

Abbey Fields Swimming Pools Redevelopment Progress Report/Update



May 2026



1. Key Information and Progress

Kier - Construction Contractor

- **Main Driveway and Verge Reinforcement** – Works are progressing
- **Soft Landscaping** – Works are progressing

Programme of works - next period

- **Barn Electricity** - Works to make the final connection is to be scheduled now that Listed Building Consent has been granted.
- **Main Driveway and Verge Reinforcement** - Works to continue until final handover.
- **Soft Landscaping** - Works to continue until final handover

Key Dates:

Workstream	Details	Start/completion date(s)
Building - Programme of Works 100% Completion	At present, the planned completion date is approximately 11 weeks ahead of schedule. <i>Partial handover of the building was scheduled for 28/04/26, but there was a delay, meaning that this was handed over on 06/05/2026. Building control cannot sign off the building for public use until the main driveway works are complete.</i>	Update May 26: Contract completion date: 17/07/2026 Planned completion date: 28/04/2026 Actual completion: 06/05/2026
Main Driveway - Programme of Works	Verge reinforcement works to the main driveway is required to allow for emergency service vehicles to safely access the facility and to gain building control signoff.	Update May 26: Start: 28/04/2026 Planned completion: 06/07/2026
Barn Electricity	Final connection into the barn is awaiting contract sign off and is currently sat with both WDC/Kier's solicitors.	Update May 26: Works schedule TBC
Project Completion	The project can be signed off by building control once the main driveway works are complete, which then allows for emergency service access.	Update May 26: Planned completion: 06/07/2026 PLANNED OPENING: 11/07/2026

2. Utilities

Severn Trent / Open Reach / National Grid / Cadent - Works complete

Barn Electricity – Scheduled Monument Consent and Listed Building Consent in place.

- Phase 1 – Complete
- Phase 2 – Connection into the Barn to be scheduled.

3. Disruption

As the project nears completion, users should anticipate a temporary increase in disruption. The existing hoarding has now been removed and replaced with Heras fencing, resulting in an expanded site footprint. This change was necessary to facilitate the removal of temporary toilets and footpaths, as well as the integration of existing and new ground levels—works that could not be completed effectively while the hoarding remained in place. Although these works

have now been completed, the site remains an active construction area due to ongoing main driveway works, including the final phase of tying in the new pathways with the existing network. As a result, these areas, including the duck feeding area cannot yet be safely opened to the public.

Access from Main Street is currently awaiting works by Severn Trent to replace a meter. Due to the size, depth, and location of the excavation, it is not safe to reopen this area until these works have been completed.

We continue to liaise closely with Severn Trent and are hopeful that the works will be completed shortly.

4. Images



5. Links

- **3D Modelling** - This [link](#) takes you to the 3D modelling of the ancient remains and further information on the remains can be found [here](#). Details on RIVR who created the 3D modelling can be found [here](#).
- **Public Update Report** – This [link](#) provides access to the report which was distributed at the public meeting.

6. Engagement

Group	Latest Update
Kenilworth Leisure Members' Liaison Group	This Group consists of one selected Town or District Councillor from each Town or District Ward adjacent to Castle Farm or Abbey Fields Swimming Pools. They will meet 3 times a year to receive updates.
Kenilworth Town Council	Updates are provided to Kenilworth Town Council and all District Councillors. These updates are provided when information/updates are available. This ensures that members are informed of progress/disruptions etc.
Abbey Fields Expenditure Working Party	This Group consists of one representative of each of the Political Groups on Warwick District Council. They are responsible for reviewing the expenditure on the project and will meet every two months. The first two meetings have now been held.
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.
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. A notice board is now displayed on the hoarding of the site (near to the toilets) to inform the public of progress.