



New Dover Leisure Centre

Public Consultation

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INTRODUCTION

Dover District Council wants local people to have access to modern leisure facilities to help them lead healthier lifestyles, realise their sporting ambitions, or simply have fun keeping fit.

We are committed to delivering a new leisure centre to meet the needs of residents now and in the future and to support the growing population in the district.

We've set ourselves an ambitious goal to deliver the best leisure centre possible within an affordable budget.

Having recently completed a detailed indoor sports facility strategy and initial feasibility studies we are now presenting our preferred location, concept designs, and details of the facilities you can expect to see in the new leisure centre.

We want feedback from residents, sports clubs and other interested groups before we move on to more detailed planning and development of the project.

This is your opportunity to provide comments for consideration by the Council. Please review the plans summarised in the following pages and tell us what you think by completing a short questionnaire online at www.dover.gov.uk/newleisurecentre



PROPOSED LOCATION

We're proposing to build the new Dover Leisure Centre on a site in Whitfield. This will enable us to build a much bigger leisure centre with more facilities and improved car parking capacity.

The current Dover Leisure Centre site in Townwall Street is too small, as were the other sites in the town centre that were considered during a detailed site options appraisal.

Whitfield is accessible for residents of Dover and the wider district. There will be free parking for a minimum of 250 vehicles and we will work with bus operators to develop improved public transport accessibility.



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SITE PLAN



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PROPOSED FACILITIES

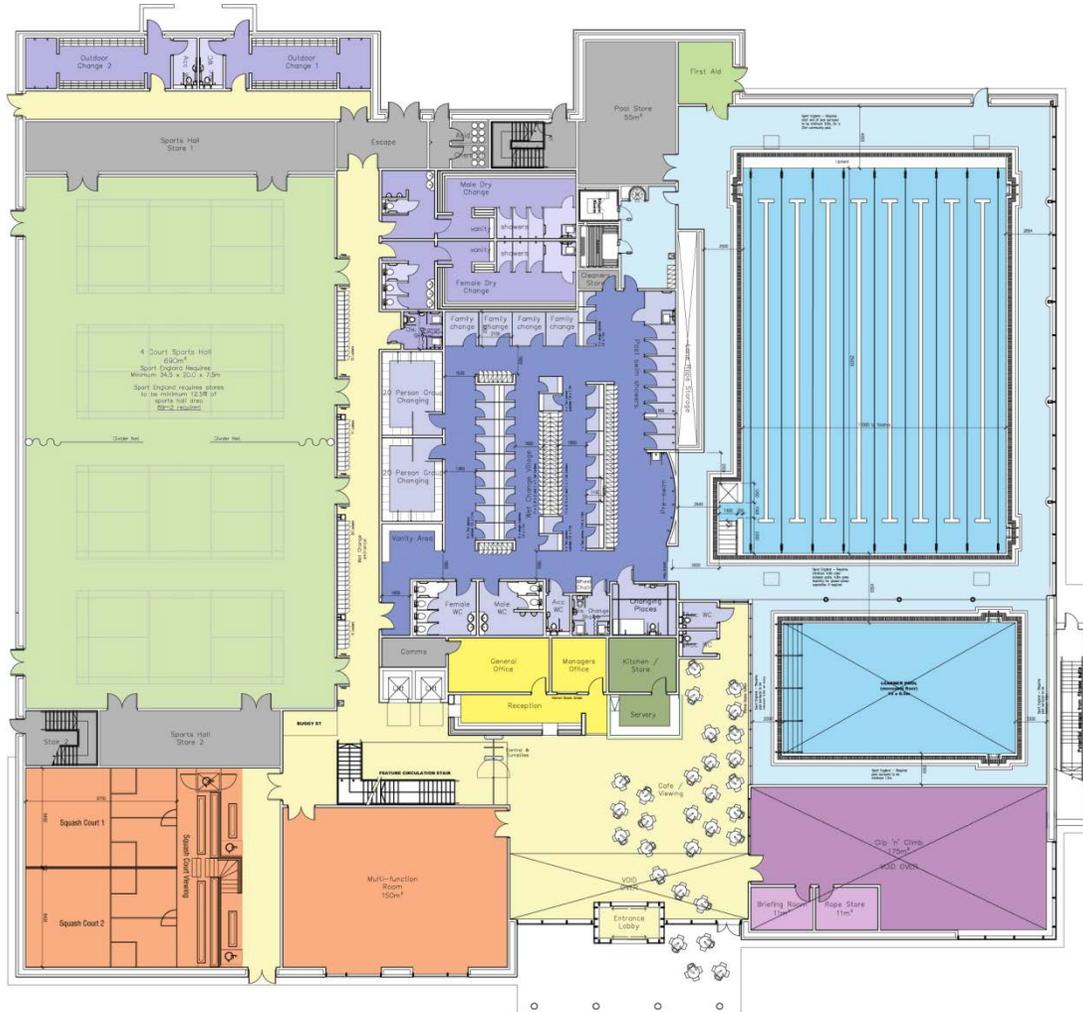
The new Dover Leisure Centre will contain a much wider range of state of the art sport and leisure facilities. The following table contains a list of the activity areas proposed in the new centre compared to those in the existing Dover Leisure Centre.

Activity Areas	Current	Core Option	Change Compared to Current
Main pool	6-Lane 25m pool	8 lane x 25m pool	Increase
Spectator seating	140 person capacity	250 person capacity	Increase
Learner pool	12.5m x 7.5m Learner pool	15m x 8.5m with moveable floor	Increase
Sports hall	8 courts	4 courts	Decrease
Health and fitness	37 stations	120 stations	Increase
Multi activity studio	1 x studios	2 x studios	Increase
Multi purpose room (ground floor)	None	1 x room for meetings / parties / soft play / crèche etc.	Increase
Spin studio	None	1 x studio	Increase
Squash court	3 x courts	2 x courts	Decrease
Interactive climbing	None	Included	Increase
Small sauna and steam room	Included	Included	No change
2 x five a side football pitches (outdoor 3G)	None	Included	Increase
Café	Included	Included	No change
Parking spaces	95 spaces	250 minimum	Increase

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PROPOSED DESIGN

Ground Floor Plan



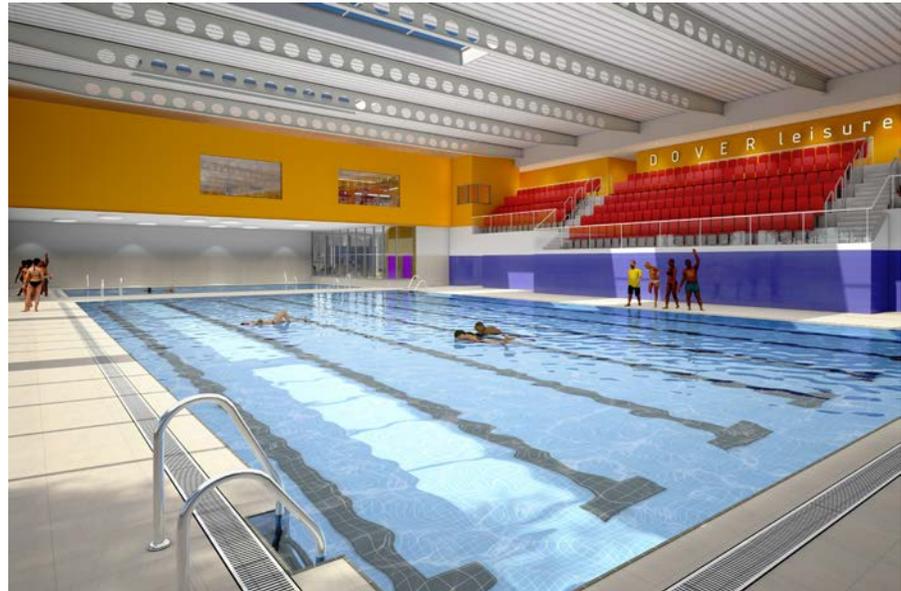
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PROPOSED DESIGN

First Floor Plan



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PROJECT TIMESCALES

September 2016

Council approval for plans and funding

March 2017

Planning application submitted

August 2017

Building contractor appointed

October 2017

Construction starts

Early 2019

New Leisure Centre opens and existing centre closes.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

The Council will work with centre management to minimise disruption to users. There will be full continuity of service from now until the new centre is opened. The existing centre will only be closed following opening of the new centre.

YOUR VIEWS

This is your opportunity to shape the proposals for future provision. We want to know what you think about the plans before we move on to the detailed planning stage. Please complete a short questionnaire online at www.dover.gov.uk/newleisurecentre

