Leisure Centre

External look and feel

**Summary of key changes**

- The building has been made smaller on plan to increase the space available on the north and south boundaries for landscaping and footways. This has been achieved through refining the design and not through any loss of functional space.

- The height of the building at the south west corner has been reduced to make it more sympathetic to the existing homes on Brook Drive.

- The accommodation on the upper levels of the building has been reorganised to provide a more efficient layout.

- The relationship between the café, entrance and external landscaping has been improved.

- Visitor drop-off, disabled parking and cycle parking has been included within the shared surface areas at the front of the building.
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Four materials are proposed for the new Leisure Centre.
Vertical timber cladding will be used on the eastern elevation to announce the building’s entrance. The same cladding will wrap around to the south responding to the park context and give a soft, tactile appearance. Careful detailing will ensure long life and good ageing of the cladding.

Traditional brick will be used to respond to the surrounding residential context.
A lighter metal cladding is proposed for the sports hall giving the building a modern appearance.
Large areas of glazing will ensure the building has active frontages and welcoming. Obscured glazing will be used to give privacy for pool users.

Entrance (eastern) elevation

Park (southern) elevation

Brook Drive (northern) elevation

Shared surface (eastern) elevation
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Ground floor

Key components

- Double height entrance
- Generous café and reception areas
- Double height swimming pool and teaching pool
- Wet changing
- Crèche
- Good visual connections between café seating areas and the pool.
- Good visual and physical connection between the café seating area and the external landscaped areas
- Clear wayfinding through the main circulation courtyard

Sketch of the double height reception area and café beyond.
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First floor

Key components

• Flexible and adaptable studio
• Gym
• Indoor cycling room
• Dry changing
• Easy movement flows and efficient circulation
• Views from the gym into the ground floor entrance and reception areas
• Excellent views over St Mary’s Churchyard Park
• Good views over the shared surface and the art and green walls of St Mary’s Residential

Sketch of the central courtyard looking towards the main entrance with the gym on the right
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Second floor

Key components

- Double height four badminton court sport hall with store room
- Flexible studio space with excellent views over St Mary's Churchyard Park
- Waiting area
- Toilet facilities
- Staff room

Sketch diagram showing the arrangement of ground floor uses