



# TRANSFORM KINGSTON

**Updated plans to deliver an outstanding new community leisure facility for all on the site of the Kingfisher Leisure Centre.**

NOVEMBER 2021

Our vision is to revitalise our historic town centre and celebrate its rich heritage to make it better for our residents, local businesses, students and visitors. This will help to diversify our local economy beyond retail and ignite a vibrant leisure and cultural scene.

Over the summer, we ran an engagement exercise in which more than 1,500 Kingston residents gave us their views on our proposals. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive with around 80% of people agreeing that our plans had the right mix of facilities. Additionally, 96% of people said that the new leisure centre was somewhere that they would consider visiting.

We have used the valuable feedback we received to further refine our proposals for the Kingfisher site – including work to ensure the new facility is **fun and family friendly**, meets the **highest possible sustainability standards**, and is **accessible for all**.

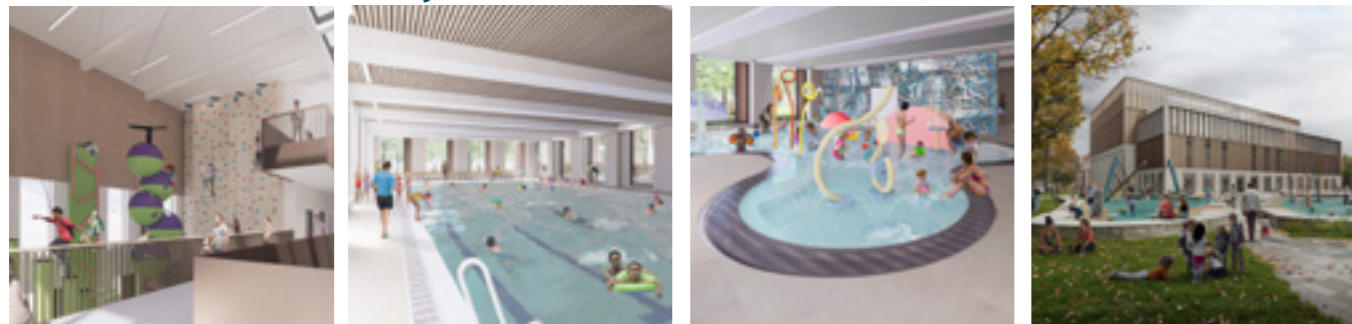
Now, we are launching another phase of engagement to share these updated designs with the community and hear feedback before we finalise the proposals and submit a planning application early next year.

This newsletter provides you with an update on our plans for the new community leisure facility. More information – and a new digital survey - can be found on our website [www.transformkingston.co.uk](http://www.transformkingston.co.uk)

**ALTERNATIVE FORMATS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.**

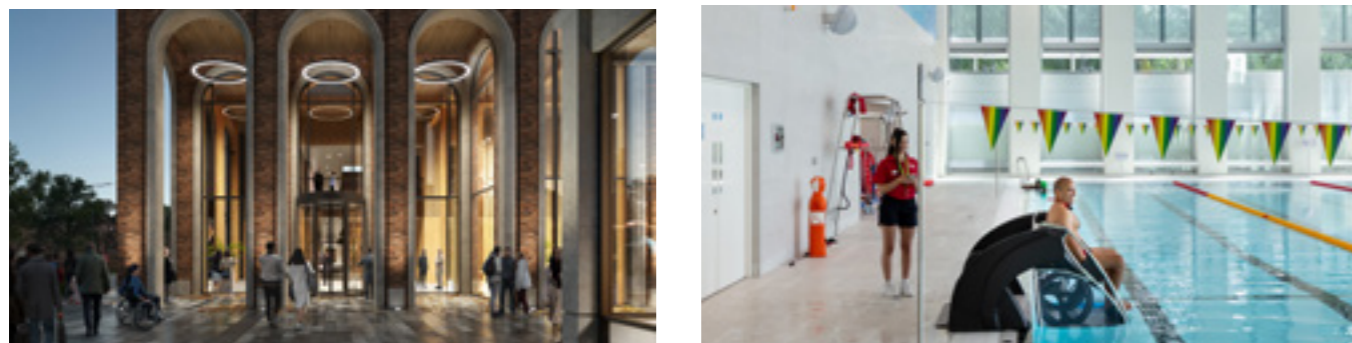
# WHAT THE NEW BUILDING WILL LOOK LIKE

## Fun for all the family



The new facility has been designed to be enjoyed by the whole family. A new teaching pool, suitable for lessons and water-play sessions, will be supplemented by a toddler pool where younger children can play and learn to love the water. There will also be climbing facilities for all ages, a soft play area and an improved and enlarged playground.

## Accessible for all



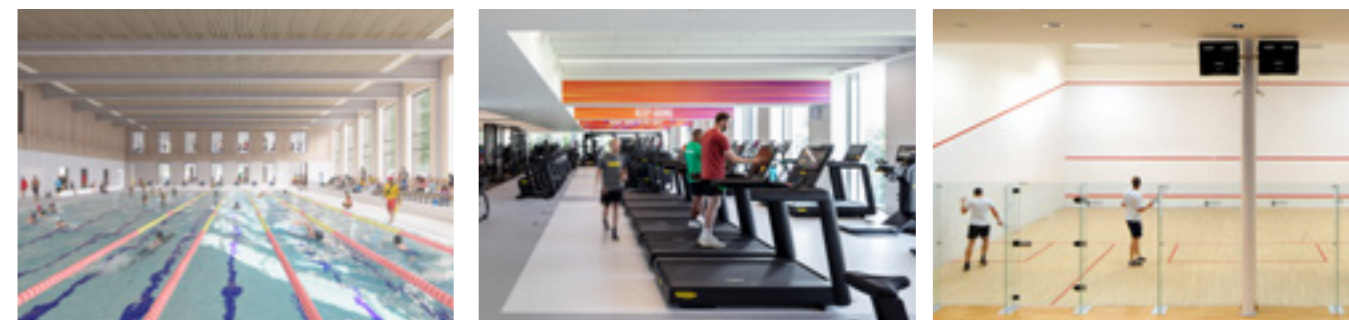
We want this to be a facility which is accessible for all. Features like wheelchair storage for sports wheelchairs, changing places bathrooms, hoists, pool pods and floating floors to make access to the pool easy for everyone, step free access throughout and hearing loops, Braille signage and facilities for guide dogs, will be included to help us achieve this ambition.

## A beautiful building in the heart of our historic town centre



We have designed the new community leisure facility to complement our historic Museum and Library, and to better connect them to the town centre. We have created a walking route from the town centre, through the site and past the Museum and Library, directly into Fairfield Recreation Ground. We have also designed an addition to the Museum which could house a shop or café, or provide space for exhibitions and events, attracting new visitors.

## High quality sporting facilities



This will be an outstanding sporting facility, where people of all abilities can enjoy being physically active. With a 25m swimming pool suitable for short course competitive swimming, a modern gym, exercise studios, squash courts and rooftop space for five-a-side football, we want this new community leisure centre to have something for everyone.

## How we have responded to your feedback

In July and August this year, over 1,500 people gave us feedback on our early designs for the new community leisure facility. This feedback has been critical in helping us update the plans. You can see below how your comments have been incorporated into the detailed proposals for the new leisure facility.

### YOUR FEEDBACK | OUR RESPONSE

Make sure the new community facility is fun and family friendly

We will be providing a range of activities for all ages, including a toddler pool or 'splash deck', 'clip and climb' and soft play.

Target the highest possible accessibility standards.

We are committed to making this a highly accessible community facility for everyone to enjoy. We are also now engaging with disability groups and people with lived experience of disability specifically to ensure we are doing everything we can.

Be ambitious for the sporting facilities – many people wanted to see Kingston residents competing in Olympic swimming!

This will be an exceptional sporting facility, including a 25m short course competitive swimming pool designed collaboratively with local sports clubs.

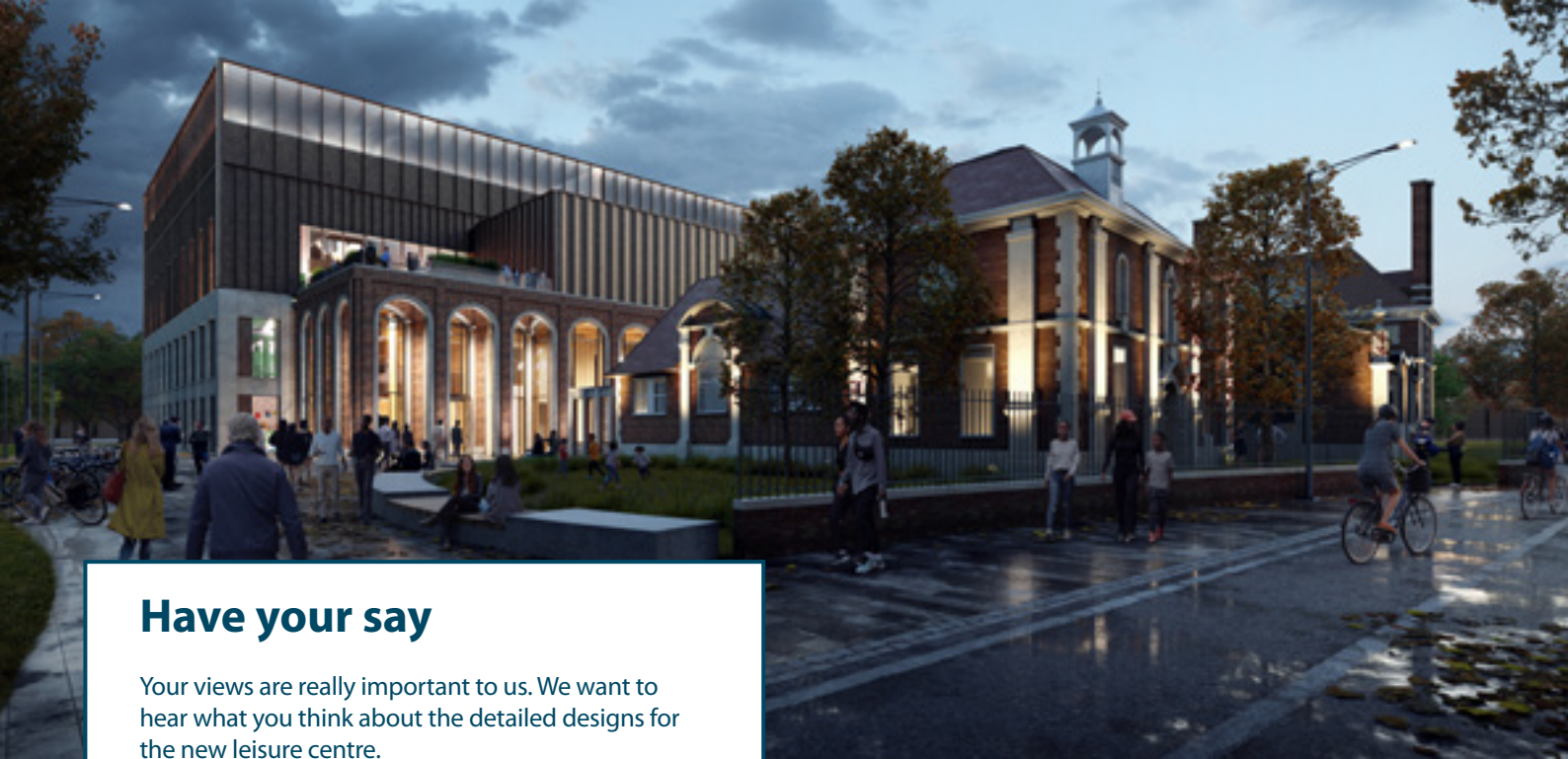
A new leisure facility is a major priority and should be delivered as soon as possible.

We are committed to delivering this new leisure facility as a key priority – that's why it is the first part of our Transform Kingston programme to come forward.

You were concerned about the environmental impact of redevelopment.

We are targeting the highest environmental standards and the new building will be miles ahead of the old Kingfisher in terms of sustainability and energy efficiency. You can see full details of how we will achieve this on our website.

There is more information on each of these points on our updated website [www.transformkingston.co.uk](http://www.transformkingston.co.uk).



## Have your say

Your views are really important to us. We want to hear what you think about the detailed designs for the new leisure centre.

You can have your say in the following ways:



### Join one of our online webinars:

- 6-8pm, Monday, 22 November
- 6-8pm, Tuesday, 30 November

To register your attendance please visit our website, email or call us - see details below.



### Come meet us at one of our public exhibitions:

- 4:30pm – 7pm, Thursday, 25 November

Baking Ideas, Tolworth Station, Kingston Road, KT5 9NX

- 10am – 2pm, Saturday, 27 November

Market Hall, Kingston Town Centre, KT1 1JT

- 10am – 2pm, Saturday, 4 December

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Visit our website and complete the online survey [www.transformkingston.co.uk](http://www.transformkingston.co.uk)



Send an email to [transformkingston@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:transformkingston@kingston.gov.uk)



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## Indicative Timeline

**MARCH-APRIL  
2021**

Early listening phase on the Kingfisher, Cattle Market car park and Guildhall complex sites.

**MAY  
2021**

Strategic Outline Business Case for the redevelopment of the Kingfisher Leisure Centre and Cattle Market sites is accepted by the Council's Response and Recovery Committee.

**JULY – AUGUST  
2021**

Engagement on proposals for the Kingfisher Leisure Centre and early plans for the Cattle Market car park site.

**NOVEMBER  
2021**

Phase 3 of engagement on the latest designs for the Kingfisher Leisure Centre

**WINTER  
2021/22**

Planning application submitted to the Local Planning Authority for the Kingfisher site.

**2023**

Subject to planning permission, construction expected to start on the Kingfisher site.

**2024**

**New leisure facility opens.**



For more information and to complete our digital survey, scan the QR code to visit our website.