

# IT'S ON ITS WAY!



## Winchester's new Sport & Leisure Centre is go!

Work is now beginning on the site at Bar End for the state-of-the-art new facilities, featuring a 50-metre pool and eight-court sports hall.

CLlr Caroline Horrill, Leader of Winchester City Council, said:

"The development of the Winchester Sport & Leisure Centre will bring a fantastic facility for the Winchester District.

"This is great news for our residents who have been working closely with us throughout. So many people are looking

forward to these exciting plans becoming a reality.

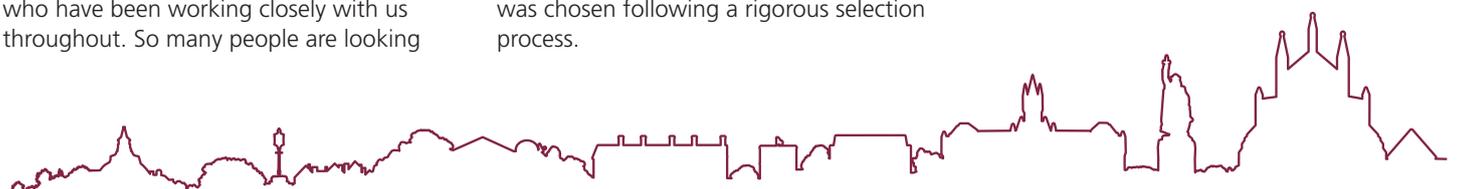
"We have worked hard to keep this project on track and are pleased construction can now start on site."

The new centre will be managed by award-winning leisure operators Everyone Active.

Currently managing more than 170 leisure and cultural centres across the country, including 10 in Hampshire, Everyone Active was chosen following a rigorous selection process.

Building partner Willmott Dixon, known for building cutting-edge sporting facilities at the heart of the community, has now been appointed to deliver the centre. It is due to open its doors in early 2021.

An on-site visitor centre will also be open for organised visits throughout the build, enabling partnerships with local schools and colleges, as well as the opportunity for other interested groups to learn more about the construction of the project.



# SPORT & LEISURE CENTRE

## Everyone Active appointed to run new Sport & Leisure Centre

With innovation, inclusivity and accessibility at the forefront of the Sport & Leisure Centre, Everyone Active is the provider of choice for Winchester's new health and wellbeing hub.

As one of the longest established leisure operators in the UK, Everyone Active is particularly experienced in managing larger centres with extensive swimming facilities.

They have been named the Swim England facility operator of the year eight times out of the last nine years and UK Active – the national organisation committed to getting more people more active – have also named them their leisure operator of the year for two of the last three years.

What's more, with a strong digital focus, Everyone Active will ensure high quality and user-friendly health and fitness technologies, advice and training.

Cllr Lisa Griffiths, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, said: "We want to see an innovative and inclusive approach to programming and services at the new leisure centre. Everyone Active's vision



View of reception area

mirrors our plans to create state-of-the-art facilities that put customers at the heart of the services."

There will be a focus on providing a wide range of activities and facilities for all members of the community to enjoy, with Everyone Active promising to develop excellent health and wellbeing programmes that are tailored to the needs of each

individual using the centre.

Duncan Jefford, Everyone Active's Regional Director, said: "We have extensive experience of managing larger facilities that offer first-class services to the community and we are looking forward to working alongside Winchester City Council to make the new Winchester Sport & Leisure Centre a flagship facility within the area."



A well-equipped, versatile café with access to the external terrace



View of 50m pool from the 250-seat spectator viewing area



Eight-court multi-use sports hall - a flexible, functional space



The centre is well situated in the park with outdoor sports facilities

## Accessible for all

The Pinder Trust – a charity that helps disabled people in Hampshire – has most recently been supporting us to deliver an outstanding hydrotherapy suite for the centre. The relaxing suite will be primarily for treatment and rehabilitative therapy, as well as for people with disabilities, musculoskeletal or neurological conditions

to exercise in. It could also be used by those with reduced mobility including those with arthritis and fibromyalgia or following surgery or injury.

Warmer water will be used to support pain relief and health-related treatments and the suite will be fully equipped with accessible

changing facilities, steps and an assisted pool hoist, as well as having its own access and reception.

For people simply looking for somewhere to relax or for physiotherapy, sports injuries or pain relief, the suite will also have dedicated times for public use.



View of hydrotherapy pool

## Winchester is active!

We want to deliver outstanding programmes and facilities across the district and are committed to continually investing in sports development and health and wellbeing.

This is why we'll be working closely with Everyone Active during the construction phase to prepare detailed Sports Development and Health & Wellbeing plans

in readiness for the 2021 opening.

Accessibility and inclusivity are at the centre of our plans and they will take into account the feedback and conversations we've had with local residents, sports clubs and users of River Park Leisure Centre.

We'll be working hard to understand the requirements of customers with long-term

health conditions, users who are on a low income and the needs of our disabled customers to ensure that everyone in the community can use our facilities.

We will carefully consider how we can encourage people to become more healthy and active, whilst ensuring excellent facilities are available to new and existing groups and clubs.

# UPDATES

## Getting to and around the park

We are putting careful thought into how people will get to and from the Sport & Leisure Park, and how they will move within in it.

Once inside the centre, we want our customers to find their way around with ease, so the design of the building has been shaped by input from a specialist consultant and advisory panel to ensure best practice.

Changing areas, toilets, walkways and spectator seating will be designed in line with current accessibility guidance, including five 'Changing Places' facilities.

Transport links are also being well planned in line with the wider Winchester Movement Strategy, which is in partnership with Hampshire County Council.



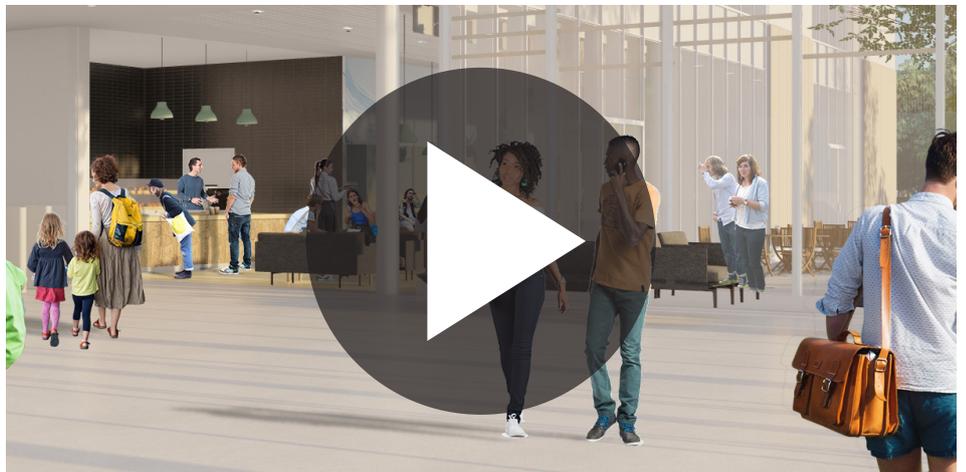
Here are just some of our travel plans for the park:

- There will be a new Park and Ride bus stopping close to the park running every seven minutes
- The cycle and pedestrian link route from Domum Road (which is part of National Cycle Network Route 23 running through Winchester from South Winchester Park and Ride to Winnall) to the park will be enhanced and new lighting provided
- A new access will be constructed off Bar End Road including crossing facilities
- There are cycle and pedestrian paths within the site, including cycle storage
- A new footpath link has recently been completed between the Garrison Ground and King George V playing fields
- Localised highway improvements will be introduced to benefit pedestrians
- New and clear wayfinding signage will be installed
- A travel plan will be produced with Everyone Active to help encourage and facilitate sustainable travel. This will be considered carefully alongside the wider Winchester Movement Strategy, with bus access a key part of the plan.

## What's happening next?

- The timber deck constructed across the highway verge from Bar End into the Garrison Ground is now open so that people can access the pitches during the construction phase
- We will be undertaking demolition of the existing pavilion on the Garrison Ground and erecting hoardings around the construction site
- We will develop a construction management plan
- Willmott Dixon will be working closely with the community throughout the construction phase.

## Take a walkthrough



For a sneak preview of how the new centre will look, visit [youtube.com/winchestercc](https://www.youtube.com/winchestercc) **Take a virtual tour!**