4 court games hall with spectator seating
- Reception with local information area
- 3 Pre School rooms
- Soft Play Room
- Public Library
- Café area with kitchen providing meals
- 5 offices for Community Learning & Development
- Conference Space / Studio Theatre
- Meeting Room
- Music recording room
- Youth room
- 2 Multi Sensory rooms
- Gym / Fitness Area

In addition to the above, a site was identified in the 2004 Public Consultation to provide the replacement for the grass football pitch and tennis courts at Canal Park. The site, located between Deveron Terrace and the A-listed Duff House, is on a sloping site with existing mature trees. The facilities provide for a new full size grass pitch with fencing and floodlighting to SFA Junior Football standard, a changing pavilion with 4 changing rooms, 2 disabled / referee changing rooms and 2 club rooms. Also provided are 3 all weather

tennis courts and a 'kids zone' tennis practice area. Car parking is provided accessed from the Duff House road.

Facilities Provided at Deveron Terrace

- Grass pitch to SFA Junior Standard with floodlighting
- Changing Pavilion with 2 club rooms
- 3 All weather tennis courts
- 'Kids Zone' tennis practice area