

Consultation of Greystoke Primary School Training Swimming Pool

October 2020



Introduction

It is thought that the training pool at Greystoke Primary School was established in the 1970's and has received limited repairs over the years. The facility is not a full adult size swimming pool; it has a consistent depth of 0.9m D x 15m L x 7m W and is considered a training pool.

The school and its premises officer have done an excellent job in ensuring the water quality and cleanliness is in place so children can use the facility safely. However, evaluating the ongoing operational & risk management, revenue and capital costs and actual educational benefit to children, it is necessary for Discovery Schools to undertake a review and period of consultation.

Areas considered in undertaking the review

Educational Benefit

Whilst it considered an educational benefit to have a training pool on the school site, it takes significant staffing resources as only fifteen children can use the facility at any one time, which requires additional staff to facilitate the swimming sessions. There are also now alternative arrangements that are possible where whole class groups can learn together and receive differentiated and specific instruction relevant to their needs.

Potential alternative swimming provision for Greystoke Children

The school has made initial enquiries at a state-of-the-art swimming at Enderby Leisure Centre which is approximately less than two miles away from the school and there is available space which the school can book and use. This will allow for a whole class to swim at the same time, therefore reducing the impact on children's learning and timetabling.

Current Condition

We consider the current condition of the pool is not fit for purpose and requires significant investment. This has independently been reviewed by Swim England, please see appendix 1. The building does not have shower facilities or any disabled changing facilities. Given the type of roof surround, often the environment cannot reach suitable temperature for a swimming pool.

Additional funding available

It has been explored with Swim England and other potential funders whether there any grants are available, however there is nothing that the Trust can apply for at this time. The trust has sought quotes from specialist contractor for a total 'repair and renovate' of the facility. The total estimates cost is £163,000 of capital investment to bring the pool to a suitable standard. Please see appendix 2. This does not include the ongoing running costs or any future maintenance.

FAQs

Why is the trust consulting on the pool when the community see it as an asset?

Whilst we appreciate that there is a strong historic and sentimental attachment to the pool and the trust does view swimming as an educational benefit the reality is that the training pool incurs

significant costs both in maintenance and future capital costs. Alongside this, we do not consider it to be the best use of public monies which could be used to make other improvements to the education and sporting facilities for the benefit of Greystoke children.

Is it a forgone conclusion that it will close?

Discovery trust is committed to undertaking a full and meaningful consultation with our community. The consultation and its outcome will be open and honest. As a result, there may be other outcomes or suggestions that come from stakeholders that we have not considered.

If funds could be raised to improve this pool, would this help to secure its future?

Although financial support to bring the pool up to an acceptable standard would be very much welcomed, there are further implications with regards to future capital investment and the ongoing running and maintenance costs which may prohibit this securing the long-term future of the pool.

What would happen to the pool if it was to close?

At this time no decision has been made with regards to the facility, but possible considerations are an extension to the small key stage 1 playground, providing an outdoor sports pitch and more space for physical activity for our younger children. This is subject to planning permission.

What mitigating factors would the trust/ school put in place to ensure sporting provision is not adversely affected?

In the event of closure, the children would still receive more than the DfE required amount of swimming instruction and this would be delivered at Enderby swimming pool.

What would the alternative swimming provision look like?

A private hire bus would take the children to Enderby pool and bring them back. The Swimming instructor would be able to determine the abilities and confidence of individual children due to it being a full-size pool. Our proposal is that children in years 2, 4 & 6 would swim for two 6-week blocks during the year.

Would parents be asked for contributions for swimming classes?

Yes, parents would be asked to contribute but as with all educational activities that take place during the school day, this would be a voluntary contribution and no child would be excluded from taking part if payment was not received.

Does this consultation have the support of the school's Advisory Board?

The school's Advisory Board have been kept informed. The Advisory Board which is made up of members of the community have discussed the future of the pool at length and can understand why the trust need to undertake a review.

Why are you not proposing a school/parent meeting on such an important decision?

Due to the current situation as a result of Covid –19 it is not safe or permissible to hold meetings face to face currently. Therefore, we would ask that you share your views and ideas using one of the channels below.

The consultation period runs for 4 weeks from the 1st October to the 29th October 2020. We very much want to hear your ideas and alternative solutions. The Discovery Board will review in detail the consultation responses and will decide on its future.

Ways to respond:

Please write to:

FAO Greystoke Pool consultation
Discovery Schools
NSPCC National Training Centre
3 Gilmour Close
LE4 1EZ

Alternatively, you can email your response to consultation@discoverytrust.org

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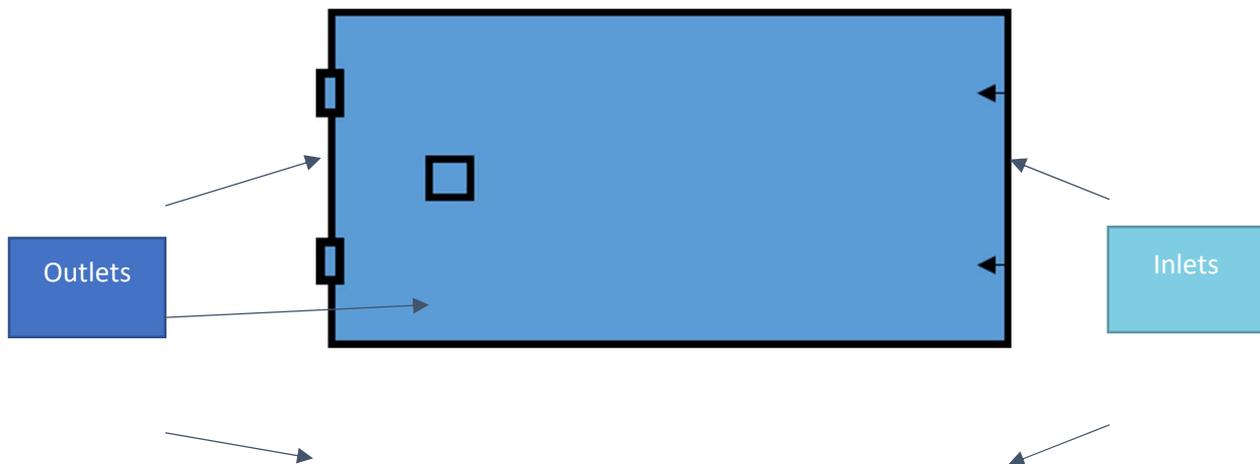


Nathan Odom, Head of Estates



Greystoke Primary School

Greystoke Primary School is a single tank facility. The pool is enclosed in a polycarbonate housing, with a side shutter system. The facility incorporates a heated air inlet, however no extraction system / fans were identified. The pool has skimmer design system for water draw off, including two skimmer outlets and sump outlet at the deep end.



Poolside vinyl flooring is aesthetically work on the surface and has lifted in some places, which would require further investigation.

The pool is rectangular with the dimensions of 7m x 15m with a constant depth of 0.9m.

The pool tank has a tiled finish and shows no signs of significant structural deterioration. All of the pool's edges are raised and have top tile (coping stone) to finish, these seem in adequate condition and only has worn aesthetics of the paintwork.

There is a hand rail running along one side of the pool which also provides a ladder entry.

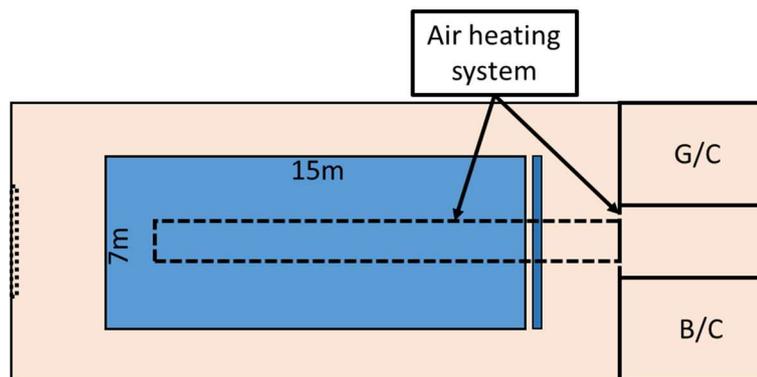
The pool has a roll on cover, which is a single skin, floating cover.

Pool air temperature is achieved using gas from the school mains. However, due to no circulation being in place the heated air is stagnant unless the side shutter system open for ventilated air flow. With no insulation within the pool housing, heat retention could be vastly improved.

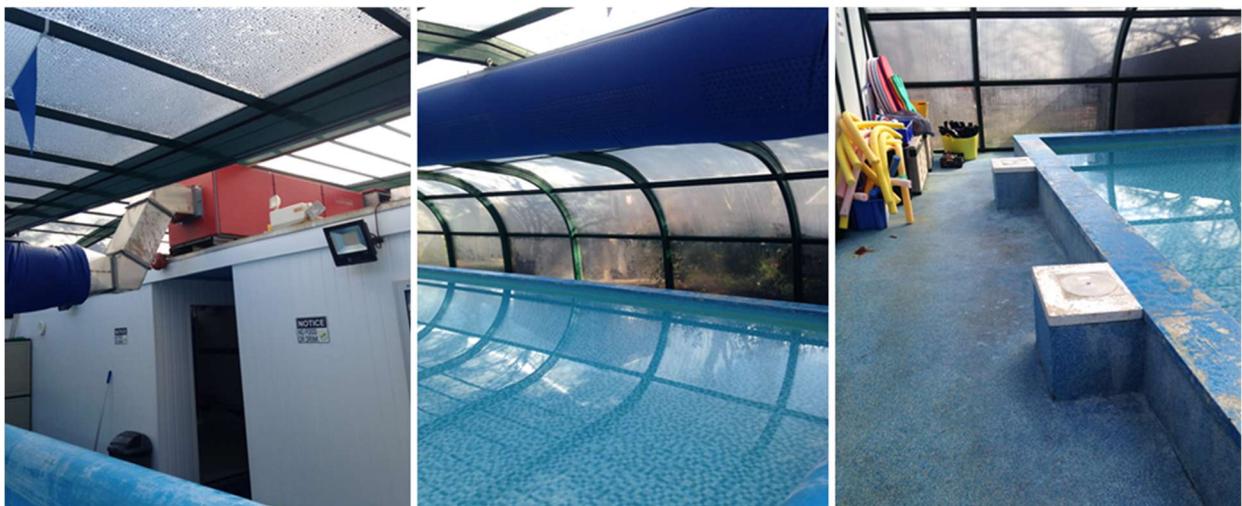
With the current system in place, condensation is a major problem, causing a very damp atmosphere and providing a hospitable environment for mold growth (as shown in pictures).

On visit I was unable to see the plant room, however pictures show a single filter and pump system which appears to use sand for its media.

The current changing facilities are limited, but could be improved. The space in both changing rooms is adequate for the size of pool. A single toilet is provided in both girl and boy changing rooms, unfortunately there is no shower facility. This is would be a strong recommendation going forward, to help with hygiene. Currently there is no provision for staff changing, which would need addressing. Not only would these improvements help in making the pool more user friendly and appealing, but it would also help reduce the chemical usage and cost expenditure as a result.



The site would require a significant amount of investment to improve the housing and conditions within. The current internal air conditions are a concern, given the amount of mold and condensation. If funding can be sourced, works to provide an improved extraction system and new building enclosure would be the priority. There is adequate dry side facilities, however works to improve the shower provision and staff changing should be given consideration



Refurbishment of Pool Hall at Greystokes

List of Works	Cost
Building Works <i>Removal of old existing pool hall and disposal. Preparation of ground works for footings for new building. Erect new block built building measuring approx. 10 metres x 18 metres x 3 metres. Internal walls to house male and female changing rooms. All wall and ceiling to be suitable for Swimming pool environment.</i>	£ 89,640.00
AHU <i>Supply and Install, 3ph Calorex Variheat 3 - S900 Dehumidifier + Air & Heating C/W Fresh Air Cooling Module. Including all necessary ductwork throughout Pool Hall.</i>	£ 16,000.00
Tiling <i>Tiling of Poolside including upstands to pool and Changing Rooms. Price based on a Standard indoor Pool type flooring, Size, Type & Colour to be decided</i>	£ 10,555.00
Coping Stones <i>Removal of old paintwork and chemical cleaning of coping stones. Treat and Paint</i>	£ 1,000.00
Plastic Benches <i>Supply and Install plastic changing benches within male and female changing rooms. Benches are 2 meters in length each section, price is for 3 per changing room.</i>	£ 2,250.00
Dosing Unit <i>Supply and Install of a Bayroll Analet 2 PM5 automatic dosing unit with 2 of LMI dosing pumps within plant room.</i>	£ 6,600.00
Plumbing Works <i>Carry out all plumbing works on site and the supply of all plumbing materials necessary. To include 2 commercial showers with single push button operation, Central mixers, fed from electric water</i>	£ 6,000.00

Electrical Works	£ 20,000.00
<i>To carry out all electrical works on site and the supply of all materials required. To include the strip out of all electrics prior to the dismantling and removal of old Pool Hall, install of temporary supplies during building works, rewire of plant room, and the complete wiring of new Pool Building including AHU. Lighting etc.</i>	
Pool Cover	£ 2,900.00
<i>Supply and install new 5mm Heat Retention Supercovers, including leading edge.</i>	
Reel for pool cover	£ 1,450.00
<i>Supply and install new Slidelock telescopic Reel</i>	
Project Management	£ 6,600.00
<i>To oversee project and maintain budget</i>	
Total	£ 162,995.00