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Morgan Sindall appointed to build new £10.3 million Bromsgrove leisure centre

Morgan Sindall has been appointed by Bromsgrove District Council to build a £10.3 million state-of-the-art leisure centre, which will include two swimming pools.

Plans for the development, on School Drive, will see the installation of a climbing wall, a 100-station fitness suite and a 25-station group cycling studio across a two-storey building.

The larger swimming pool will measure 25 x 12.5 metres and alongside it will be a learner pool measuring 15 x 10 metres which will feature an adjustable floor. The base of the pool will have the ability to be raised or lowered on a hydraulic system, making it accessible and therefore suitable for water-based exercise and rehabilitation classes.

Alongside the two pools will be associated changing rooms, as well as a spectator gallery and a sauna. The roof covering the pools will be made up of a steel frame supported by sustainable Glulam beams and the building's exterior walls will feature eye-catching curtain wall glazing.

The new facility is being built next to the existing Dolphin Centre on School Drive, which will continue to function until the new one opens. The site team will then complete the demolition of the old facility and construct a new car park in its place.

Work is scheduled to begin on 15 August [2016] and the new centre is expected to be open by the end of 2017.

Bromsgrove District Council's Portfolio Holder for Leisure Cllr, Peter Whittaker, said: "After years of consultation, preparation, and planning, we are excited to now move forward and provide our community with a new generation of exciting leisure opportunities."

Morgan Sindall area director, Richard Fielding, said: "We're pleased to be involved in this project and confident that the finished facility will be well received by the local community. "Once complete it will provide the people of Bromsgrove with a modern environment in which to exercise and prove an enduring addition to the leisure offering in the area."

The centre will be self-funding, unlike the current Dolphin Centre which runs at a heavy annual loss, and the process of selecting a day-to-day operator to run it will shortly take place.

The leisure centre is the latest redevelopment in Bromsgrove under a strategic Town Centre regeneration partnership of public bodies that was formed in 2010 to redevelop areas of the town, making major efficiency savings across the public purse. This has led to the total revamp of the high street, major retail developments coming forward across the town and a near-total overhaul of public buildings.

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