



Work to start on £10m leisure centre

Built by Pellikaan Construction, the design of the new complex will incorporate feedback from residents, sports clubs, schools and community groups.

CONSTRUCTION of a £10m leisure, community and youth centre in Preston, Surrey is due to get underway this spring.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council has selected Pellikaan Construction to build the new centre, which has completed more than 900 leisure centres across Europe including the new London Planning Award-winning Glass Mill Leisure Centre, several David Lloyd Leisure Centres in the UK and abroad as well as the most energy efficient swimming pool in The Netherlands.

Pellikaan also built Reigate & Banstead's Horley Leisure Centre, which has won a string of awards including LABC Best Small Commercial Building, the Green Apple Award and the Sustainability and Community Benefit Award at the Engineering Excellence Awards of ICE

South East England.

The design of the new centre incorporates feedback from residents, sports clubs, schools and community groups. It will feature a 25m six lane swimming pool, teaching pool, a 50 station gym, exercise studio, four court sports hall, four five-a-side football pitches, space for community activities, café, crèche, wet and dry changing rooms, a youth centre and parking. Access to the 25m pool for users with disabilities will be provided with a set of DDA steps and a platform lift.

As well as building the new facilities, Pellikaan's £10.26m contract includes constructing a new access road, making improvements to Merland Rise Recreation Ground and demolishing the old Community Centre. Construction is

expected to start in the spring and be complete in autumn 2015.

The new facilities, which are a joint venture with Surrey County Council, will be built on part of the recreation ground and Banstead Athletic FC's former training pitch. The old Tattenham Community Centre will be demolished in the spring to allow the access road and facilities to be built.

The Banstead Leisure Centre, which is scheduled for demolition in autumn 2015, will remain open until the new centre is complete. The site is being sold to Croudace Homes to be redeveloped for housing with part of the money from the sale helping to fund the new facilities.

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Historic baths conversion

BALFOUR Beatty has started a £3.3m project to convert the historic Stirchley Baths building into a community hub for residents of South Birmingham.

The work on the Grade II listed building, originally opened in 1910, will involve the conversion of the former local swimming pool into a multi-purpose hall for sport, recreational and community activities, as well as the

provision of a gallery area, meeting rooms, café and classrooms.

Sustainability is a key element of the project and many of the original materials will be reused, preserving key historic features, including the original kiosk within the entrance area, the iconic chimney flue, balconies and tiling.

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