



TRANSFORM KINGSTON

SHAPING THE FUTURE, CELEBRATING THE PAST

JULY 2021

We are seeking your views on our early designs for a new community leisure, well-being and cultural destination on the site of the Kingfisher Leisure Centre. This will help to diversify our local economy beyond retail and ignite a vibrant leisure and cultural scene.

In March and April this year, we ran an early engagement exercise where we asked you to tell us what your priorities are for the Kingfisher, Cattle Market car park and Guildhall complex sites. Thank you to everyone who gave us their feedback which has been invaluable in shaping the plans and early designs.

You told us that replacing the Kingfisher, particularly the much-loved swimming pool, was your top priority. That's why we are prioritising pushing forward with replacing the Kingfisher Leisure Centre with a new community leisure and cultural destination for everyone to enjoy, whatever their age, background or needs.

You also previously gave us suggestions about how to transform the Guildhall complex to better connect it with the town centre and deliver a mix of uses that better serves Kingston. We will come back to you later in the year with more information about this site and you will have a number of opportunities to help us shape any plans we bring forward.

This newsletter provides you with an overview of our early plans for the new community leisure facility. Further information can be found on our website.

Alternative formats are available on request.

Have your say

Your views are really important to us. We want to hear what you think about the early designs for the new Kingfisher Leisure Centre and ideas for the Cattle Market car park site.

We will share more detailed plans later this year when you will again have the opportunity to provide comments, before a planning application is submitted to Kingston Council, later in the year.

You can have your say in the following ways:

 At one of our webinars:

TUE 13 JULY
6-7 pm

MON 19 JULY
6-7 pm

To register your attendance please visit our website, email or call us.

 Visit our website and complete the online survey
www.transformkingston.co.uk

 Send an email to
Transformkingston@kingston.gov.uk

 Call us on freephone: 0800 044 3916

While following COVID-19 social distancing restrictions we are also hoping to be out and about in the borough to show and talk to people about the early designs. Find out where we will be and when by visiting our website or contacting us.



In March and April this year, more than 2,500 people gave us feedback about what they would like to see in the new community leisure facility.

This feedback has been invaluable in shaping our early plans. You can see below some of the most popular suggestions we received and how we have worked with our design team to incorporate these into our plans.

YOU ASKED FOR | OUR PROPOSALS

A new swimming pool suitable for leisure and competitive swimming

A 25m pool with eight lanes, suitable for leisure and competitive swimming

A pool for swimming lessons

A 20m x 10m teaching pool

A slide or activities for children in the pool

An area for children's water play

Spectator seating for the pool

Seating for 150 spectators

Family-friendly activities for children

Facilities like a Clip and Climb and soft-play

Squash courts

Four squash courts

Basketball courts

A six-court sports hall will include provision for indoor basketball courts

Better outdoor and green spaces

High quality public spaces and a better connect to Fairfield Recreation Ground

Spaces for adult education

Flexible community space suitable for adult education

Spa facilities

Sauna and steam rooms

The new centre should be fully accessible

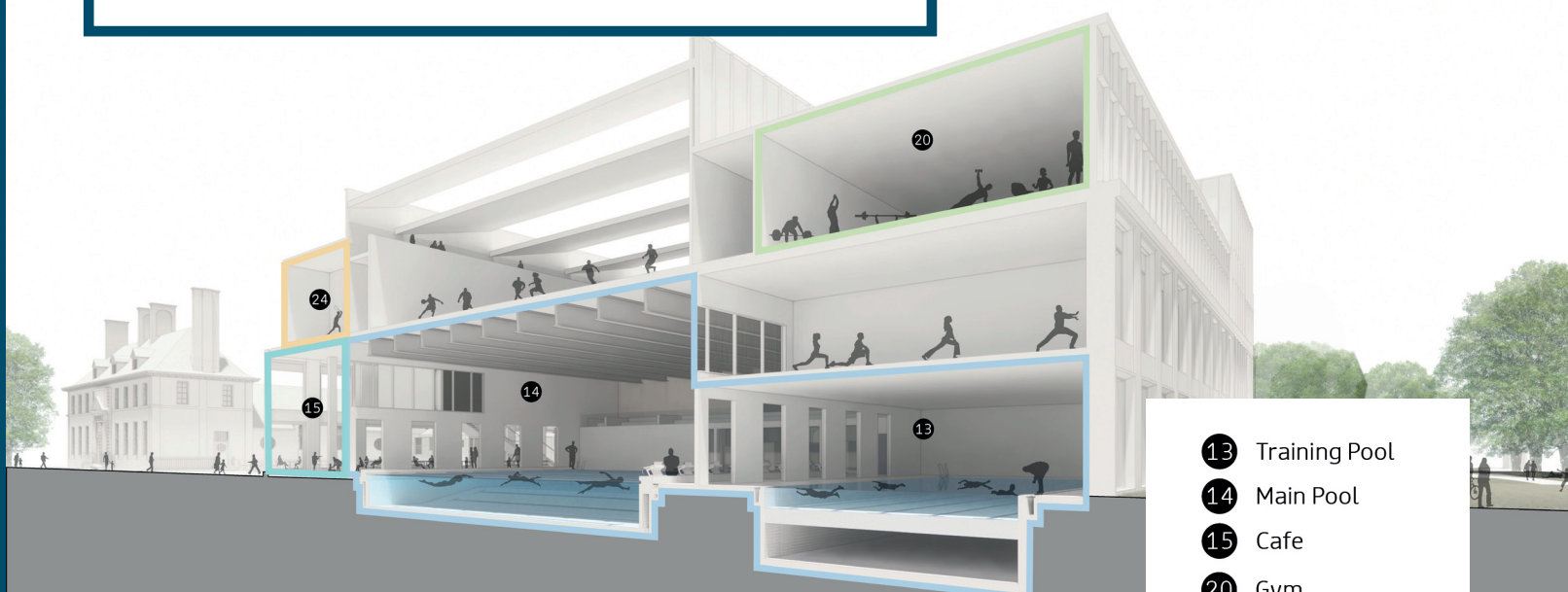
Fully accessible throughout

Sustainable building

Sustainable features and targeting BREEAM 'Excellent'



OUR PROPOSALS



- 13 Training Pool
- 14 Main Pool
- 15 Cafe
- 20 Gym
- 23 Sports Hall
- 24 Squash
- 25 Studio

We are looking to comprehensively redevelop the Kingfisher site and create a new identifiable destination that provides an inspiring and welcoming setting for people to come together.

As well as your feedback, our design team has been guided by the following principles

- Promote participation in sport and an active lifestyle
- An outward looking building that connects with its surroundings
- A stronger relationship to Kingston town centre
- Respects the local architecture, particularly the neighbouring museum and library

Cattle Market

Given its location right next to the proposed new community and leisure facility, we need to consider how this site interacts with the new public space and leisure facility.

This site presents an opportunity to deliver much-needed new town centre homes, particularly affordable homes, potentially alongside a mix of other uses. We want to hear from you about what kinds of homes or other uses you would like to see here. We will consider the feedback you give us and share our early plans for the site later this year.

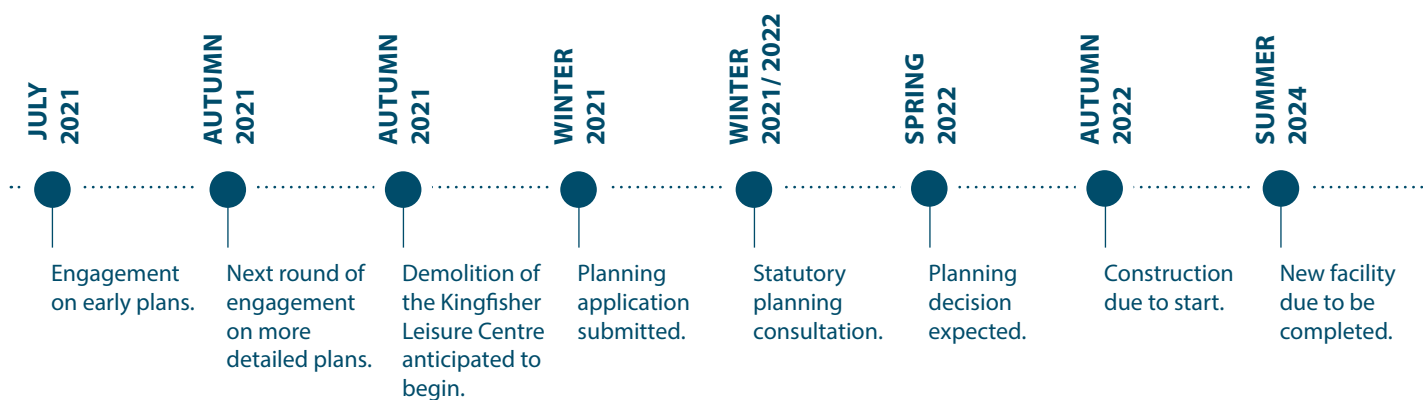


CREATING A CULTURAL DESTINATION

As well as a new community facility for sport and physical activity we want to bring together other complementary, community uses and use this opportunity to extend leisure and well-being activities into the surrounding public space, helping improve people's physical and mental well-being.

Our proposals include new outdoor space which also better celebrate the neighbouring Kingston Museum and Library, creating a new destination for leisure, well-being, learning and culture. This will help to diversify our local economy beyond retail and ignite a vibrant leisure and cultural scene.

Indicative timetable for the new community leisure facility



For a more detailed timeline of the whole Transform Kingston programme please visit our website.