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Latest developments

It's exciting times for the Holt Park project as December 2011 sees the financial close for the build and Interserve appointed as the contractor. This means that on 9th January Interserve will move on site and work will get underway on the new centre.

Over the next 12-months you'll see the new centre start to take shape as the foundations are laid and the outer shell is constructed. If you want to get a birds eye view of all the action there will be a viewing point from the first floor of Holt Park leisure centre. The plans for the new centre will also be on display here so you can try to work out which part of the new centre you can see being built.

It is proposed that the existing Holt Park leisure centre will remain open as usual until January 2013 when it will finally close its doors for the last time. Near the time we'll provide you with plenty of information about other close-by leisure centres where you can continue to do your favourite activities until the new centre opens in the autumn of 2013.



Artists impression of the new centre.

What's in the mix?

Thanks to all of you who have attended consultation sessions over the past 18-months and fed into discussions about the facility mix for the new centre.

We've listened to all you've had to say about what you'd like to see in the new centre and the facilities have now been confirmed.

All the facilities have been designed to ensure people of any age, with physical and/or mental health impairments, are able to use them.

Your new facilities will include:

- 25m pool
- Learner pool
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Two-court sports hall
- Six multi-purpose rooms
- Training kitchen,
- Two lounge areas with garden area
- 70-station Bodyline gym
- Café
- Range of accessible changing rooms and the centre will fulfil changing places registration requirements.

Facilities

Your questions answered

Whilst we've been running the consultation sessions we've had a lot of questions about different aspect of the Holt Park project. The following is a

summary of the most frequently asked questions and the responses. If you have any further questions you'd like answered then get in touch using any of the contact details on page 4.

What is the 'cube' and what will it look like?

The 'cube' is the section of the building to the left of the entrance. It will be build using a dark coloured brick to reflect the brick used on the neighbouring school. To break up the grey there will a selection of recessed coloured bricks, to the front of the building, the main centre sign which is a multi-colour design and banners. To the left-hand side of the building there will be a

'green' wall that will have climbing plants as well as some banners.

The picture to the right is an artist's impression of how the 'cube' section of the building will look.



How will traffic to the site be managed during construction?

The site will be open from 7am – 7pm. However, there will be hours when the site is 'locked down' and nobody can enter which will keep the roads quieter during the drop off and pick up times for the school.

The construction traffic will enter the site from the Ralph Thoresby School end of Holtdale Approach and leave in the opposite direction.

The site will be adhering to the 'considerate constructor' scheme and will display a phone number for people to contact if they experience any difficulties caused by the construction traffic, noise or dust from the site.



What are the key dates for the project?

- 9th January:** Construction begins. Expect to see the site hoarding between Ralph Thoresby School and Asda (adjacent to Holtdale Approach) go up along with the temporary offices. Main phase operations are due to start during mid-late January with demolition of the existing changing block, and bulk excavation to the area to provide the plateau on which the new facility will be constructed.
- September 2013:** New centre opens

Will there be any employment opportunities for local people during or after the construction of the new centre?

The contractor has confirmed that they will be looking to employ local

people where possible.

Can I still get involved in the project?

Yes, there will still be opportunities to get involved. There will be another consultation session in January 2012 to help determine the look and feel of the interior of the building. There will also continue to be drop-in sessions

for the duration of the build for residents and customers of the existing leisure centre. The dates will all be publicised on the website and on the project Twitter account — contact details on page 4.

In between the time the existing centre closes and the new one opens, where will I be able to attend lessons and classes and access leisure facilities?

Swimming, gymnastics and Striker football lessons will run as normal at the Centre until the end of 2012.

Information about the facilities and classes available at leisure centres closest to Holt Park will also be available from the centre in advance of it closing.

You can also find out what's available via the council website at www.leeds.gov.uk/leisurecentres



Swimming lesson.



Striker lesson

What will happen to the old leisure centre when it closes?

Following its demolition, the leisure centre will be left as a crushed rubble area with wild flow-

ers on it. The area will then be included in the future development plans for the whole area.

Will it be Leeds City Council staff working at the new centre?

Leeds City Council will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the new building and for the programme of activities that takes place inside it. The contractor will be responsible for the maintenance, cleaning and security of the building.

Staff from the existing centre will be given roles elsewhere in the service.



Can the centre car park be used by people visiting the library?

Yes, initially they can, but this may be subject to review as the car park has a maximum of 82 spaces. If customers to the new centre start to

experience difficulties parking the arrangement many need to be reassessed.



What will be the cost to use the new centre?

The prices will be the same as all other council leisure centres. You can find

the prices at www.leeds.gov.uk/leisurecentres



Will it be possible for community groups to delivery some of their own activities at the centre and use their own staff?

Yes, groups will need to work with the centre manager to agree bookings and activities.

A message from Sandie Keene and Martin Farrington

It's fantastic news that we have finally got the go-ahead from the Government for the Holt Park project. In January 2012 work will begin to build the new centre that will support people, of all ages and ability, to live active lifestyles. The project is a fantastic opportunity for the city to deliver truly inclusive and joined-up services.

The new centre will be a place where people can do a range of activities, socialise and learn new skills. Disabled people or those with special needs will have access to quality facilities that open up the Council's universally-offered services to meet their unique and particular needs.

Huge thanks for the passion and enthusiasm of all those who have helped bring us this far – and best wishes for the inspiration and dedication that will be needed to bring it to completion.

Sandie Keene

Director of Adult Social Services

Martin Farrington

Director of City Development



Inclusive



Keep up-to-date

You can keep up-to-date with news, progress and consultation events via the project web page at www.leeds.gov.uk/newholtpark

If you're into social media then you can also follow the project on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/newholtpark

Contact us

If you've got a query or a concern please contact Helen Evans by:

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Alternatively, Interserve will have permanent on-site supervision throughout the build, who will be happy to assist with any issues or general-interest requests.