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Work to Deben starting soon

We're excited that works are on schedule to start at Deben Leisure Centre by our Leisure Development Partners, Pulse Fitness, next month.

We would like to thank members of Deben Leisure Centre for their support for the redevelopment so far.

Although the works mean that the facility will be fully closed during the building works, we think you will be pleased with the redeveloped Deben Leisure Centre when it reopens next summer.

During the closure you can use our other facilities at Leiston, Felixstowe and Brackenbury.

The works are scheduled to last for a 10 month period. Our Leisure operational partners

Places for People Leisure have communicated alternative options for the closure period to all their members and will continue to do so during the project.

The great news is that we are already planning the opening event for the new leisure centre next summer!

With works to Deben starting imminently, we now look to our next project at Leiston and are asking for your views on the revised plans.

Make sure you're part of our mailing list to ensure you can take part in the consultation email us:

leisure@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf
cabinet member for
Customers,
Communities & Leisure
at Suffolk Coastal.



Timeline of works

Deben Leisure Centre will close to the public at 10pm on Thursday, 31 August. Works will start from Monday, 4 September and will last for approximately 10 months.

Due to the nature of the work being undertaken, a full closure is required.

The refurbished leisure centre will reopen in summer 2018.

Please note there will be some loss of car parking spaces in Station Road Car Park during this time. The community hall and the businesses at Quay Point will not be affected by the redevelopment.



Indicative artist's impressions

Keep active with us

All current members at Deben Pool have been contacted by Places for People Leisure regarding their membership during the closure period.

Although Deben is closed, we are welcoming everyone to our other facilities in Leiston and Felixstowe.

To keep up with all the latest development and promotional news, register your details at www.debenleisurecentre.org.

Available from 1 September 2017.



An artist's impression of the new gym

Staff at Deben Leisure Centre

Staff at Deben Leisure Centre are employed by our operators, Places for People Leisure.

During the redevelopment, as many staff as possible have been relocated to our other leisure centres.

The leisure centre is expected to reopen in summer 2018.



The new facility will create more job opportunities, with people being recruited 2-3 months prior to opening.

Have your say on Leiston plans

With work soon to start at Deben, we are now working hard on plans for Leiston.

Thank you to those who have already commented on the initial plans for the new leisure centre. We are now reviewing these and incorporating them with the results from various surveys we have carried out and will be fully consulting on the revised plans.



[Look out for a consultation coming soon on plans for Leiston](#)

In the meantime, if you would like to be included in the consultation, or have any

comments to make at this early stage, we would be pleased to hear from you, so email us at leisure@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

Member profile: Frank Green, 83 Retired Metropolitan Police Officer.

Member of Deben Pool for 18 years.

I first learnt to swim in Stowmarket in 1945 and swam for the Stowmarket Swimming Club and Boys Brigade.

Why did you join?

I have always enjoyed swimming and it is a good way of keeping fit.

I now use the pool 2 or 3 times per week - averaging 30 lengths a visit.

What I'm excited about the new leisure centre

The new facilities, including the showers and changing rooms.

I'm looking forward to the new leisure centre offering facilities to the people of Woodbridge of all ages.



Engaging with the public

Thanks to everyone who came to see us and Places for People Leisure at the Suffolk Show. We had two very busy days and it was great to see so many people excited about our Leisure Redevelopment Programme.

We also celebrated all things bike related as the show gave us the opportunity to shout about the OVO Energy Tour of Britain coming to Suffolk on Friday, 8 September. Children and adults took part in cycle sprints and the Wattbike challenge and coloured in wooden bikes. You can find out the route and more details at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/cycling-in-east-suffolk



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Looking forward to Felixstowe

Our Leisure Project Team also recently attended an event in Felixstowe hosted by Felixstowe Forward, where we talked to a range of groups and organisations about the future of leisure provision in the town. We asked a range of questions about how people used leisure centres in general and got some interesting feedback.

If you would like to take part in future conversations, please email leisure@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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