

Kingston Leisure Centre

New Specialist Team



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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

Providing inclusive and accessible leisure and well-being services for our borough's residents is a key part of the council's commitment to reduce inequalities and create a fairer borough. The council is committed to building a new swimming pool and leisure centre on the site in Kingston town centre, which will deliver the range of activities that residents and stakeholders said they wanted to see within an affordable budget.

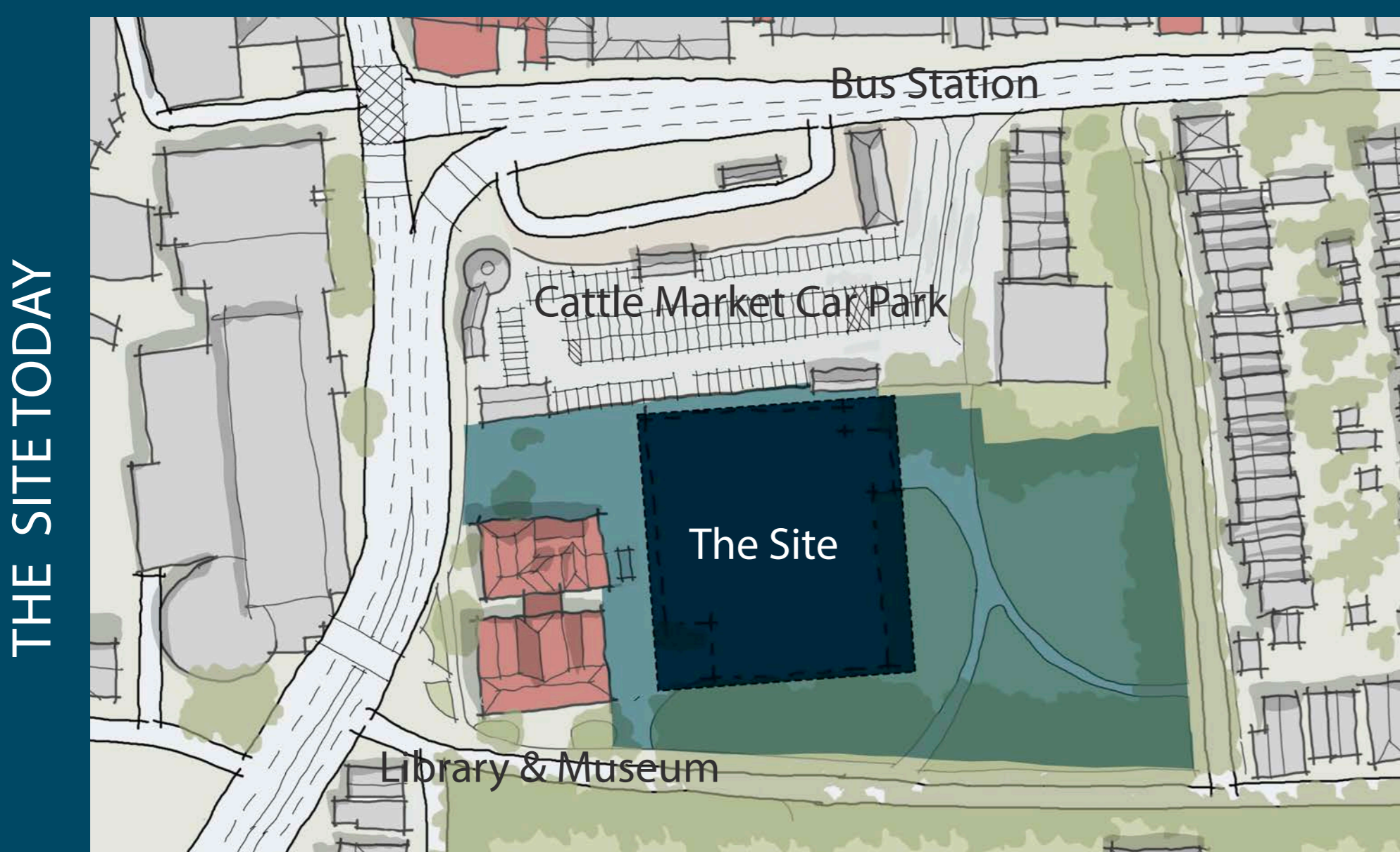
PROJECT TEAM

We are a team of specialist consultants that have a wide range of experience across the sport, leisure and well-being sector. We create inspiring, accessible and inclusive spaces for activities that meet the needs of our communities. We are excited to be helping to deliver a new leisure centre for Kingston town centre.

Following the necessary closure of the unsafe Kingfisher building in 2019, and the responsible decision to revise proposals following the unprecedented national financial picture in March 2023, the council has worked at pace to bring forward new proposals.

Facilities within the new leisure centre have been informed by a strategic review of leisure needs within the borough, as well as the extensive feedback provided during the three rounds of engagement in 2021 and 2022.

The centre will be managed and operated by a leisure operator (to be appointed) on behalf of the Council.



THE SITE TODAY



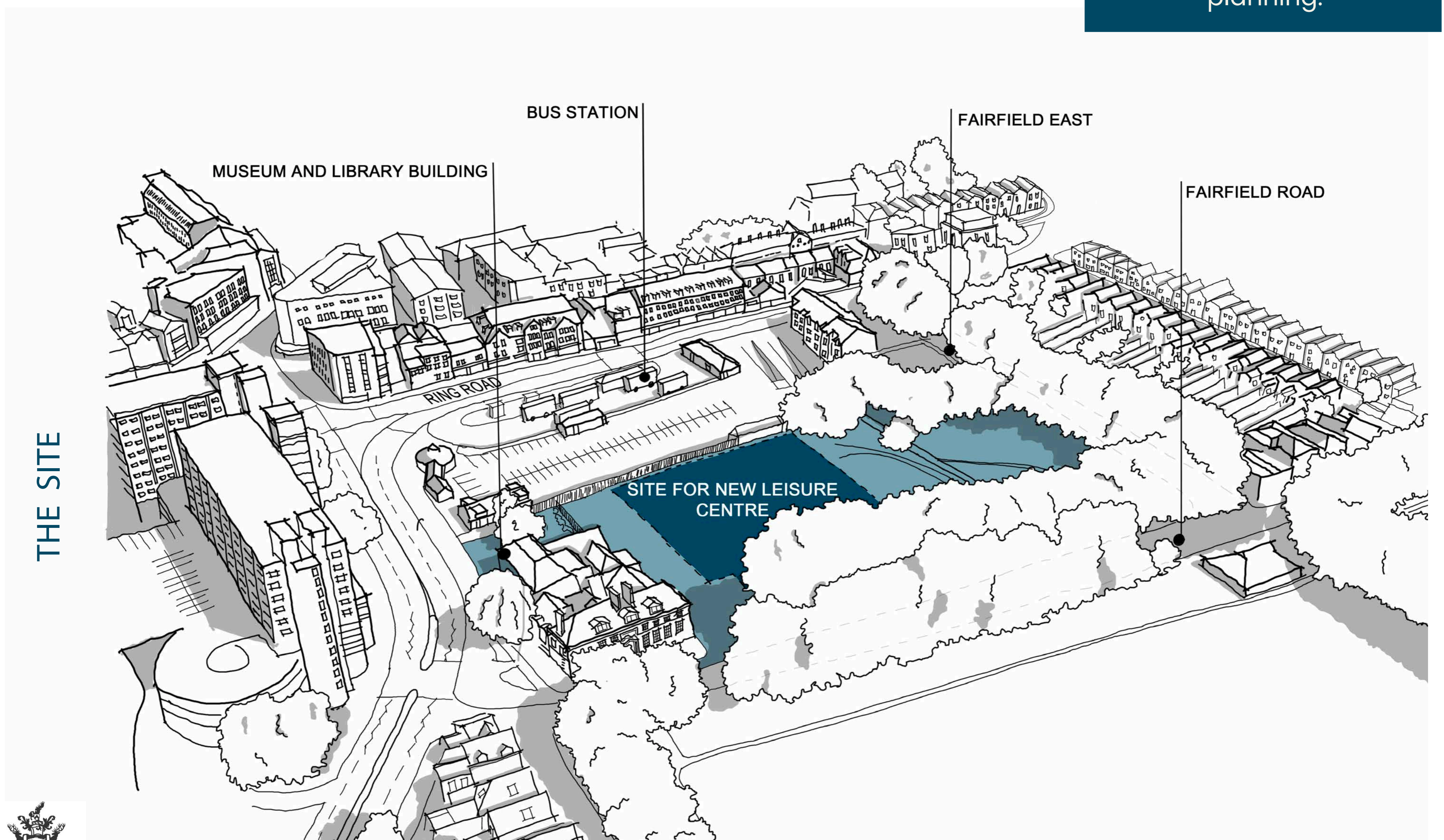
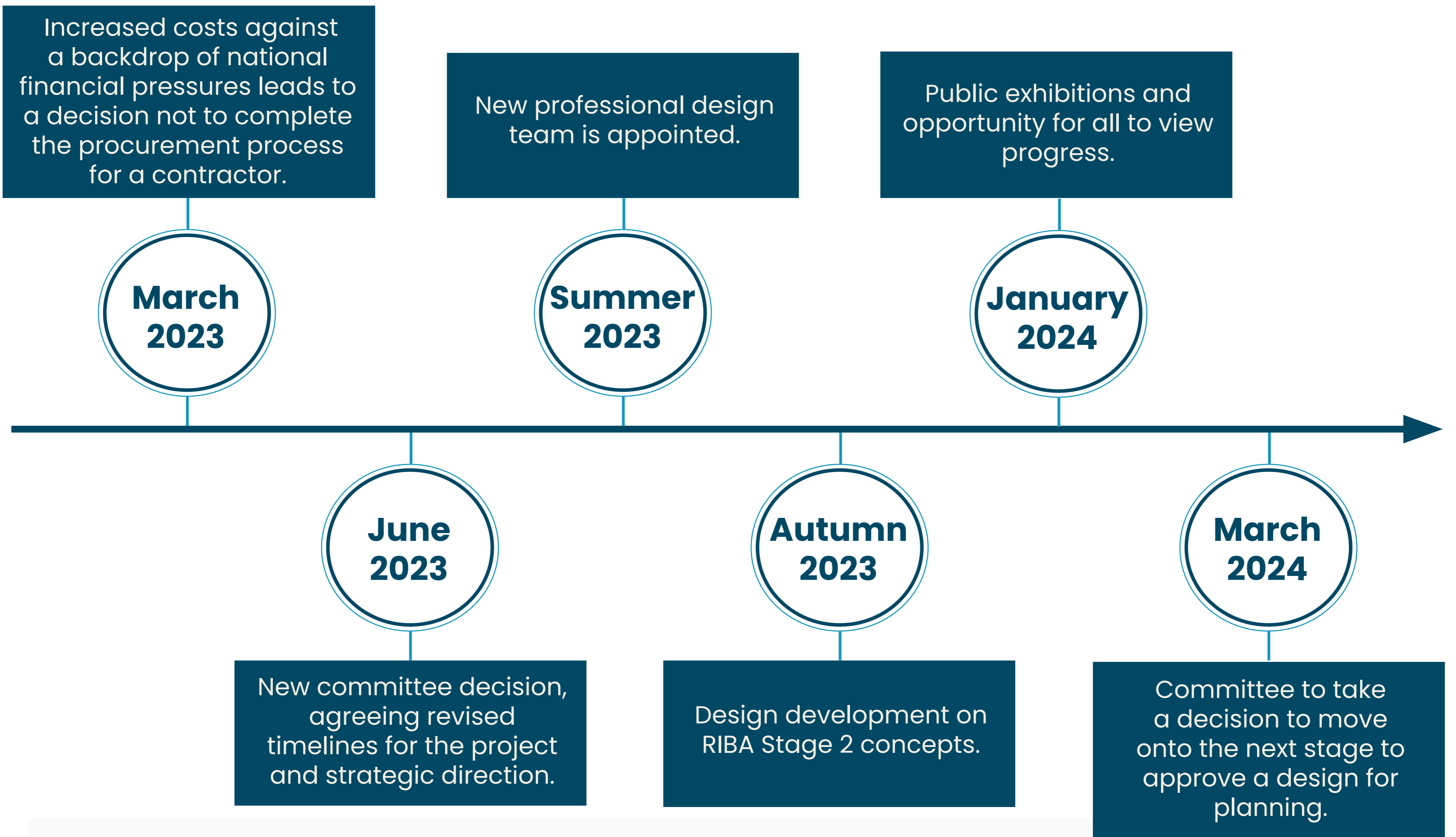
THE SITE TODAY - FAIRFIELD ROAD

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Committed To Delivery

Following the June 2023 committee decision to bring forward a revised and affordable design for the new leisure centre, the project has progressed at pace with initial designs.

The reimagined leisure centre will sit in the same location and improves upon the offer found in the Kingfisher Leisure Centre when it was open, taking on board the community feedback already received, and the strategic review of leisure needs.



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Feedback Taken on Board

Extensive consultation was undertaken with our communities and key stakeholders in 2021 and 2022. This was to make sure that we understood what people wanted to see in their new leisure centre in order to create the project brief. The feedback is summarised as follows:

ENGAGEMENT TO DATE

- **3** rounds of engagement so far...
- **12** public events, either in person or online
- Over **7,000** responses to the engagement
- **390** people attending events
- **Numerous** meetings with local stakeholders
- **Hundreds** of conversations via email or phone
- Continued to **engage** with local schools and residents and keep them updated on the project

PREVIOUS PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Make sure the new community facility is fun and family friendly:

- We will be providing a range of activities for all ages, including a learner pool with movable floor and interactive 'splash deck', and separate soft play facility.

Target the highest possible accessibility standards:

- We are committed to making this a highly accessible community facility for everyone to enjoy.
- We will continue to engage with disability groups, and those that have a lived experience of disability, to ensure we are doing all we can.

Be ambitious for the sporting facilities - many people wanted to see Kingston residents competing in Olympic swimming:

- This will be an exceptional sporting facility, including a 25m 8-lane competitive swimming pool designed collaboratively with Swim England and local sports and aquatics clubs.

A new leisure centre is a major priority and should be delivered as soon as possible:

- We are committed to delivering this new leisure facility as a key priority, and look to be on site starting construction in 2025, subject to achieving planning permission and the appointment of a contractor.

You were concerned about the environmental impact of redevelopment:

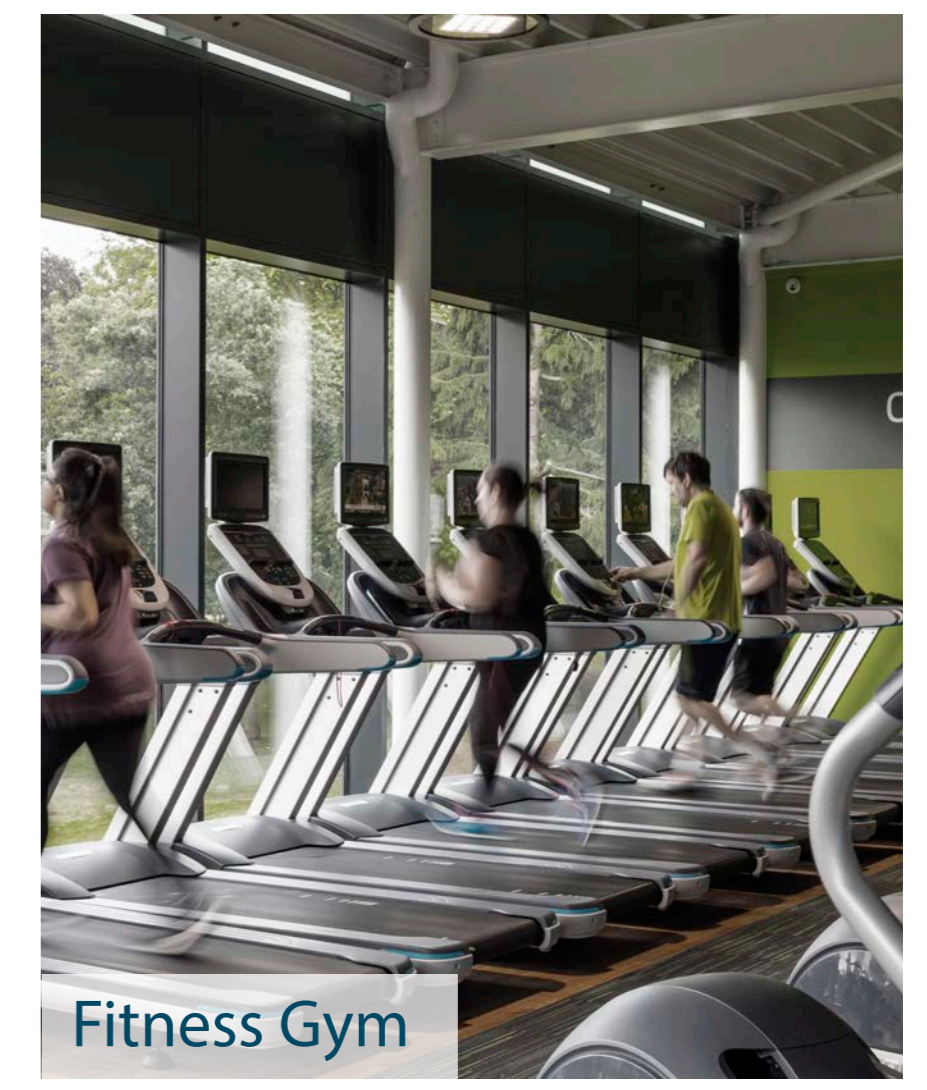
- The council is working hard to make sure that the building is environmentally friendly. One of the ways we are doing this is by making the building all electric, with power being supported by solar panels and heat being generated by air source heat pumps. There will be no gas within the building, and the aim is for the building to achieve BREEAM Excellent.

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Revised Proposals

Using the feedback we have previously heard from our communities and stakeholders, as well as the strategic review into the leisure needs we have across the borough, the outline plans for the new centre include:

- A 25m, 8 lane swimming pool with a movable floor and seating for 150 spectators
- A 20m x 10m learner pool with a movable floor and interactive splash pad
- A fitness gym
- A group cycling studio
- 3 studio spaces
- A 4 court sports hall
- 2 squash courts
- A health suite
- A cafe
- A soft play space
- Upgraded play area in the Fairfield East green space



The reimagined leisure centre improves upon the offer found in the Kingfisher Leisure Centre, as detailed below:

| | Kingfisher Leisure Centre: | Proposed 2024 scheme |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Main Pool | 25m x 6 lane pool with wave machine | 25m x 8 lane pool with movable floor. 150 spectators |
| Learner Pool | 8m x 8m pool | 20m x 10m with movable floor and interactive splash |
| Fitness Gym | 75 stations | 150 stations |
| Group Cycling Studio | 20 stations | 33 stations |
| Multi-purpose Activity Studios | 1 studio | 3 larger studios |
| Sports Hall | N/A | 4 court sports hall |
| Squash Courts | 2 | 2 |
| Health Suite | Sauna and steam room | Health suite including; relaxation area, sauna and steam room |
| Cafe | Yes | Yes (100 covers) |
| Soft Play | N/A | Soft play |
| External Area | Existing play area in Fairfield East green space | Upgraded play area in Fairfield East green space |

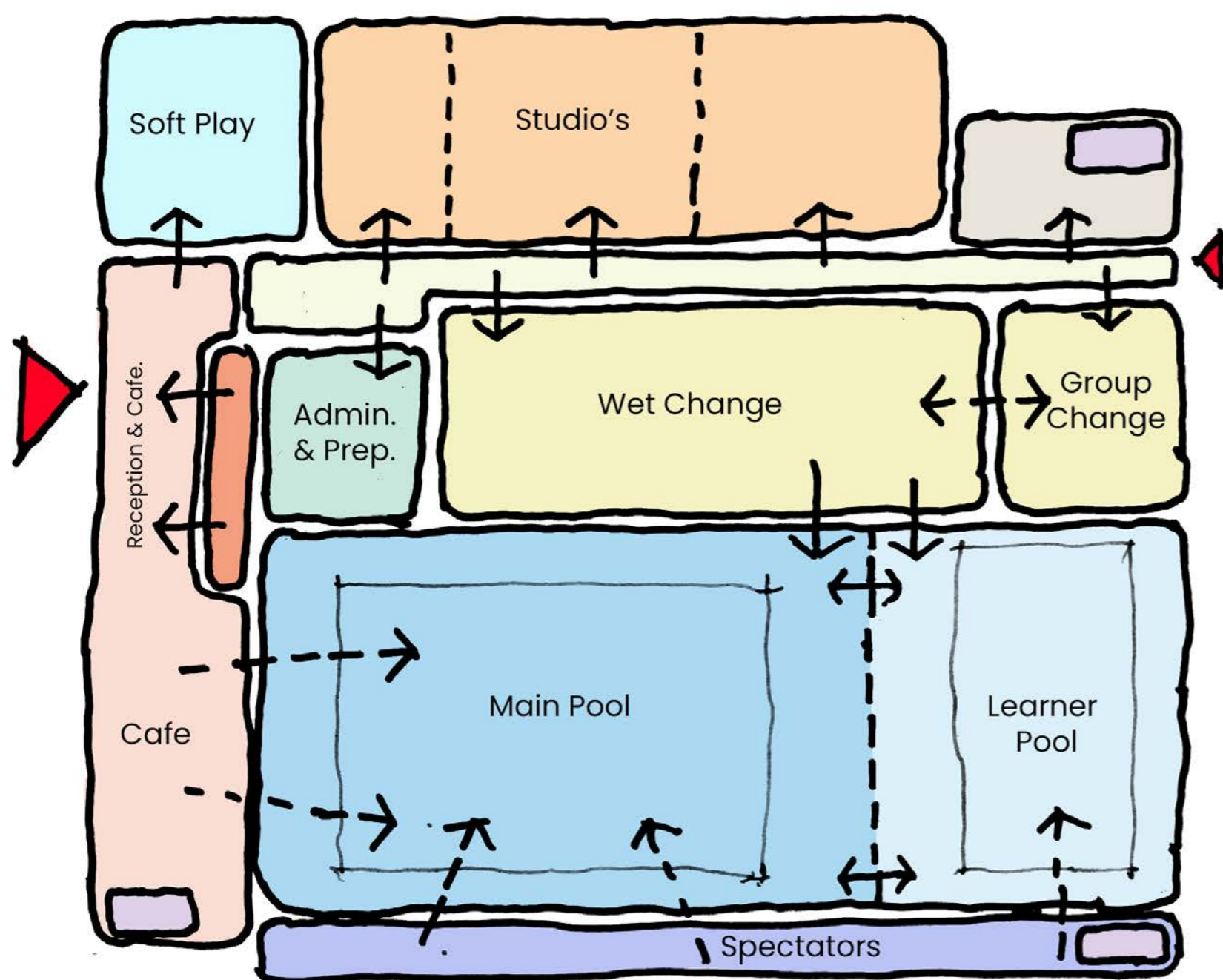


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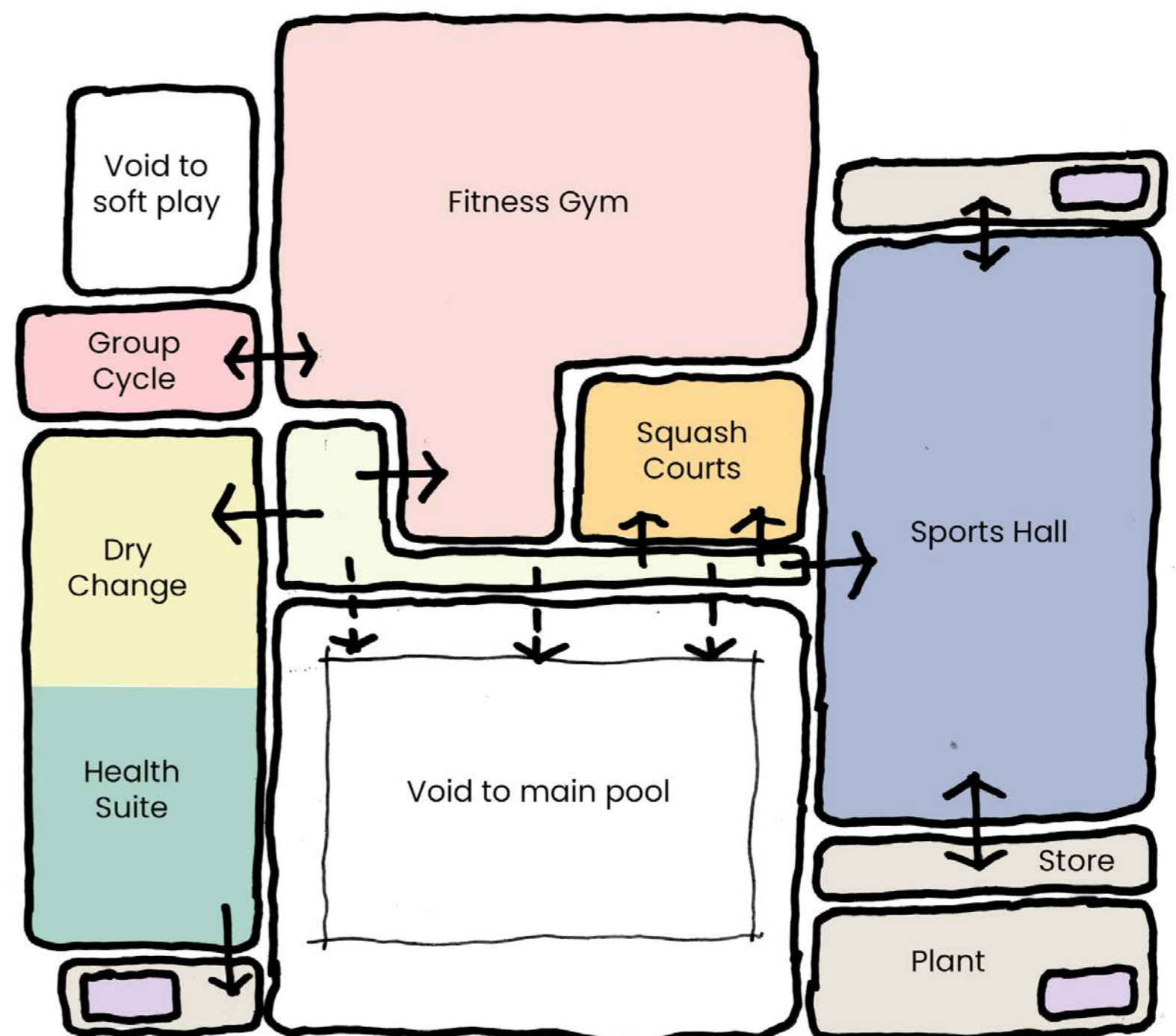
Initial Proposals

Below are some concept sketches, outline sections and 3D massing proposals for the new leisure centre. These are initial concept designs for massing purposes to show that the facility mix can fit into a two storey building. We will be showing more detailed designs in our next phase of engagement in May 2024.

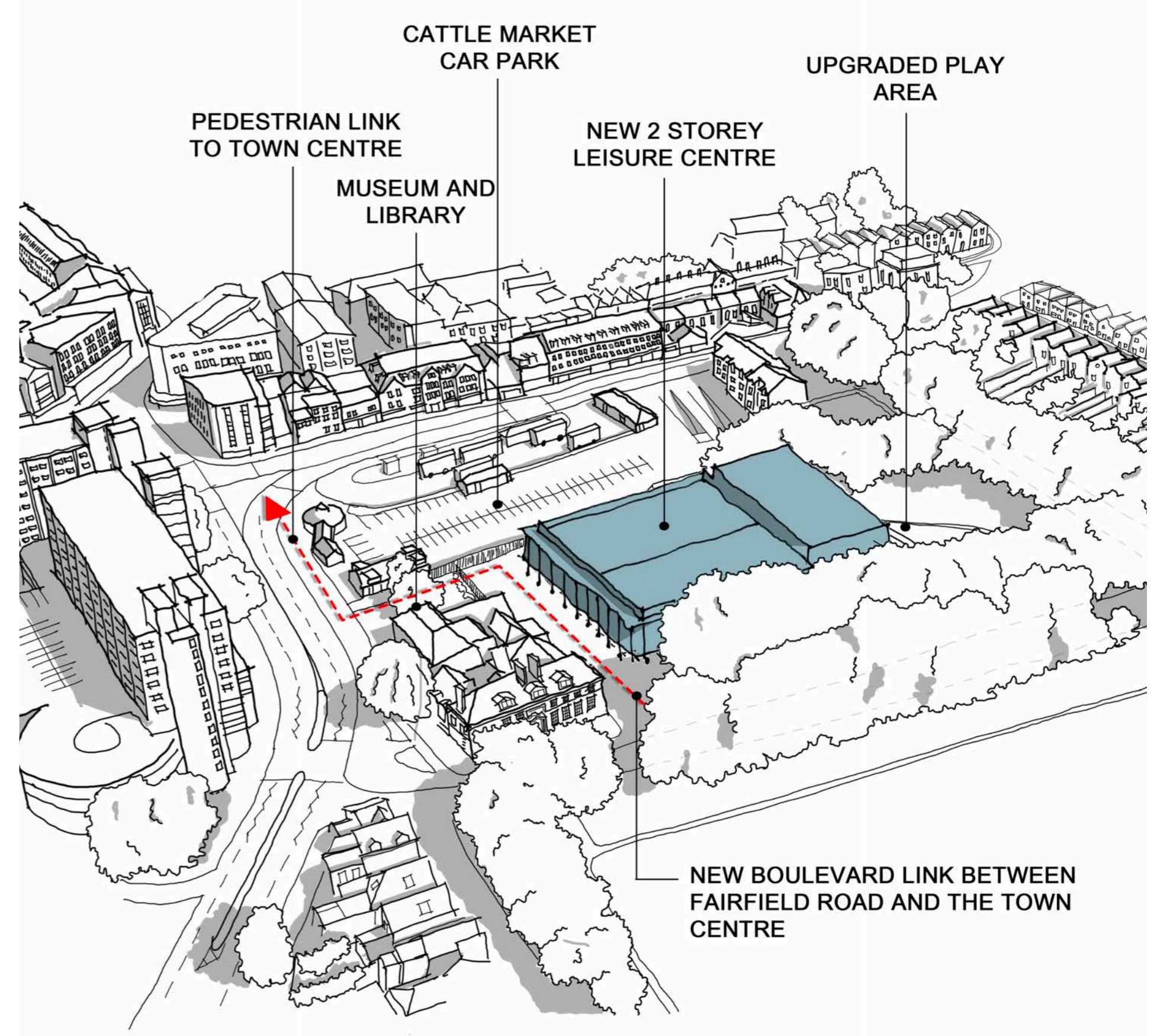
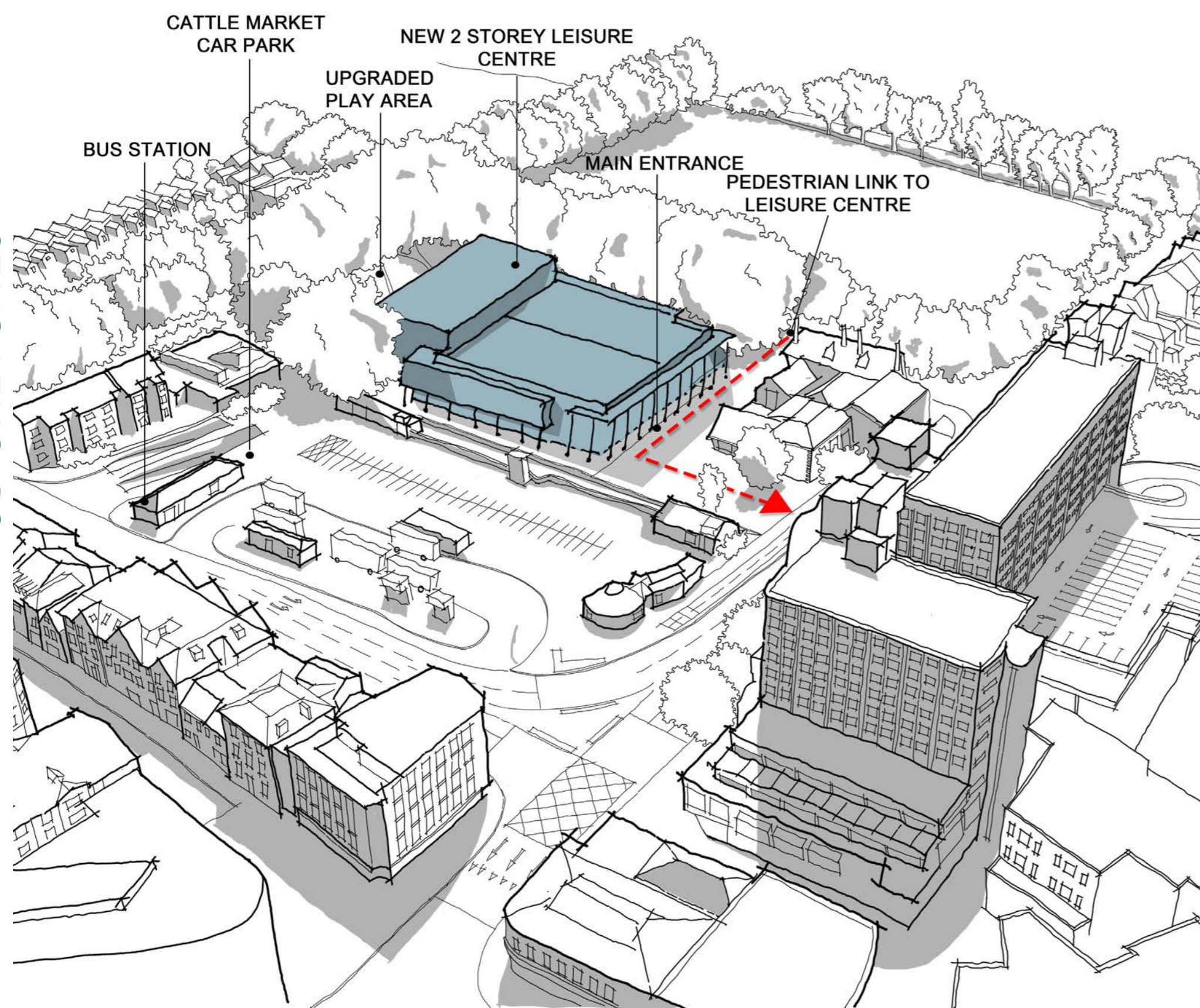
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



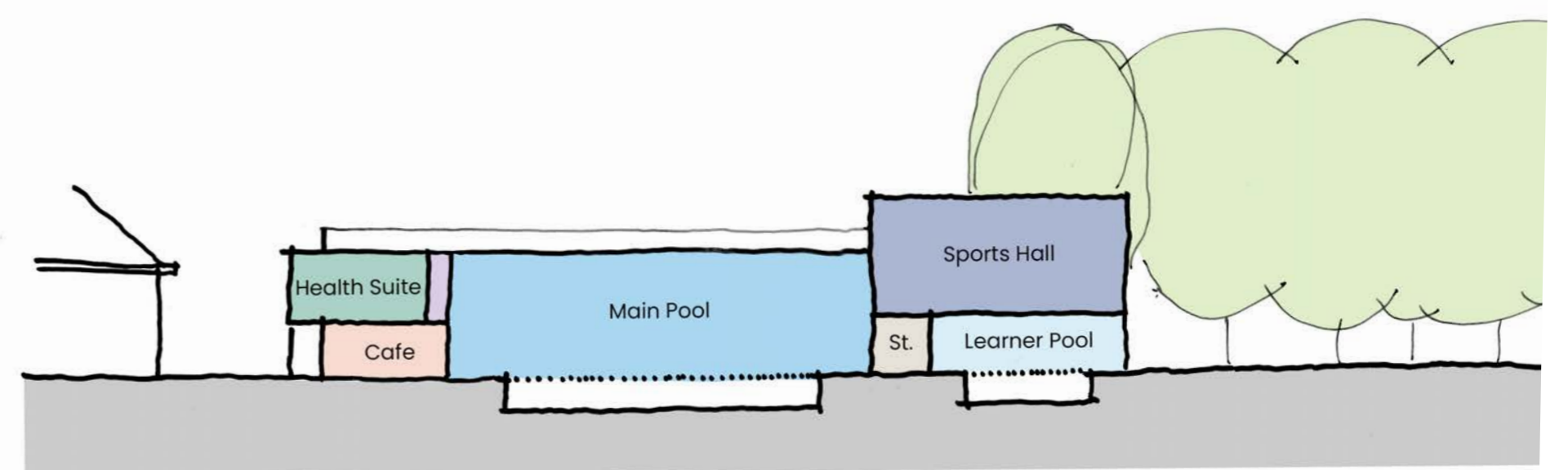
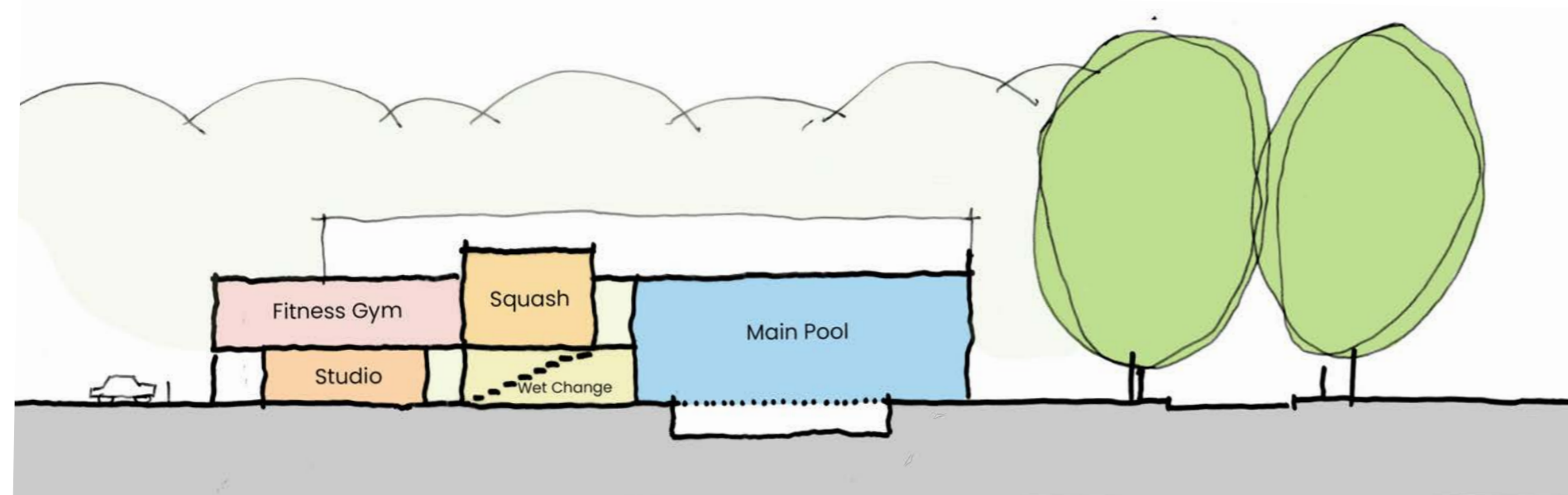
FIRST FLOOR PLAN



3D SKETCHES



SECTIONS



Cattle Market Car Park New Leisure Centre Garden Fairfield Road Fairfield Park

Section looking from A307

Museum and Public Realm New Leisure Centre Playground & Fairfield East green space

Section looking from Fairfield Road

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Improving Public Space

The image below illustrates the current thinking on how we provide enhanced public space around the new leisure centre and improve Fairfield East green space and play area.

To make sure that we celebrate the cultural offer that we have in Kingston town centre, the external works and landscaping will be designed with a shared public realm between the new leisure centre and the library/museum.



Proposed community garden



Proposed wildflower area



Upgraded play area



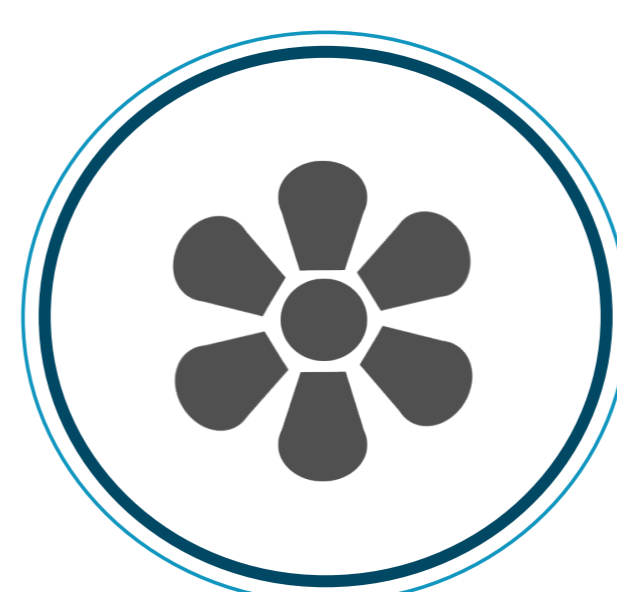
Proposed nature trail



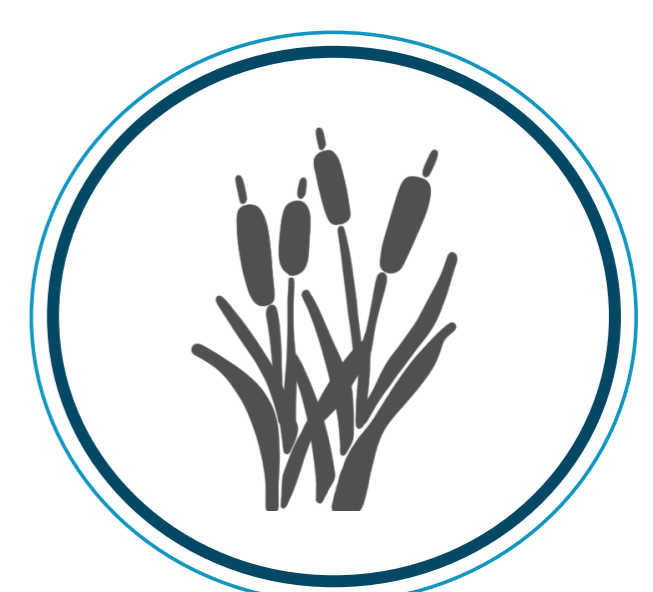
Proposed breakout spaces



Proposed orchard



Museum garden

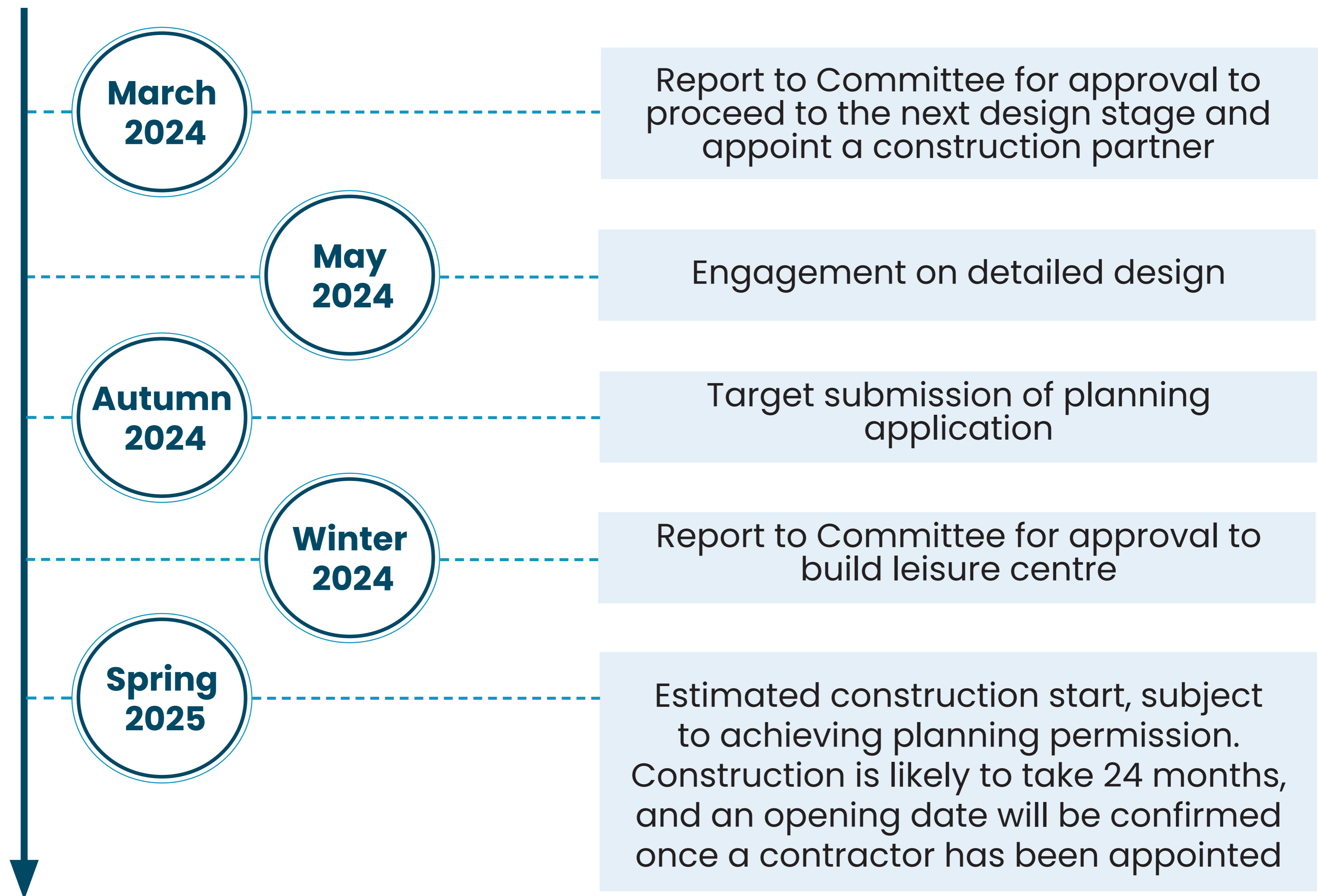


Sustainable urban drainage

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Timescales to Delivering the New Centre

Below is the estimated timeline of next steps for the project. It should be noted that these are subject to the necessary governance requirements, as well as the planning application process and appointment of the construction partner.




Thank you for taking the time to read through this information - we hope you found it useful. Please let us know what you think by completing one of the comment forms available.

If you know someone who may be interested in this information, but is not able to attend one of the events, all of the information is available on the project website.

 Website: www.transformkingston.co.uk/leisure-centre

Or if you would like to get in touch with the project team, you can do so using the following details:

 Email: majorprojects@kingston.gov.uk

 Phone: 020 8547 5000 - please leave your details and someone will get back to you

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