

# New Meadowbank Sports Centre – Project Update 1

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## The new Meadowbank Sports Centre

Our new sports centre will take approximately two years to build and is scheduled to open in 2020.

Extensive consultation took place with the national sports bodies and local clubs and users as the centre was being designed. As a result of this consultation and considering usage information from Edinburgh Leisure the following facilities will be provided:

Two multi-sport games halls: The first hall is equivalent in size to an eight-court badminton hall with permanent seating for 420 and additional bleacher seating for 725. The second hall is equivalent to a four-court badminton hall with permanent seating for 430.

In addition, the centre will include:

- Three fitness studios
- A gym
- A gymnastics hall
- Two squash courts
- A combat studio for martial arts
- A boxing gym with ring
- A 60m 6 lane indoor athletics track and jumps space
- An outdoor athletics track with jumps space
- An outdoor throwing area
- Two FIFA 1 3G (all weather) pitches – one which will be in the centre of the athletics track
- A 500 seat stand for spectators to watch activities on the outdoor athletics track and 3G pitch
- Cafe and meeting rooms

A new velodrome will be built at Hunters Hall Park beside the Jack Kane Centre.

## Works on Site

The main contractor for the demolition of the existing facilities and rebuild will be appointed later this year. Before this work can start asbestos has to be removed safely from all the buildings on site.

To reduce the time between the old centre closing and the new one opening, we decided to carry out this work separately.

A specialist contractor has been on site for the last few months to carry out this work and in addition, we have contracted them to carry out some smaller demolition works.

The asbestos removal has been progressing well over the summer months and is due to continue into the Autumn.

In addition, two small buildings on the site and the cycling huts were demolished earlier this month.

Work has now started to demolish the velodrome and the fascia boards are also being removed from the main stand.

## Local schools decorate Hoardings



Local Children and teachers from the Royal High

Primary and Abbey Hill Primary have worked with Artist Heather Lucchesi of Lightbulb Arts to brighten up the wooden hoardings surrounding the closed sports centre.

Thanks to the imaginative collage, the outskirts of the site now feature drawings, paintings, press-prints and cut out of artworks inspired by memories of sport and children's impressions of the new centre.

The project had an intergenerational aspect with the memories of local elderly residents in Gordon Court and a group at Northfield Community centre recounted to staff and children.

Thanks to everyone involved in this project.

## Further Information:

We aim to provide regular updates but if you have any queries please contact:

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