



## View from the Lakes

**NEWSFLASH!** February 2007

### Cambridge Sport Lakes Scheme receives Green Light!

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust was thrilled to learn that South Cambridgeshire District Council has approved its plans for the scheme to transform land north of Milton into one of the UK's largest sport and leisure facilities.



The decision of recommendation for the delegated approval of the scheme now gives the green light to further work on the ambitious project to create a 259-acre sports and leisure park between Milton and Waterbeach.

Michael Garroway, Director of Resource Development at Cambridge Sport Lakes, said, 'We are delighted with the positive response we have received from the public, and now from the Council, and look forward to moving ahead as soon as possible. We want to especially acknowledge the hard work and help of all our supporters and volunteers whose efforts have brought us to today's outcome.'

Potential activities at the Lakes will be available to everyone who enjoys the countryside – from leisurely strolls and bike rides to more

challenging pursuits such as rowing, canoeing, BMX, and triathlon.

There will also be an educational facility. The site has potential as a training venue for the 2012 London Olympics, and will provide a much needed recreational and relaxation venue for the Cambridge sub-region. •

### Spreading the Word

CSL Volunteers were to be found in Cambridge City Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January, talking to the public about the Sport Lakes Project and conducting a user survey in the run up to the scheme going back to planning committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

Development Officer Aimée Mason said 'We found the level of interest and enthusiasm for enjoying this public space very exciting', 'Together with findings from the Open Evening we held in Milton, they strengthen our commitment to creating the Lakes, and give an excellent start to the on-going public consultation that will underpin our plans'.

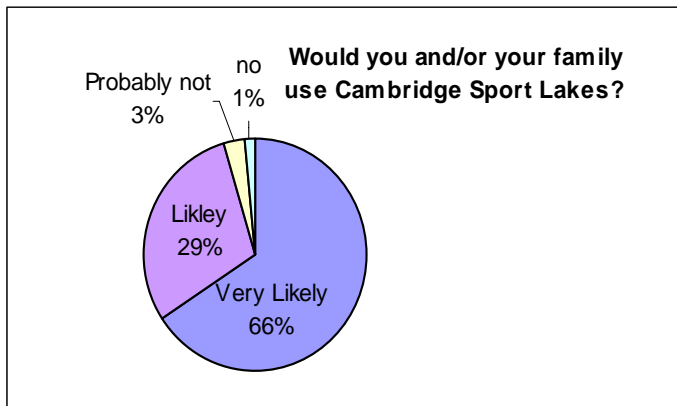
Analysis of the forms and comments from visitors to the displays indicated that about half of those surveyed already knew of the proposal, and 95 per cent would be likely to use the facility for land and water-based leisure pursuits. The majority – over three quarters – would want to cycle, and a similar proportion would to use the site to walk or jog.



*Volunteers talking to the public in Lion Yard, Cambridge.*

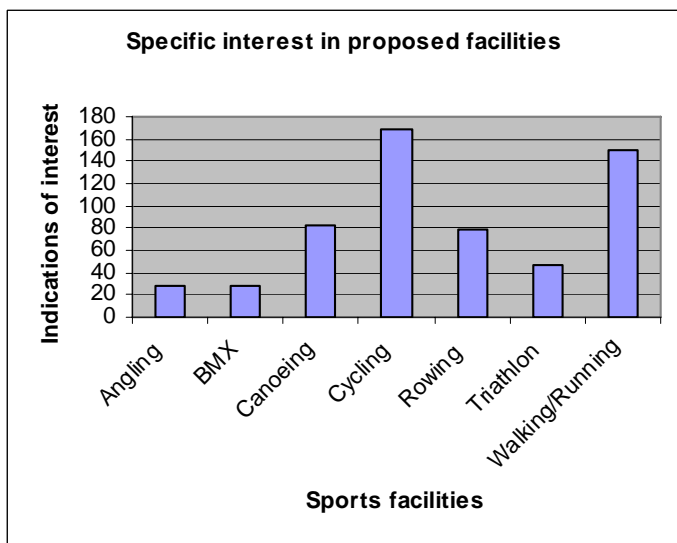


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About 30 per cent would canoe or row, and there was also interest in the triathlon, BMX and angling opportunities. Those participating in the survey included single people, couples, families, and all age groups.

Aimée said 'it was particularly good to talk to enthusiastic young people about their expectations of the lakes, as they will reap the benefits both in the near future, and as they become the next generation of athletes, parents and adults in an increasingly health and environment conscious society'.



Cambridge Sport Lakes would thank all the wonderful volunteers who braved the cold of Lion yard and who helped us at the Grafton Centre and Milton Open House •

## SAVE THE DATE

### EASTER BREAK 2007

#### Triathlon Taster Day

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007, Chesterton Community College  
10am-4pm

#### Beginners Rowing Courses

##### Age 9-12

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 2:00 - 3:30pm

##### Age 13-16

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 4:00 - 5:30pm

### SUMMER BREAK 2007

#### Beginners Triathlon Course

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

#### Improve your Triathlon Course

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August

#### Beginners Rowing Courses

##### Age 9-12

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: 9:30 – 11am

##### Age 13-16

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: 11:30 – 1pm

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#### Ladies Beginners Rowing

Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> August,  
6:30-8 pm.

#### Ladies Improvers Rowing

Thursdays 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
6:30-8 pm.

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