

Waterlooville Leisure Centre Development Update

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The £2.7m project, to enhance Waterlooville Leisure Centre, is currently progressing through the design and planning phase.

The project, funded by £2.1m S106 from Havant Borough Council, a £200k CIL contribution from Winchester City Council, and a Horizon Leisure contribution seeks to provide a wide range of improvements to the centre.

It aims to improve the health and fitness offering through enhancements to the gym space and creation of new group exercise studios. There is also the addition of two outdoor padel courts, to cater for the fastest growing sport in the UK. Key internal areas such as the changing spaces will also be modernised to ensure a welcoming and accessible environment for residents to be physically active and support the objectives of the Borough's Active Wellbeing Strategy.

The proposed works respond to public engagement which Horizon and Havant Borough Council completed in 2024. It also responds to the increasing demand for high quality leisure facilities in Waterlooville, due to population growth from local development. The project will increase the capacity of the centre, enable Horizon to expand their offer to more residents and satisfy expectations of existing members.

Havant Borough Council have appointed both a leisure construction specialist, as project manager, and the lead design consultant (architects) to develop the designs for the internal improvement works.

Investigative surveys and initial concept designs for the internal arrangements are progressing well. The tendering of preferred contractors to develop the technical design and subsequent construction is programmed to take place in spring 2026.

The design of the padel courts runs in parallel with the design of the internal refurbishment. A procurement process is underway to appoint a specialist padel design consultant to complete this work and progress to planning application. Provisional timeframes for construction of the padel courts to commence is summer 2026, subject to planning approval.

The internal works are programmed for construction from early 2027, following the completion of the padel courts. This will be delivered in a phased approach to ensure that disruption for users of the centre is minimised.