

**CABINET 17 January 2024
MEMBER QUESTIONS**

Question from:	Julia Buckley	
Subject:	Sports Village Transformation	
Portfolio Holder:	Robert Macey	Approved

The "Sports Village Transformation" report refers to a feasibility which proves the dual site option is "unaffordable". Whilst investment is welcomed into Sundorne, the dual-site proposal could combine this with leisure swimming for families and tourists at the Quarry.

Has this feasibility study been made available to members? This is new information which is impacting swimming provision, without informing the public.

No, and there has been no requirement to make this available. This study has been made available as Appendix 4 of this report.

Despite spending £422,800 to repair the Quarry Swimming Pool this report requests Cabinet to confirm:

*"The previous decision ... to develop a dual split site proposal, with new pools being developed at the Quarry and SSV, is **currently unaffordable** and development of SSV needs to be prioritised, with a full assessment being undertaken in due course on the future options for the Quarry site."*

Why is the Council delaying consultation and decision on the Quarry site redevelopment, yet asking Cabinet to rule out a dual site at the outset?

The report is not ruling out a dual site but recognises that to do both is "currently unaffordable". Therefore, it is asking Cabinet to prioritise SSV, in much the way we did Whitchurch previously "with a full assessment undertaken in due course on the future options of the Quarry site".

This report contains four references to funds being made available from "capital receipts". Without any details, this implies the Quarry pool site could be sold off to help pay for the Sundorne site.

Can you confirm whether the Quarry site is ear-marked for sale?

No decision has been taken in respect of the future of the Quarry site and therefore it is not ear marked for sale.

Does the Quarry Swimming Pool sit on Shrewsbury or Shropshire Council land?

Its sits on Shropshire Council land.

And is it covered by any covenants for community use?

There are no covenants for community use noted on land registry and we are not currently aware of any such encumbrances to that effect.

*Many residents find the Quarry easier to access due to the greater public transport services into the centre. **How will residents in the South access a single pool in the North of the town?***

N/A as the council has not proposed a single pool.