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### **Have your say on what community facilities mean to you**

Residents and community groups across the borough are being encouraged to share their views to help shape the borough's future approach to community facilities.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is currently updating its Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment.

This assessment will form a framework for establishing the borough's future approach to open space, sport and recreation, including consideration of how community buildings are serving community needs and how this can be improved for future years.

With more residents across the borough spending more time in their communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the updated Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment will ensure the council can provide support where it is needed most.

Community associations and groups, residents and users of community facilities across the borough are being encouraged to share their views by taking part in a short online survey.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Partnerships Cllr Simon Bound said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live our lives and it has been great to see so many people getting involved in their local communities.

"We want to build on this and it is very important that we understand how facilities are being used across the borough and if they are meeting communities' needs to ensure the borough remains a great place to live for years to come.

"This will ensure that alongside our partners, our collective work makes the biggest difference to residents' lives."

To complete the survey, please visit <https://basingstoke-and-deane-community-buildings-user-survey-luc.hub.arcgis.com/> by Sunday 7 March 2021.

### **ENDS**

Any questions via email to [customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk) or by phone on 01256 844844.

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