



Sports Hub opens in Joure

PELLIKAAN has delivered a sports and swimming facility for Joure Council in the Dutch province of Friesland.

The design and build contract involved the extension of the existing De Stienen Flier swimming pool to include a 28 x 48 m multi-purpose sports hall, wellness facilities including a sauna, steam room and spa bath; and a restaurant and meeting rooms.

Outside, Joure Sports Hub offers a 150sq m pool, a 70m multi-level white water course,

a 55m adventure slide and a relaxation area.

The project included a new access road, foot and bike path and a car parking area that can cater for markets and ice skating in the winter.

Pellikaan partnered with Hooper Architects for the building design. Under the terms of the contract, Pellikaan is responsible for the total cost of ownership of the facility, which not only includes the capital investment, but also the energy

costs for 15 years.

Measures have been taken to reduce energy usage in the pool, which include the use of a pool cover, a low filtration rate, achieved using large filtration beds, and a design that ensured short pool water pipes with few curves.

The centre, which was funded by both the Stienen Flier Foundation and the council, is expected to attract 500,000 to 600,000 visitors a year.