

Kenilworth Leisure Centre Redevelopments

Progress Report/Update



June 2023

Section One – Abbey Fields Swimming Pool

1. Key Information and Progress

Demolition Contractor – AR Demolition – The demolition of the Swimming Pool site structure is complete. However, some of the foundations remain in place due to the number of archaeological finds that have been unearthed.

Construction Contractor – Kier Construction – are scheduled to be on site from late Summer 2023 until completion of the project. Undertaking and overseeing the construction and development of the new facility. However, the exact date is yet to be confirmed, whilst consultation with Historic England is ongoing.

Key Dates:

Workstream	Details	Start/completion date(s)
Main Demolition	Commencement of the main demolition.	Main structure and pool tanks have been removed. Some foundations are still in place, whilst confirmation is sought from Historic England on a way forward.
Archaeological Work	Further archaeological work ongoing.	Archaeological work is still ongoing. Further archaeology was uncovered in mid-May and this is currently being reviewed by Archaeology Warwickshire, Historic England and the Project Team.
Substation Relocation	The original substation location uncovered archaeology and a relocation exercise was undertaken.	Various locations have been reviewed and been deemed unsuitable for differing reasons. It is now proposed to return to near to the original location. This is currently being worked on by the project team.

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 – meetings with the FOAF will now take place quarterly. The next meeting will take place in July/August time.
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 updates are available.

3. Utilities

All utilities for the former swimming pool site other than the water are now disconnected. The water remains live to supply to the temporary toilet facilities.

4. Other Items

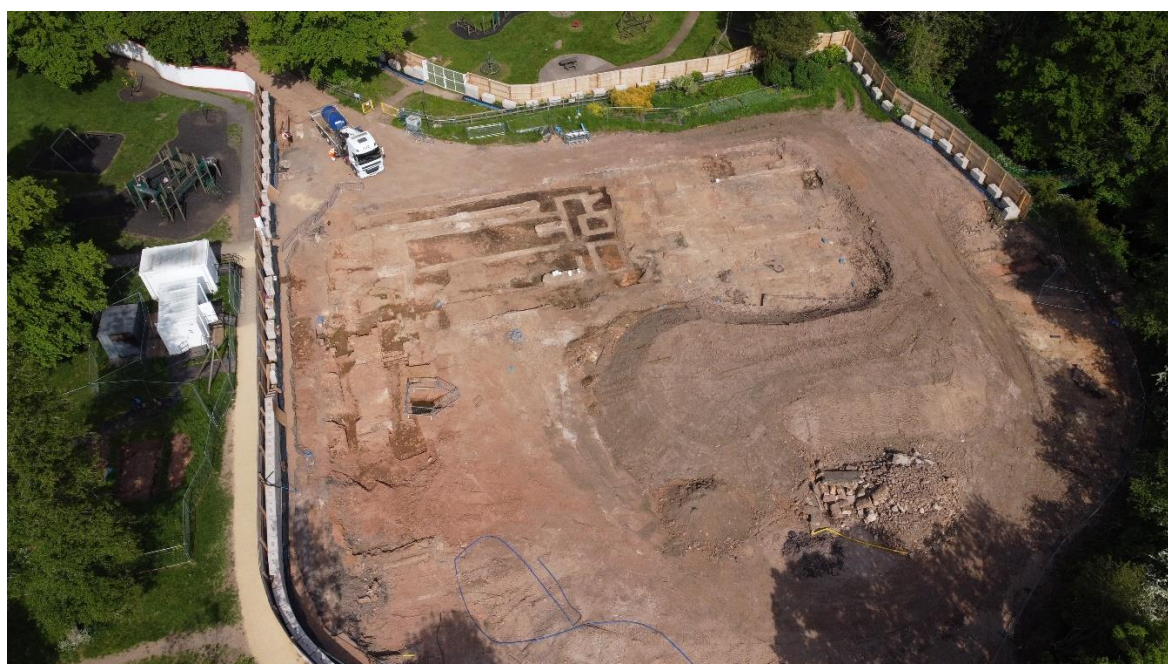
Archaeology – There have been a number of findings during the demolition phase. The latest discoveries were unearthed on 17 May 2023. Work on these findings is ongoing and once the full extent is known, further discussions will take place with Historic England.

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. Work is ongoing.

Completion for the whole facility is scheduled for November 2023.

Key Dates:

Workstream	Details	Completion date(s)
Completion of Frame	Steel frame of the building.	Complete
Concrete First Floor Slab	The slab that creates the flooring on the upper level of the building.	Complete
Perimeter Tarmac	Tarmacking works to the perimeter of the building.	Complete
Roofing Works	Work to get roof in place for whole building.	All roofing is now complete.
Power Live	Electricity to the building turned on.	Supply installed and awaiting final sign off to allow power to the building.
Completion		November 2023
Opening		November 2023

2. Upcoming Work

Work	Details
Masonry Work	This is ongoing in all areas and should be near completion in June.
M&E Works	Mechanical and Electrical works to continue on Scout and Guide area, commencement on sports facility ground floor.
Structural Glazing Work	Work to commence on the structural glazing.

3. 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	Meeting to discuss progress with the groups to be arranged.
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. These meetings include discussion on design and operation of the facility. Recently some more focused meetings have commenced to discuss specific operational requirements and mobilisation in readiness for opening.

Residents	Information is distributed via social media channels and press releases, as/when updates are available. The Kier team also distribute a monthly newsletter to some of the residents in the surrounding area.
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4. Other Items

Car Park – The 6 car parking spaces that are currently available to the public at Castle Farm, will be withdrawn from around the 26th June 2023. This will allow for works in this area to be completed. Unfortunately there will be no public parking at Castle Farm until November when the Leisure Centre opens.

Community Engagement – is ongoing. Kier have arranged for work experience, undertaken site visits for students and members of the site team have been raising money for a local charity.

5. Progress Photos





