

Many of us used to associate Sundays with roast dinners. Well, we maintained that tradition – in a way – by getting a gentle roasting ourselves. The sun shone over Larks in the Park at Fleetville Rec and baked us to a sizzling thirty degrees or so.

Visitors to the New Build stand welcomed the shade provided by the marquee roof to chat about the most recent developments in the plan to replace the present building.

We offered two indicative plans based on suggestions, some of which were submitted by Fleetville residents as part of our 2016 public engagement. For the first time it was possible to see through the eyes of an architect a range of surface textures, external wall treatments, access arrangements and internal layouts are possible. It became clear to us the new Centre is unlikely to be just an ordinary building.

An intriguing interactive model was also available in which visitors could create their own design for a new Centre, by selecting lightweight plastic blocks representing room spaces of different sizes. Hence the glorious array of colours.

Now, where would you arrange a quiet space in a busy building, and would the Welcome Space be in the centre of the building – and what is a welcome space anyway? In this photo deep into Sunday afternoon, Diana creates her vision of the future. A number of children visiting New Build also demonstrated a keen design flair, before tidily returning all of their blocks to their starting positions once more. Very organised.

Thank you to all of our visitors for their comments and suggestions; and thanks too for the many offers of support and help we received during the afternoon.

By five o'clock all we needed was the opportunity to cool down, while reflecting on another successful Larks.