

Case Study

Surrey Sports Park



Delivered for the University of Surrey

Facilities: 50 metre eight lane indoor pool and three multi purpose sports halls | March 2010
Value: £35 million



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Introduction

Willmott Dixon was appointed by Surrey University to design and build this sporting facility to cater for students, elite athletes and the community. Alongside the 50 metre pool, the large facility includes six squash courts, two exercise studios, 120 station fitness suite, two all weather pitches, eight tennis courts, two netball courts, changing rooms and the largest Starbucks in England.

Key Facts

One of the best sporting facilities in the UK, which will be used as an Olympic training venue for 2012.

Details

Surrey Sports Park is a highly specified sports centre at the University of Surrey. Arguably one of the best facilities of its kind in Europe, the facility will provide top class opportunities for the community, students and elite athletes.

The Sports Park benefits from an incredible range of facilities, all built and specified to a high standard. The 50m pool includes a boom and moveable floor, which will provide elite standard training facilities plus recreational swimming for students and the community. The 12 court sports hall can be divided into 2 separate halls, and has 800 bleacher seats at hand for netball, basketball and badminton competitions. Added to this are six squash courts, two studios, 120 station fitness

Successes

Harlequins, Guildford Heat Basketball and Guildford City Swimming Club will all be based at the Surrey Sports Park, and it will be home to the Surrey Storm Superleague Netball and Premier Squash League teams. Added to this, the Surrey Sports Park will be hosting the pool stages of the 2010 Women's Rugby World Cup, providing playing, training and media facilities – as well as accommodation – for the 12 teams taking part. To secure tournaments and teams of this status underlines the calibre of the facilities and it will be the first of many elite level events at the Surrey Sports Park.

Sustainable achievements

The facility was awarded BREEAM 'Very Good' status which for a building of its size is a remarkable achievement. Features include:

- Wind catchers for natural ventilation
- Remote controlled energy efficient lighting
- Biomass boiler, fuelled from locally sourced pellets
- Rain water harvesting for use in the toilet flushing system

Testimonials

Jason Harborow, CEO Surrey Sports Park

"It won't just be our students that benefit from these new facilities. With a growing emphasis on leading fitter, healthier lifestyles, the Surrey Sports Park will be a real boost for our local community – and the region at large. The university's goal is to see students, local residents and elite athletes all making the most of these superb facilities alongside each other."

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