
Suffolk Coastal District Council

Leisure Redevelopment Programme

Specific Action for Suffolk Coastal:

- Enhance and re-develop modern Leisure Centre and Sports Hub facilities in the District.

Current activity

- Working with Sport England to achieve high quality, fit for purpose leisure centres
- Circa £27 million programme lasting until 2022
- To date £500,000 of external funding

Deben Leisure Centre

Opened June 2018



Leiston Leisure Centre

Commences 1 September 2018



Felixstowe Leisure Redevelopment



Places Leisure have put £250,000 in recently to extend the life of the building.

Brackenbury Leisure Centre



Felixstowe – actions to date:

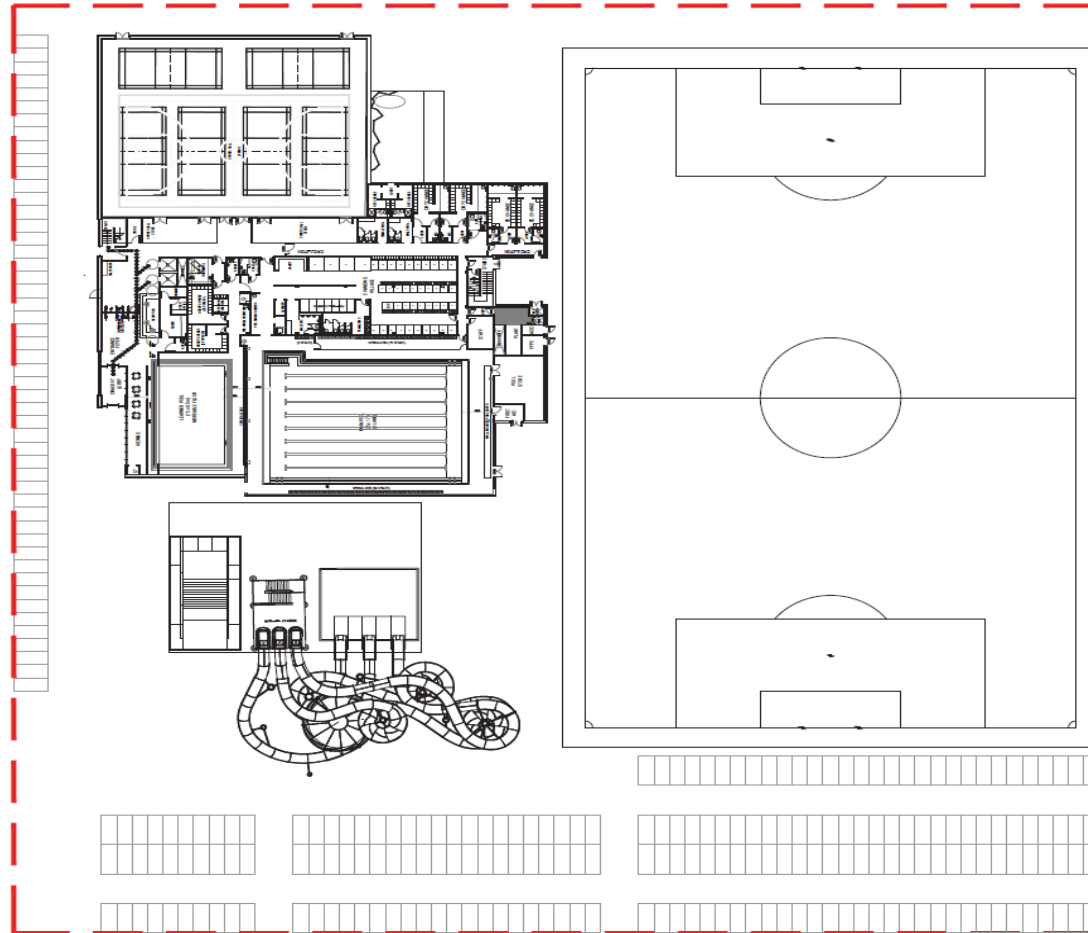
Appointed The Sports Consultancy, a leading independent company in undertaking feasibility studies and options appraisals for new leisure facilities. Their remit included:

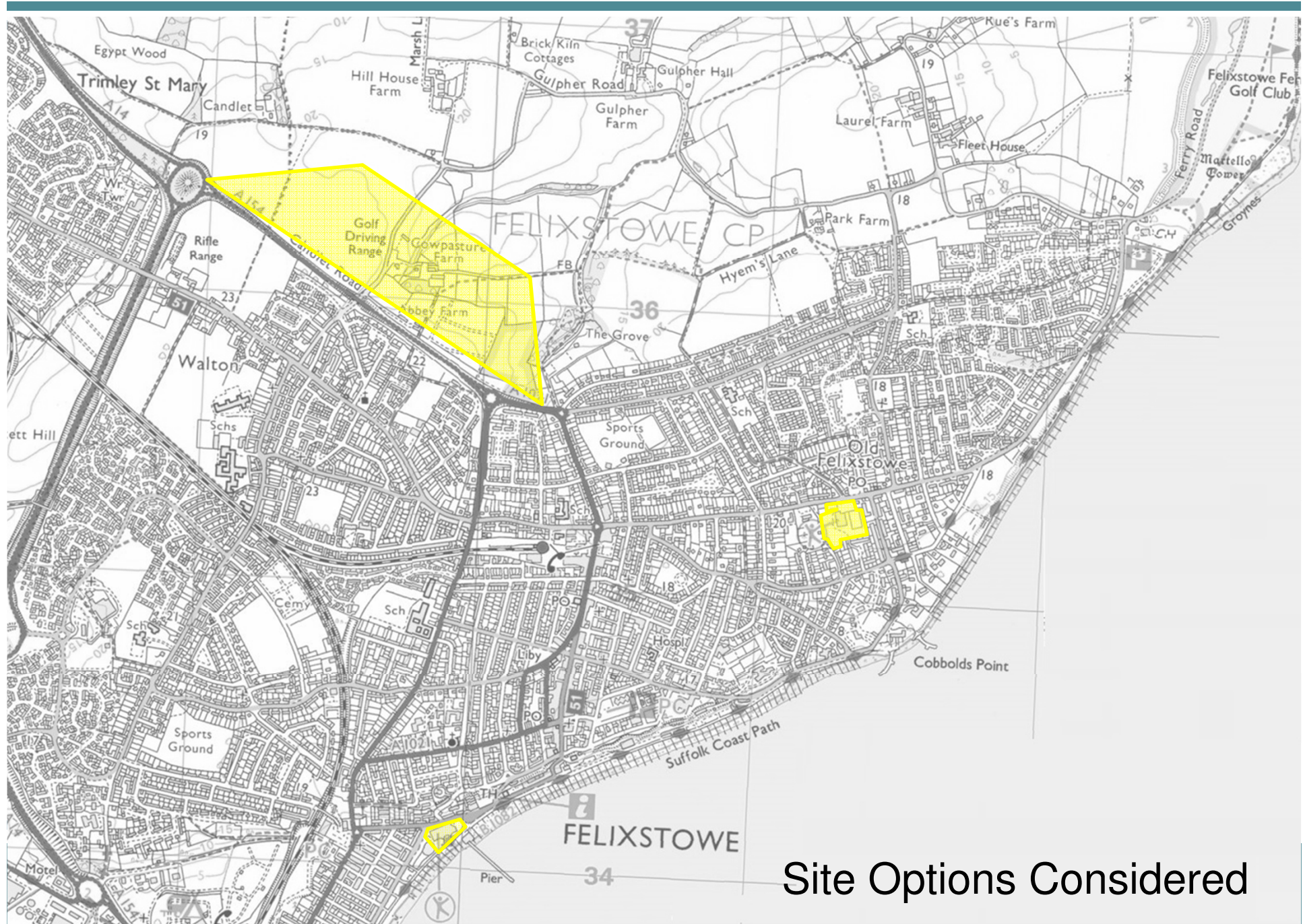
- To look at feasibility and options for Felixstowe, including location
- Reviewed Sports Facility strategy
- Consulted with a range of local bodies, National Governing Bodies, Sport England and local partners
- Consultation with community on 'what is important to them in their leisure provision' Feb 19 to 30 April
- Ongoing information gathering

Leisure Destination	Existing (Felixstowe and Brackenbury together)
25m, 8 lane swimming pool	25m, 6 lane swimming pool
Learner pool - Adjustable depth	Leisure pool
Multiple flumes	One flume
Leisure water	
6-court sports hall	5 court sports hall
85-station health & fitness gym	Station gym
2 dance studios + 1 spin studio	Dance studio/activity hall
Thermal suite (sauna and steam)	Thermal suite
Café (50 people)	Café
Clip and Climb	
3G pitch.	Tarmac floodlit pitch
Car parking (250)	Pay and display parking and 60 spaces at Brackenbury

Indicative Leisure Destination

Site size
20,000 sq. metres





Site Options Considered

Consultation Presentations

The Leisure Team attended and presented at several events between Feb and April including the following groups and organisations:

- Felixstowe Town Council
- Level Two Youth
- Felixstowe Society
- Felixstowe Sports Council
- Felixstowe Business Breakfast
- Felixstowe Chamber of Commerce
- Visit Felixstowe Season Launch
- Felixstowe Youth Forum
- Felixstowe Rotary.

Headline outcomes from the survey:

- 65% of respondents don't use sports facilities outside of Felixstowe.
- The 5 most popular activities were in order:
 - Leisure swimming
 - Swimming to keep fit
 - Gym/health and fitness activities
 - Exercise classes
 - Racket sports
- 68% of respondents travel to the leisure centre by car.
- 48% of respondents would be prepared to travel 5 to 10 minutes to a new leisure centre.
- 51% of respondents prioritised the proximity of facilities to a free car park with 51% ranking this as the most important. It was not so important for leisure facilities to be located near a school.
- Many respondents felt the current facilities were inadequate, noting the changing as a particular concern.
- Concerns that Felixstowe will be without a facility if existing sites are used.

Examples of new leisure facilities



Precedent Images

