

BRITISH GYMNASTICS STRATEGY NOTES

BACKGROUND INFO FOR AOG CHICHESTER

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There is a large demand for more gymnastics opportunities and clubs all report large waiting lists. The total number of people estimated to be on waiting lists for gymnastics is 1.6 million (Freshminds Latent Demand Research, 2016). Furthermore, this research also shows that a further 1.3 million would like to participate but are not currently, nor on a waiting list. A key part of BG's strategy to increase participation is to support clubs moving into their own dedicated facility, offering more time and space for classes. There is a definite trend for gymnastics clubs to move into their own dedicated facilities. Approx 40 clubs moved into their own spaces last year and BG expects this trend to continue and an increased amount of clubs move their activities to dedicated spaces/facilities. There is limited provision with all clubs having waiting lists restricting access to gymnastic activities due to the lack of time within both dedicated and non-dedicated facilities

KEY POINTS FROM BG STRATEGY .

British Gymnastics Facility Strategy

British Gymnastics Facility Development Priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:

- Support increased capacity within gymnastics through clubs, leisure providers and other delivery providers
- Guide funding investment through the United Kingdom from British Gymnastics, Home Country Sports Councils, Local Authorities and other potential funders.
- Maintain and improve the quality of facilities and equipment within existing delivery partners.]
- Develop insight, understanding and direction of how Facility Developments can contribute towards other BG Strategic Priorities

WHOLE SPORT PLAN PRIORITIES

British Gymnastics Strategies are outlined in the Strategic Framework (2017 - 2021)

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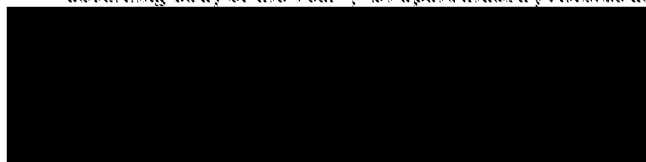
- Diversify sources of revenue to develop and grow the provision of gymnastics
- Build the capacity and grow the demand in gymnastics
- Raise the profile and increase the appeal of gymnastics

Rob Hardy

Facility Development Partner



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18TH January 2018

British
Gymnastics

Dear Sir or Madam:

THE ACADEMY OF GYM – CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION

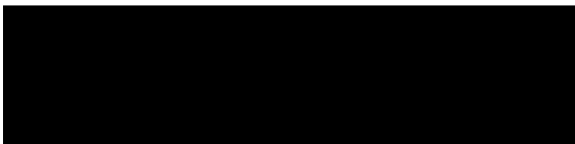
I am writing in support of The Academy of Gym (TAG) Gymnastics Club. British Gymnastics is very keen to ensure that gymnastics carries on and develops in the area, as there is a very clear demand for more gymnastics delivery in Chichester and surrounding areas.

TAG has been very supportive of British Gymnastics and worked closely to deliver programmes and activities. Their engagement in these has helped to boost the club and support growth. Over many years, the club has proven that it is able to deliver a robust programme with quality leadership and management.

Support will be given from the various Teams including mine at BG to help the club grow and ensure the development of a quality service. Gymnastics meets many of the key social agendas including improving health, community cohesion, youth work, crime reduction, regeneration and of course increasing sports participation.

I wish the club continued success and offer BG's support in ensuring their development and growth and progressing the application of change of use.

Yours faithfully,



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South East Gymnastics Association affiliated to English Gymnastics and representing the Counties of:
Kent, East and West Sussex and Surrey including the South East Schools Association

Affiliated to: English Gymnastics, British Gymnastics and the Commonwealth Gymnastics Confederation and The Commonwealth Games Council for England

Dear Sir,

Planning change of use, industrial to D2, until in Sidlesham, Sussex

The Academy of Gym is an active Gymnastics Club and member of South East and British Gymnastics. The Club has been running since 2009 and have been actively looking for premises for the last 5 years.

The Club's main base is Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester where they can only train every Monday and Saturday (term time only) which are the only days available to the Club. They also run classes throughout the week in four other venues to accommodate their recreation and squad members. Yet they have already grown in excess of 130 members and hold a large waiting list.

The South East has a history of very successful clubs with their own premises and indeed were the first region in the UK to have such a club. Recently we have seen an actual reduction in numbers of smaller independent clubs to just over 100. However the clubs in membership have grown exponentially in size, so our overall membership has grown to over 30,000 individual members for the South East. Around 25% of these clubs now operate from a facility they own or control use.

What we have seen where a club is given this kind of change of use, is a growth in range of disciplines at all different levels on offer. There is great demand in the Chichester area with more than one club in operation. So the normal growth would see employment particularly for younger or returning to work groups.

I do feel this kind of facility will therefore be a great asset to the local area and therefore I have no hesitation in recommending this goes ahead.

Kind Regards

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19th January 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

THE ACADEMY OF GYM - CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION

The Academy of Gym (TAG) is a credible gymnastics club and an asset to Sussex Gymnastics, with many dedicated gymnasts and coaches that provide impact towards the Woman's Artistic County squad. Having so many TAG gymnasts in the squad, it is clear that the club is a valuable asset within Sussex, with many TAG gymnasts that have represented the County and the South-East Region.

Unfortunately due to lack of facilities and constraints, the gymnasts have limited training time and use of equipment to enhance their skills further. With a permanent base this will, no doubt, enhance their already capable team of gymnasts and continue to grow and develop.

There are many clubs in West Sussex, but very few with a permanent facility. There is great demand in Chichester and the surrounding areas for a club to provide a professional and quality gymnastics programme. Having this type of gymnastic facility would hugely benefit the local community and will inspire children throughout the area, it will promote fitness, wellbeing and social skills and would encourage children/adults of all ages to enjoy the sport of gymnastics.

Sussex gymnastics fully support the club and wish the club every success in their new venture.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Jestico
Sussex Gymnastics Women's Artistic Representative & National Judge

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Dear The Academy of Gym,



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While I cannot comment on the planning situation, etc., I do know that Selsey in particular suffers from a lack of access to facilities for sport and leisure for young people given its distance from the nearest facilities in Chichester. For some families in Selsey, the practicalities of travelling into Chichester for after-school activities becomes unmanageable, particularly where siblings have different interests which can often clash. The time taken to travel to facilities prevents some families from engaging in opportunities outside of school which would otherwise be available to them. Similarly, for the most disadvantaged families for whom the cost of activities such as gymnastics can already be a significant draw on income, the costs of travel can end up being prohibitive and result in depriving those pupils of access to opportunities which parents would very much like to support.

To this end, I am sure that a more local base for an organisation such as yours could help benefit the health and wellbeing of young people in Selsey, and could also provide important safe activities for young people to participate in outside of school hours.

I hope you are successful in finding a suitable location for your work.

Kind regards

Michael Tidd

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