

## Welcome to the

# Morpeth Forum

## Update and Feedback Event

The Morpeth Forum is a partnership between Northumberland County Council and Morpeth Town Council.

Its aim is to oversee how the town develops over the coming years in line with the Neighbourhood Plan and make best use of the County Council's key sites. We want local people to be fully involved and have their say on the future of their town as we go forward.



✔ **WE AIM:** To involve you in shaping the future look and feel of Morpeth

✔ **WE AIM:** To see how services can be best delivered to local people

✔ **WE AIM:** To gather ideas on what people want in the town

*"We've been very impressed with the engagement and feedback from our previous events - there's a real passion from local people to have their say and get involved."*

*"We've listened carefully to everyone's feedback and there was clearly a desire for improved leisure facilities in the town. We were delighted to recently announce plans for a new £18m leisure centre and more details about this exciting new development are on show here today."*

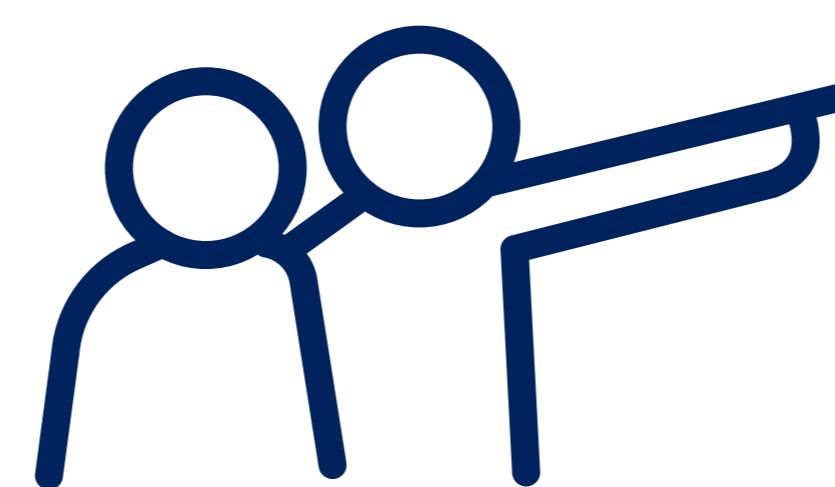
**Councillor Richard Wearmouth**  
Cabinet Member  
for Economic Development  
Northumberland County Council



*"As members of Morpeth Town Council, the Morpeth Forum gives us insights into the thinking and motivation of and constraints on the County Council – and also gives us the ear of those at NCC making decisions that affect the town."*

*"It is therefore very important that we, as representatives of the local community, fully understand the wishes and concerns of the people of Morpeth and express them at Forum meetings."*

**Councillor Nic Best**  
Morpeth Town Council



## Since last time...

An £18 million investment has been confirmed for a new Leisure & Community Services Hub.

The Terrace site has been identified as the new location for the Leisure Centre.

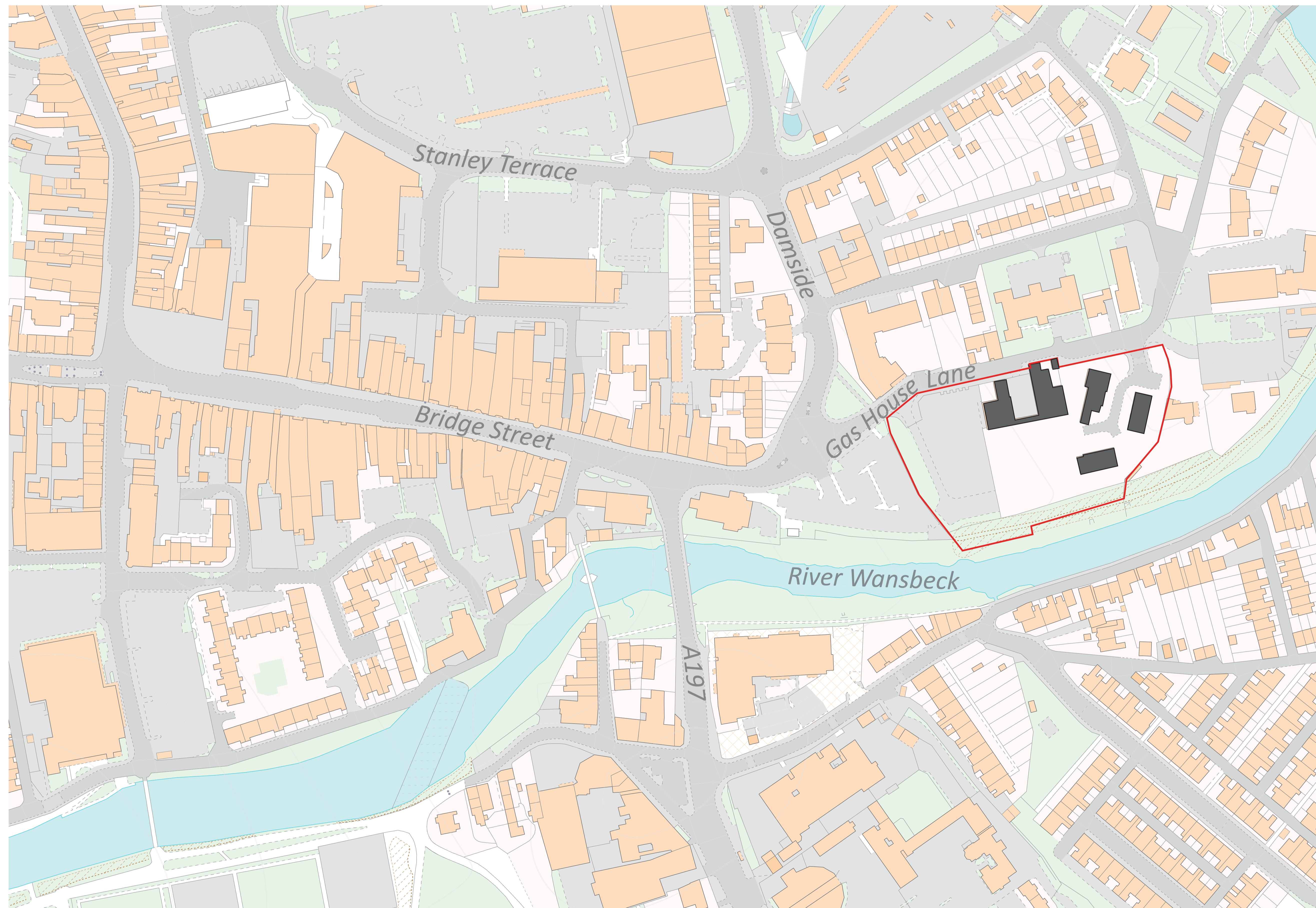
Building work is on track and the new Morpeth First School will open in September 2019.

The refurbishment of County Hall is progressing well.

A new car park on the Goosehill site is coming next year.



# Morpeth Leisure Centre



"At Active Northumberland we are committed to providing great places and great experiences for everyone. We want to help people to be active and enjoy wellness for life using our facilities and services. To achieve this we understand how important it is for people to have the best facilities, so we are delighted to be able to share with you our exciting plans for a new leisure centre for Morpeth Town Centre."



Mark Tweedie  
Chief Executive of Active Northumberland



# Morpeth Leisure Centre

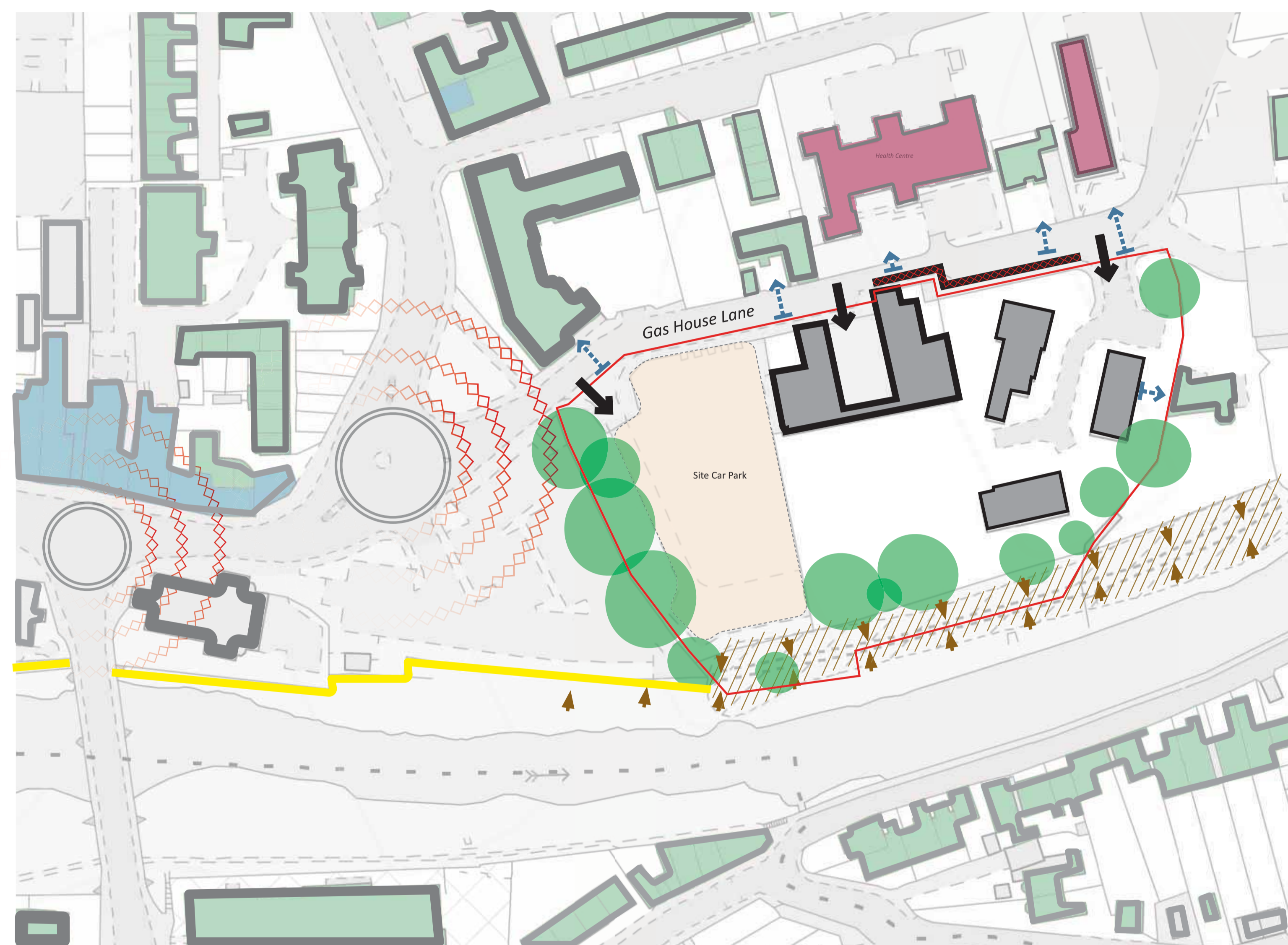
## Opportunities & Constraints

### Site Analysis Constraints

#### Constraints

- Site neighbours historic bridge and church structures
- Residential and other smaller scale buildings to north
- Several mature trees on site including TPOs
- Grass embankment along bank of the river
- Residential flat development overlooking the North west corner of the site
- Site accessed from narrow lane (Gas House Lane)
- Site sits within a zone at risk of flooding from the River Wansbeck\*
- Constrained site area
- Respond to ecology of adjacent river corridor

\* Risk of site flooding to be reviewed and confirmed via EA engagement



Key

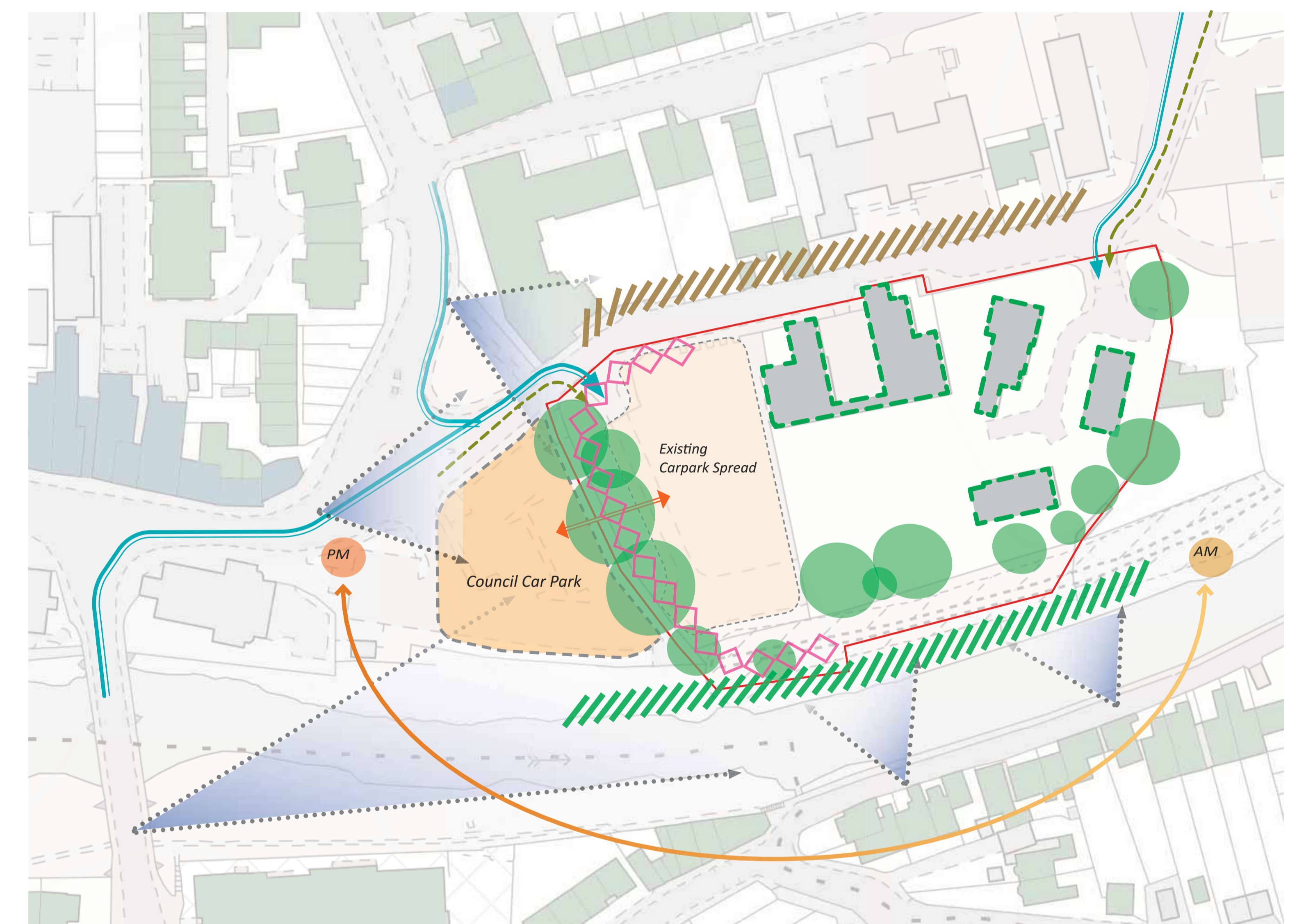
Existing Vehicular Access Points	Slope Direction	Existing Stone Wall	Tight distance	Single Storey	Three Storey
Site Boundary	Grass Embankment	Existing Carpark Spread	Traffic Noise	Two Storey	Four Storey
Trees	Existing buildings	Bund Wall			
Retail Buildings	NHS Buildings	Residential Buildings			

\*Site Boundary TBC.

### Site Analysis Opportunities

#### Opportunities

- Key strategic site within Morpeth Town Centre
- Key arrival view from the busy Telford Bridge
- Opportunity for an active frontage toward town, visible from across the river
- Site sits outside of Morpeth Conservation Area
- 3&4 storey flat development raises average surrounding building height
- Opportunity to connect to riverside to south
- Existing car parking to be utilised
- Opportunity to respond to Urban Edge to north
- Improve strong connections to Town Centre



Key

Site Boundary	Active Frontage Potential	Existing Carpark Spread	Vehicular Route
Key Views	Sun Path	Potential for shared Parking	Green Edge
Buildings to be demolished	Pedestrian Route	Trees	Urban Edge

\*Site Boundary TBC.

# Morpeth Leisure Centre

## Comparative Graphic Brief



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### Area Size of Existing Leisure Centre vs. Proposed Leisure Centre

Notes	Area	Notes	Area
<b>SPORT ZONE</b>			
<b>Pool Area</b>			
MAIN POOL 6 lane community pool	530 m <sup>2</sup> <b>+124m<sup>2</sup></b>	<p>4 Court Sports Hall</p> <p>Sports England 4 court sports hall 7.5m clear 690m<sup>2</sup> <b>-150m<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>Badminton 4 x courts Community/Club Basketball 1 x Court Community/Club 5-a-side 1 x Court All levels Netball 1 x Court Community Volleyball 1 x Court Community/Club</p>	
LEARNER POOL 13m x 7m with moveable floor Self depositing steps	205m <sup>2</sup>		
Store @ 12.5% of water area Includes for inflatable storage	55m <sup>2</sup>		
First Aid	10m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Spectator Gallery</b>			
Spectator gallery at pool side	50m <sup>2</sup>		
150 seat gallery as per Sport England community pool @L01	100m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>950m<sup>2</sup> (+124m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>780m<sup>2</sup> (-150m<sup>2</sup>)</b>

<b>Fitness Suite</b>			
100 station gym @5m <sup>2</sup> per station	500m <sup>2</sup> <b>+365m<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>Studios</b>			
Studio 1 36 person@5m <sup>2</sup> per person	180m <sup>2</sup> <b>+5m<sup>2</sup></b>		
Studio 2 24 person@5m <sup>2</sup> per person	120m <sup>2</sup> <b>+120m<sup>2</sup></b>		
Store @ 10% of Studio area	30m <sup>2</sup>		
Spin Studio 30 bikes	75m <sup>2</sup> <b>+58m<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>920m<sup>2</sup> (+183m<sup>2</sup>)</b>		

Notes	Area
<b>SPORT ZONE</b>	
<b>Wet Change Area</b>	
47 POSITIONS INC. 5 FAMILY CHANGE CUBICLES Accessible change facilities as per Sport England Guidance 2 X ACC CHANGE 2 X ACC WC 1 X CHANGING PLACES 2 X 20 PERSON GROUP ROOMS	350m <sup>2</sup> <b>+188m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Dry Change Area</b>	
SPORTS HALL CHANGE (REQ. 32 PERSON) @2m <sup>2</sup> per person (Sport England requires 1.6m <sup>2</sup> , not inc. WCs)	65m <sup>2</sup>
FITNESS & STUDIO CHANGE Total 185 person occupancy inc. 20 shower positions (1 per 6)	200m <sup>2</sup> <b>+88m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>615m<sup>2</sup> (+276m<sup>2</sup>)</b>

Notes	Area
<b>SPA</b>	
<b>Spa Facilities</b>	
Sauna	10m <sup>2</sup>
Steam Room	10m <sup>2</sup>
Relaxation area	50m <sup>2</sup>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>70m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT ZONE</b>	
<b>Office</b>	
GENERAL OFFICE (6-8 persons @ 6m <sup>2</sup> ) incl. Manager's Office	50m <sup>2</sup>
STAFF CHANGE	20m <sup>2</sup>
STAFF REST ROOM	15m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cafe</b>	
KITCHEN	40m <sup>2</sup>
RECEPTION/ SERVERY/ RETAIL	40m <sup>2</sup>
CAFE ZONE INC. VENDING	220m <sup>2</sup> <b>+38m<sup>2</sup></b>
SOFT PLAY	50m <sup>2</sup>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>435m<sup>2</sup> (+38m<sup>2</sup>)</b>

### Areas Under Consideration

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB</b>		
<b>Library</b>		
GENERAL LIBRARY - PC AREA	325m <sup>2</sup>	
- SELF-SERVICE POINT/BOOK DROP		
- STAFF OFFICE		
- LIBRARY CUSTOMER SERVICES POINT - STUDY ROOM		
CHILDRENS LIBRARY	175m <sup>2</sup>	
WORKSHOP/GROUPWORK ROOM	20m <sup>2</sup>	
STOREROOM	20m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>540m<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Community Services</b>		
2 X CUSTOMER SERVICES STATIONS	20m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X CONSULTATION ROOM	20m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X WAITING AREA	10m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X SELF-SERVICE AREA	10m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X CUSTOMER SERVICES DESK	10m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>70m<sup>2</sup></b>	

<b>Adult Learning</b>		
1 X STEM CLASSROOM	60m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X PROFESSIONAL COOKERY SPACE	50m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X GENERAL CLASSROOM	50m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X LARGE CLASSROOM W/ CONCERTINA DIVIDE	50m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X TUTORIAL/INTERVIEW ROOM	15m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X OFFICE	10m <sup>2</sup>	
1 X STORE ROOM	20m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>260m<sup>2</sup></b>	

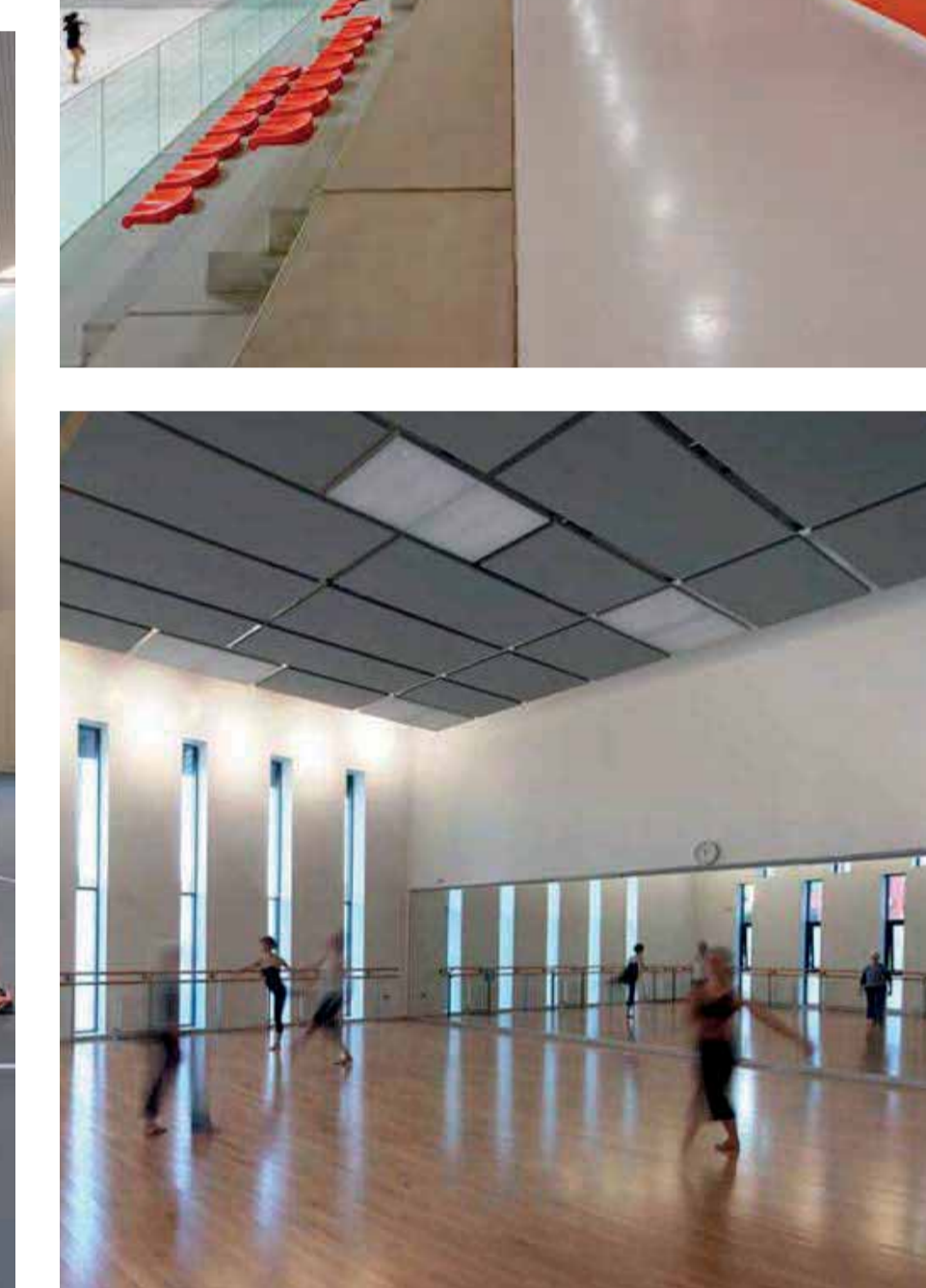
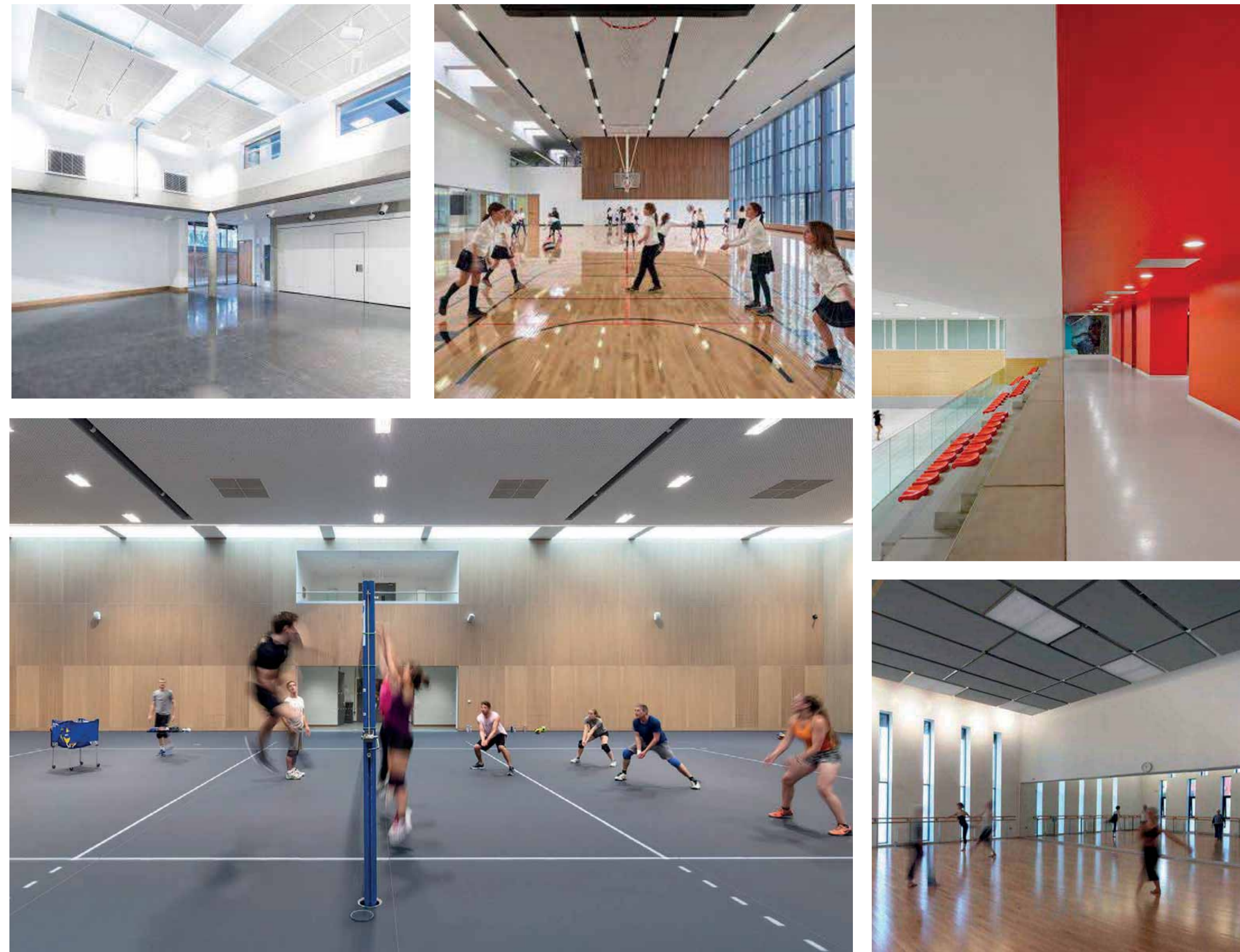
TOTAL SUM	4640m <sup>2</sup>
CIRCULATION @7.5%	350m <sup>2</sup>
*PLANT @7.5%	350m <sup>2</sup>
INT WALLS @5%	230m <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5570m<sup>2</sup></b>

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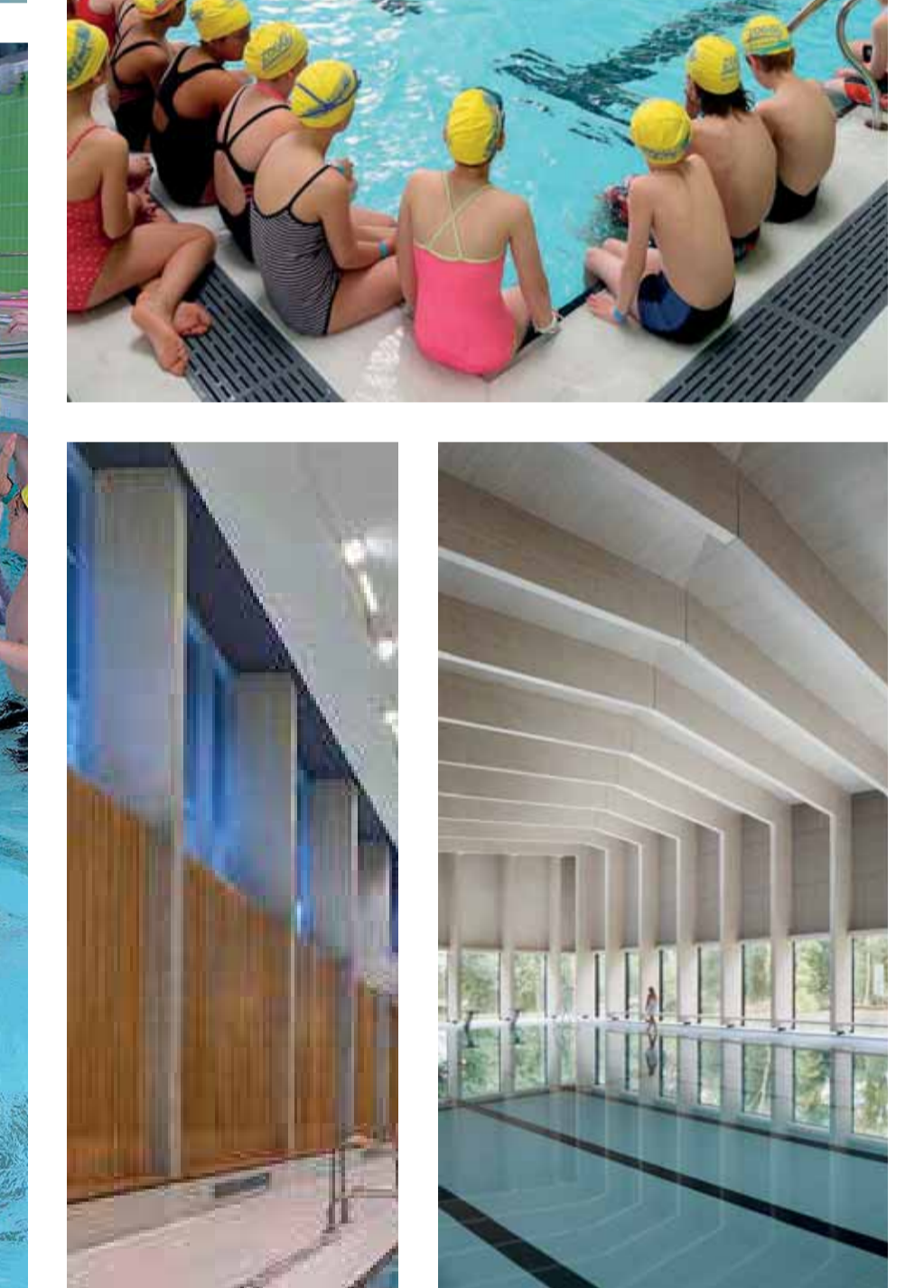
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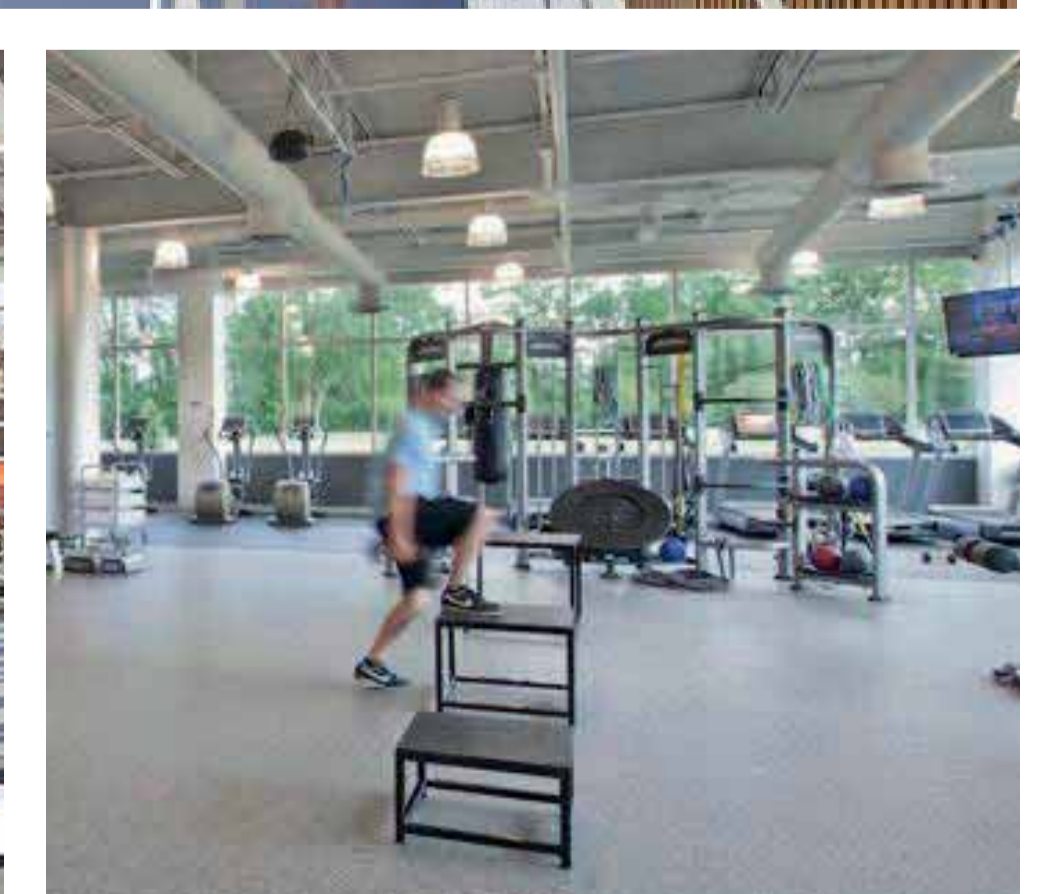
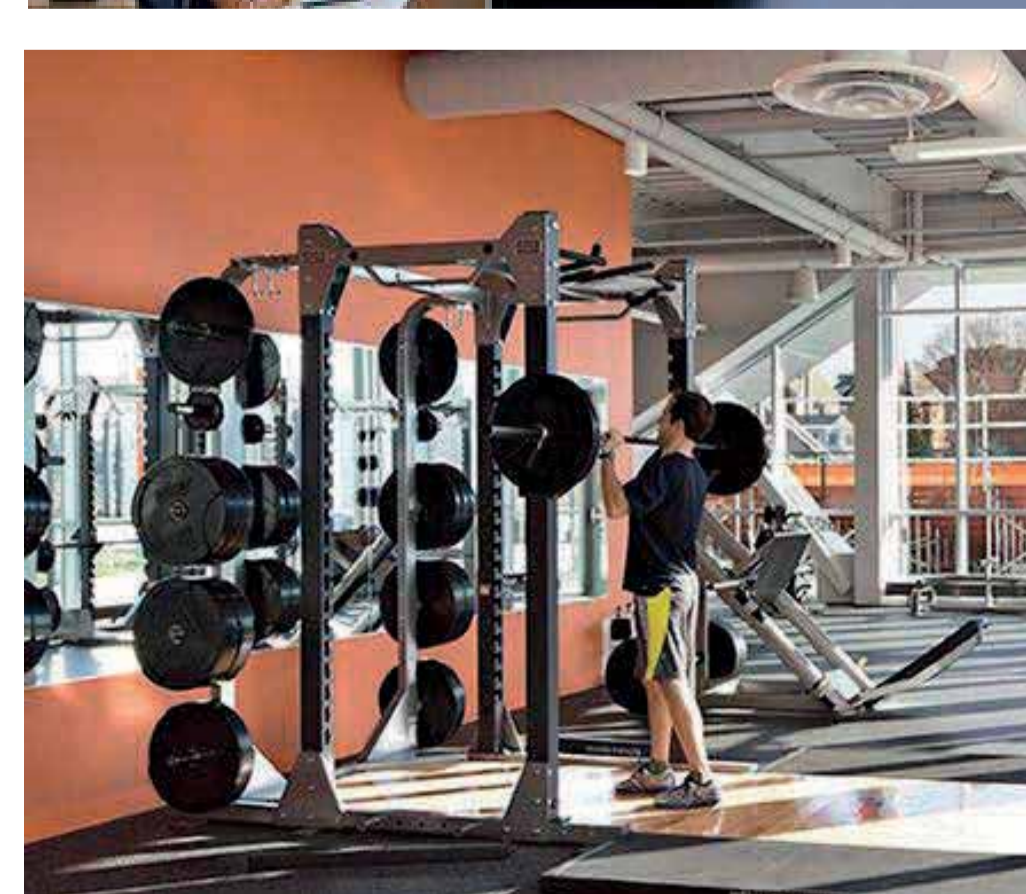
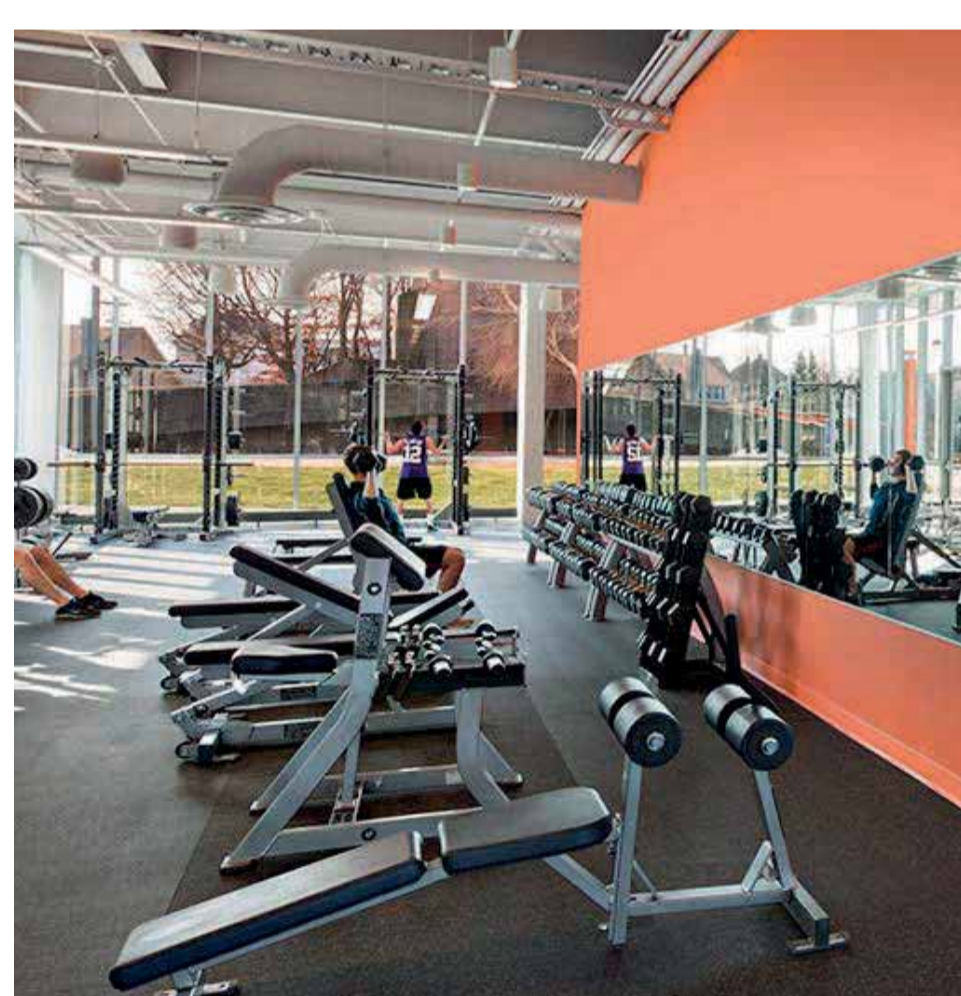
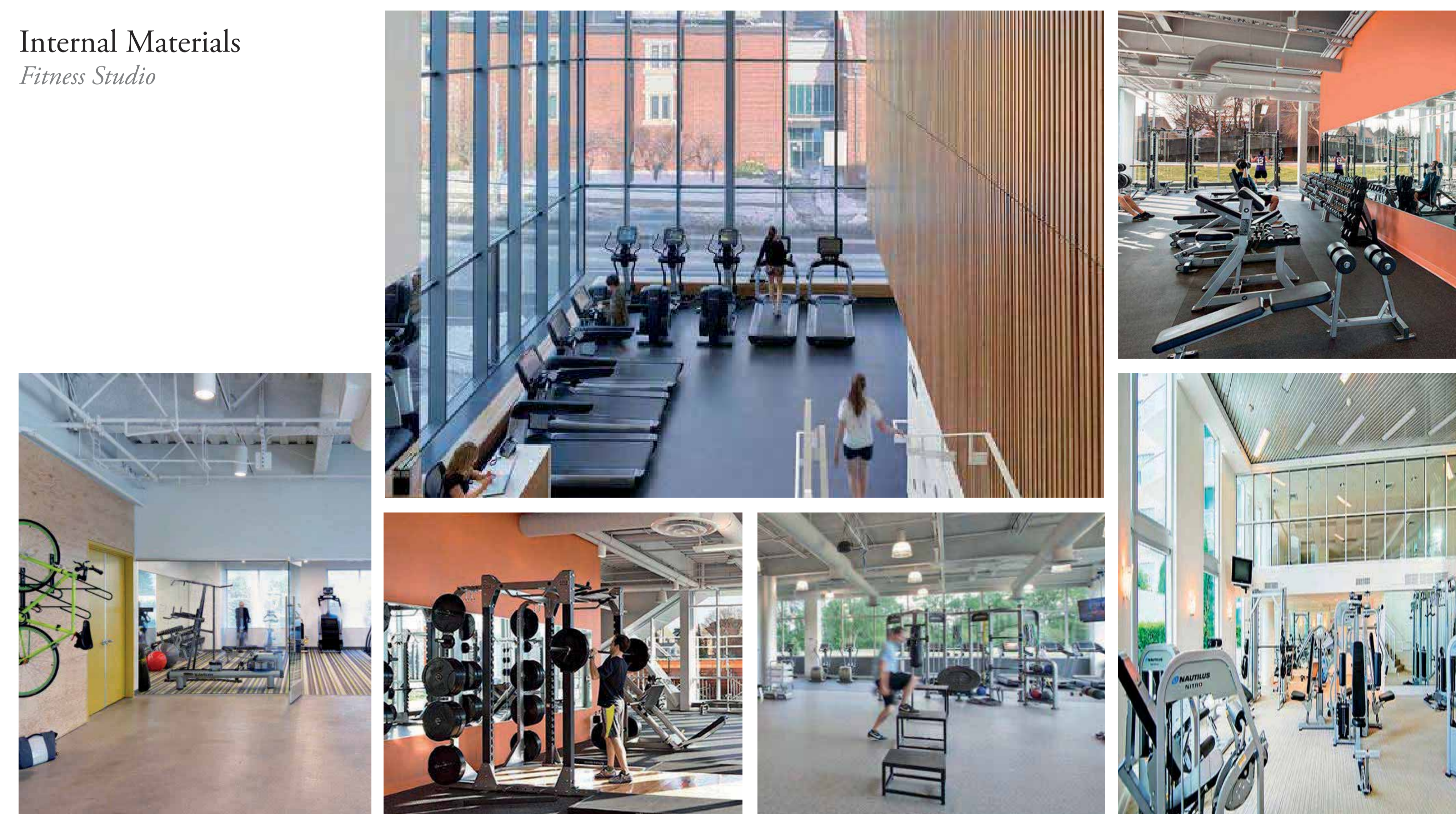
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*Dry Sports*



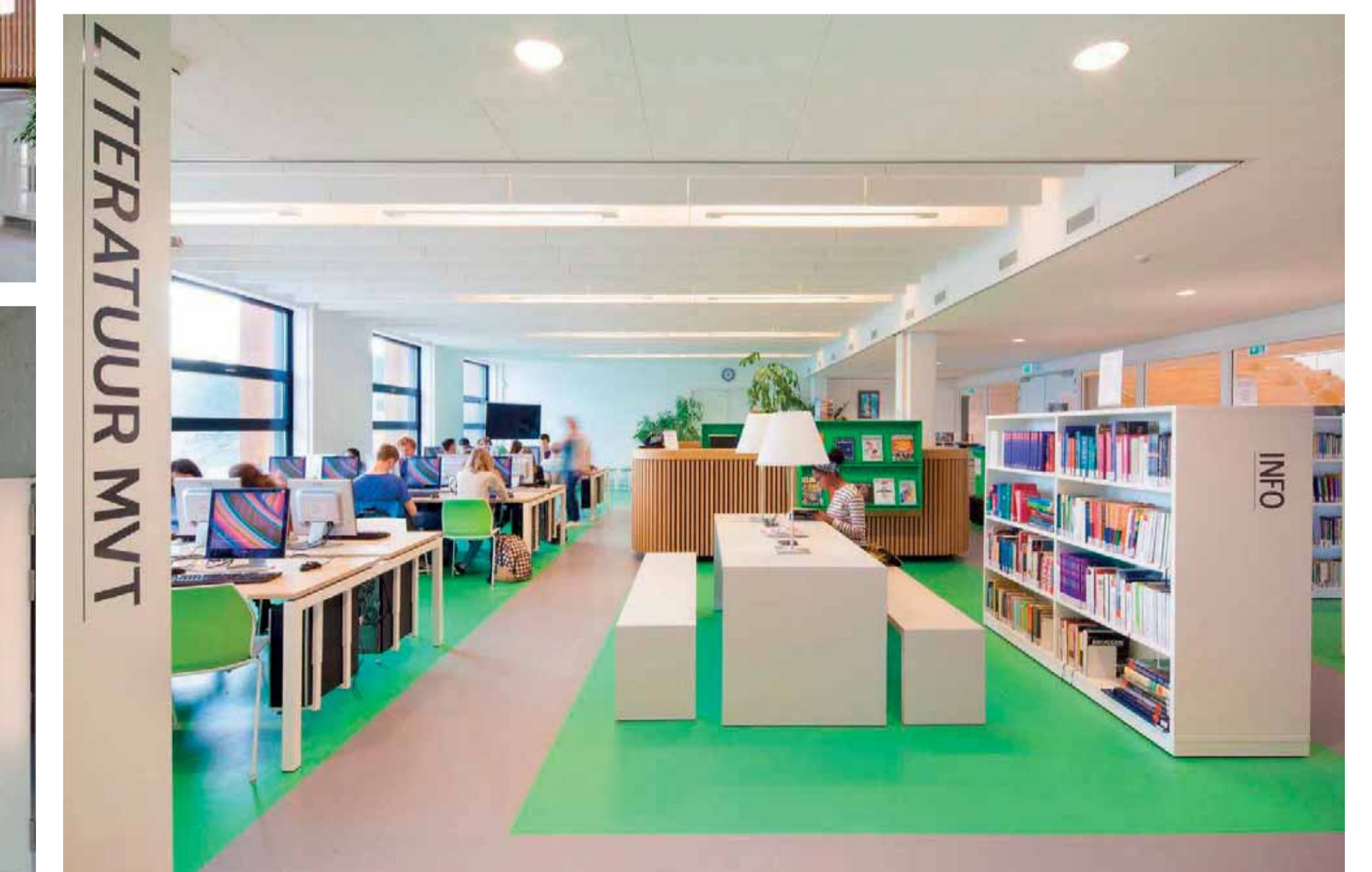
Internal Materials  
*Wet Sports*



Internal Materials  
*Fitness Studio*

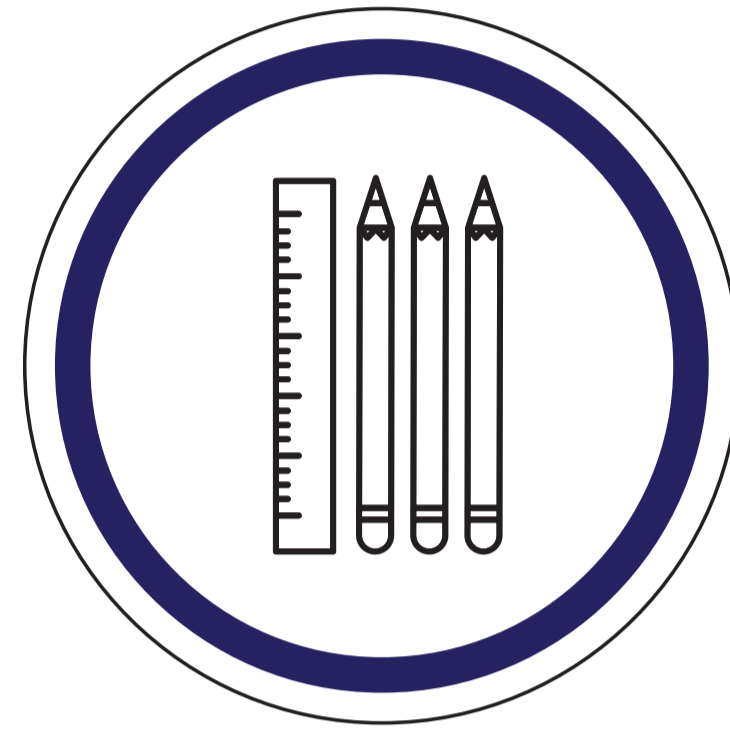
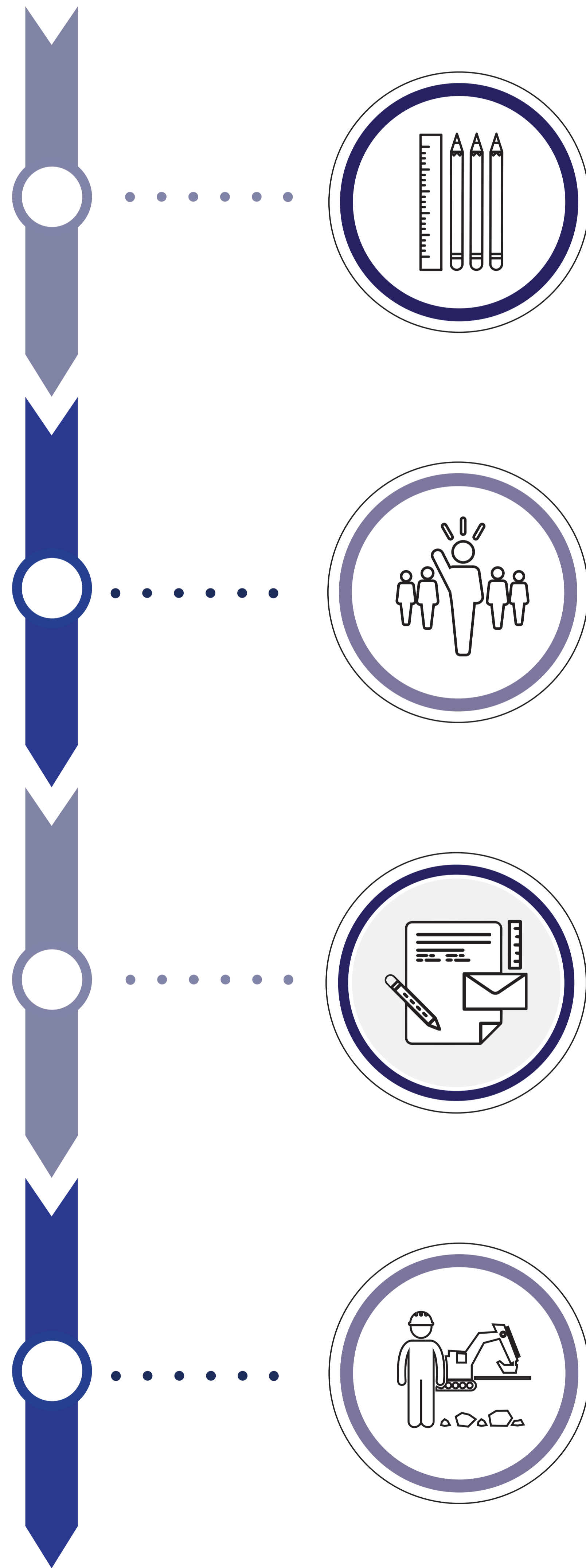


Internal Materials  
*Reception / Library / Ancillary Spaces*



# Morpeth Leisure Centre

## Next Steps



Progress Design Proposals  
*March - May 2019*



Public Consultation  
*May 2019*



Planning Submission  
*June 2019*



Construction Commencement  
*Late 2019*

### Moving Forward

This presentation marks the beginning of an exciting journey in the development of new leisure facilities for the people of Northumberland.

We will be holding another public consultation event in May 2019 where you will have a further opportunity to view and comment on more detailed design proposals.

In the meantime we would be grateful if you could fill out a feedback form with your comments to help shape the design process.

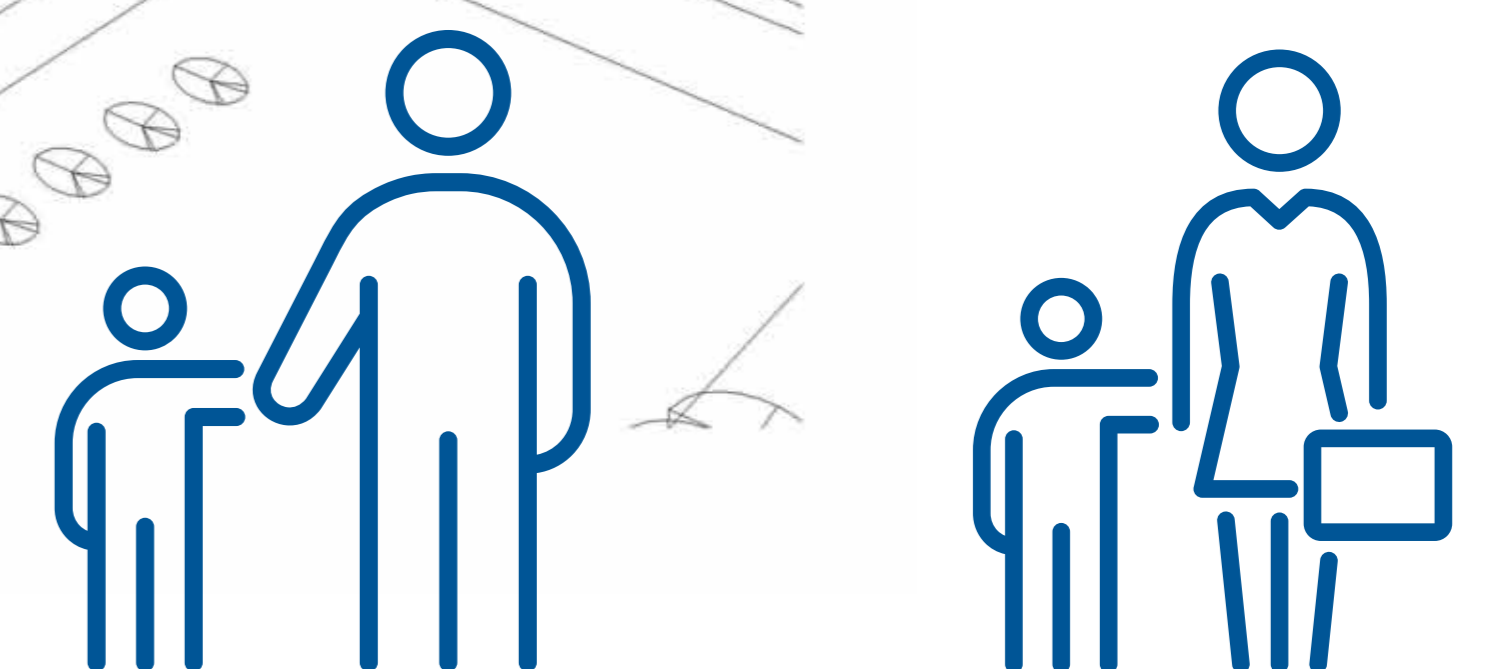


## Morpeth First School

*"As a council we are committed to delivering the best possible educational environments for our young people.*

*"It's great to see work progressing so well on the new Morpeth First School. It's a fantastic step forward towards providing current and future pupils of the school with new, state of the art facilities and playing areas."*

**Councillor Wayne Daley**  
Cabinet Member for Children's Services  
Northumberland County Council





## Vision for The Chantry

Our working vision is to create a vibrant must visit building with a compelling visitor offer that tells stories of Morpeth and Northumberland's distinctive past with local produce, creativity and cultural activity at its core.

### Factors to consider are:



Business growth



The visitor economy



Reducing the operating costs to the Council



Conservation



Sustainability



A museum offer

We welcome your thoughts on this working vision



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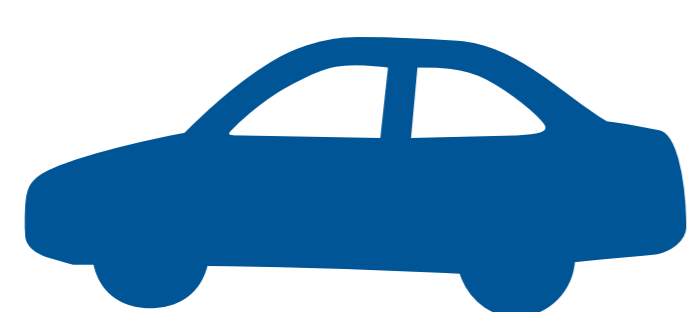
## Next Steps



Establish best use  
for the future of  
The Chantry



Progress the new  
Leisure Centre  
development



Continued  
implementation  
of parking strategy  
for Morpeth



Working with  
developers to ensure  
buildings are brought  
back into use



Consider opportunities  
for existing Riverside  
Leisure Centre site





## Morpeth First School

Work started on the 6th August 2018 and the school will open in September 2019. The new school will house educational facilities for Reception to Year 4, including an early years facility.

### Progress to date:

- ✓ Brickwork is almost complete
- ✓ Majority of roof works now complete
- ✓ Most frames and glazing completed
- ✓ Services being installed
- ✓ Plastering started



## Chantry Middle School

Northumberland County Council has worked recently with The Three Rivers Learning Trust to provide additional classrooms on site. This allowed Chantry to expand its pupil admission numbers in 2018/19 by 30 places. The Trust will now have the capacity to flexibly manage the intake numbers at Chantry to match the needs of the local community.

