



## Active Places Power – March Workshops

### FEEDBACK

**Workshop Scores:** (percentage of responses)

	<b>1: Poor</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5: Excellent</b>
<b>Overall usefulness of the workshop</b>	0	0	9	32	59
<b>Quality of the training</b>	0	0	5	63	32
<b>Quality of the venue</b>	0	0	23	41	36
<b>Accessibility of the venue</b>	9	0	31	23	37
<b>The catering</b>	0	0	14	36	50

### Delegate Feedback/Quotes:

It will assist me in responding to enquiries from members of the public.

I have been very impressed with the system, I think it will be a very useful tool.

Thank you for a really interesting and useful workshop.

It's a useful tool, just need to get used to using it as part of my regular day to day activities.

There is a keen interest amongst colleagues

I think the more we use the system, the more we will be able to get out from this, from as little as "Where is the nearest....." to planning new leisure venues within our Borough etc.

I can see this being used more and more.

Very good, Very powerful but also easy to use, Well done!

An extensive and useful database of facilities and the first of its kind that can provide useful information and some statistical analysis comparable across different areas. There is the potential for the data to be statistically misleading and to potentially not provide the full picture but as was said at the workshop the database is really only a first tool to more extensive analysis.

One other comment at this stage I would make is that if the advance search could be split into more divisible categories, i.e. more than just one option could be selected, it would be even more beneficial.

Tool to be used as an additional evidence base for funding applications

Good tool with the continued input of resources to get other information on such as the playing pitches it shall become invaluable.

Planning - Policy making and monitoring particularly with regards to policies, plans and strategies involving recreation, sport and open space.

Can be is use in the management of parks and open spaces, tourism, economic development and education (schools).

Albeit there is a need to test drive further the database, it seems like a great tool for planners. Furthermore, it holds the potential to increase such potential even further if, as suggested during the training, the database comes to include more activities, not traditionally associated to sport. This could not only enhance its relevance, for instance, to planners working with sustainable transport.

It is an easy database to handle, once one gets used to it. However, only regular use will reveal in more detail database potential and limitations.

Just to say thank you for yesterday. Really enjoyed the workshop.

The parks office regularly consider the level of leisure service provision available to the public of Reading. The database will assist in identifying areas of shortfall & areas of potential over-provision. This will be key in responding to and considering planning applications amongst other projects.

Extremely good - I was not sure how effective it would be. But I can see that if all relevant parties sign up to being responsible for the updating and capture of information relating to their service areas it would become an invaluable tool for all.

Thanks for your efforts arranging the training. My colleague Debbie and I found it really useful.

It will certainly help us to establish how many people will benefit from current and potential facilities. It will help us to identify what areas of the borough do not have easy access to different types of facilities. It will help us identify how our borough compares with other authorities with regard to different types of sports provision. It will help us provide facts and figures that can be used in grant applications.

It will help to streamline the development of local frameworks in our authority. Ensure there is a thorough, detailed process in place which will bring maximum benefit to the community.

Very impressed and a great tool, particularly for planners with 106 funds available.

Benefits for Forward Plans and Development Control

Will directly assist with the evidence base for LDF and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

Easy to use with scope to extend the range of facilities to be included.

It would be useful if the accessibility side of the programme could be developed including proximity to public transport

-location of bus stops

-links to up-to-date bus timetable information (frequency of services)

-useful to consider the accessibility of facilities

Active Places will definitely be very helpful in my day to day duties. We will mainly use the tool to carry out a mapping exercise as part of our new Sport and Recreation Strategy

It will help us establish how we compare to other authorities in terms of facilities distribution.

I found it to be an extremely useful tool and much more user friendly than other data bases that I have been involved with.

The applications and usefulness are immense. We are currently planning a new facility in the East of West Berks and undertaking some joint feasibility with Reading BC therefore the system will be valuable here. Also we do not have any planning guidance as such to help guide Section 106 agreements so I see some added value here also.

In planning our sports programmes and activities we can use APP to highlight areas with poor access to facilities, we would then be able to take activities to areas with poor access. Find my nearest is particularly useful as we receive many enquiries as to where local facilities are.

Very impressed, normally with this kind of programmes there isn't much depth to them, APP is extremely detailed.

It will directly help a number of uses in the sports unit, include helping with the background to the sport strategy being written, information to members on the authority's position and benchmarking against ONS.

The key benefits will be relatively easy to explain as we came away from the training enthusiastic about the training.

Very impressed with the usefulness of the site and wished it had been developed years ago when we were working on the New opportunities funding. Look forward to the remaining of the strategic tools being on available as this is the most useful area of the site for us in planning.

The active places power will definitely assist in my work and help provide the much needed evidence that is required. Particularly, keeping our facilities up to date and with all the new housing developments coming on line 4,500 new homes in our area,

The package will be a useful tool to help develop links with key partners such as planners, private developers, etc..

Excellent website, which is efficient and effective and very informative.

It will help bring the sports and planning teams closer

Excellent – probably the best thing to have come out of Sport England – Well done – Have been singing your praises all week!

Very impressed. I just hope that it is kept up-to-date and maintained.

It will help particularly when making bids for additional money to support development projects. We have used it to demonstrate where competition for our sports facilities comes from, what levels of provision there are locally and where there is unmet demand.

I have already met with a number of our Planners and our GIS Team to get them signed up as users.

I think that Development Control and the Planners will find it very useful when assessing development proposals from developers.

I think it is very good and that I have only really scratched the surface of what it can do. I am looking forward to the additional functionality such as the Single Facility Catchment.