

Kenilworth Leisure Centre Redevelopments

Progress Report/Update



November 2022



Section One – Abbey Fields Swimming Pool

1. Key Information and Progress

Demolition Contractor – The site setup is now complete, temporary toilets have been delivered to site, demolition scheduled to commence w/c 21 November 2022.

Construction Contractor – Kier Construction – will be on site from March/April 2023 until completion of the project. Undertaking and overseeing the construction and development of the new facility.

Key Dates:

Workstream	Details	Start/completion date(s)
Enabling Work	To include site setup, hoarding, track matting on roadway etc.	12 September to 24 October
Temporary Path	The installation of the temporary path is now complete.	Completed
Main Demolition	Commencement of the main demolition.	w/c 21 November to December 2022.
Archaeological Work	Further discoveries of archaeology have been made in the area by the zip wire. Discussions are ongoing with Historic England, contractors and WDC to determine the course of action.	Ongoing

2. Engagement

Group	Latest Update
Kenilworth Town Council	Updates are provided to Kenilworth Town Council and the Councillor Liaison Group. These updates are provided when information/updates are available. This ensures that members are informed of progress/disruptions etc.
Friends of Abbey Fields	Updates on work and progress are provided to the Friends of Abbey Fields and monthly meetings are ongoing.
KAAC	Liaison with the KAAC group is ongoing via email.
Everyone Active	Regular meetings are ongoing with Everyone Active. They are also involved in decisions/discussions regarding the design and operation of the building.
Residents	Information is distributed via social media channels and press releases, as/when they become available.

3. Utilities

Utility	Current Situation
Gas (Cadent)	Cadent commenced work on 17 November 2022 to complete the gas disconnection.

4. Other Items

Toilets – Temporary toilets have been delivered and should be operational w/c 21 November 2022.

Temporary Path – This is now complete.

Access to Toddler Play Area – Some matting will be installed alongside the hoarding to provide a pathway to the toddler play area. There will also be some matting introduced along the hoarding across the bottom of the older children's play area to link to the path where the temporary toilets will be located.

Playgrounds – The toddler playground is now closed during the week but will be available for use at the weekends. The junior playground will remain open during the work. However, there will be some days when this area will need to be closed, due to the nature of the work being undertaken on the site. The zip wire is currently closed due to the archaeological findings.

Disruption – It is acknowledged that there will be a degree of disruption to residents, park users etc. during the project. The project team will work with the contractors to minimise this.

The project team recognise the sensitivity of Abbey Fields in terms of the scheduled monument status, the wildlife, and the value of the area itself to local residents. This is constantly being communicated to the contractors and will be throughout the duration of the project.

5. Progress Photos





Section Two – Castle Farm Leisure Centre

1. Key Information and Progress

Demolition Contractor – AR Demolition – Demolition completed 31 July 2022.

Construction Contractor – Kier Construction – commenced on site 03 August. Some of the steel frames for both the sports hall and the Scouts and Guides facility are in place. This work is ongoing and all steels are scheduled to be in place at some point in December.

Completion for the whole facility is scheduled for November 2023.

Key Dates:

Workstream	Details	Completion date(s)
Completion of Frame	Steel frame of building complete	December 2022
Concrete First Floor Slab	The slab that creates the flooring on the upper level of the building	30 January 2023
Power Live	Electricity to the building turned on	April 2023
Completion		30 October 2023
Opening		November 2023

2. Engagement

Group	Latest Update
Kenilworth Town Council	Updates are provided to Kenilworth Town Council and the Councillor Liaison Group. These updates are provided when information/updates are available. This ensures that members are informed of progress/disruptions etc.
Petanque Groups	Due to the closure of the Gauntlet Public House, the Petanque groups have been forced to relocate. They are now playing at Kenilworth Sporting, Gypsy Lane.
Scouts and Guides	Dialogue with representatives of the Scouts and Guides and the project team is ongoing. The Scouts and Guides are providing input to the design and operation of their new facility.
Everyone Active	Regular meetings are ongoing with Everyone Active. They are also involved in decisions/discussions regarding the design and operation of the building.

3. Other Items

Hoarding – Visuals of the new Kenilworth Leisure Facilities will be erected on the Castle Farm hoarding towards the end of November.

Headwall Work – There will be some work taking place along the northern pathway – this is in preparation for the headwall to be installed. This work will involve removal of some hedgerow and trees. Replacement trees will be incorporated into the landscaping and arboricultural plans. Residents who have properties that back on to this area have been engaged with by WDC.

Access to Fields/Play Area/Skatepark – We have instructed a contractor to install some matting in the high traffic areas, where paths have deteriorated. There will also be some levelling off, of areas to allow access to the fields to become easier.

4. Progress Photos

