

Steel creating new Littlehampton leisure facility

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A new £17M steel-framed leisure centre is taking shape in the West Sussex seaside town of Littlehampton.

Replacing an existing centre, the new facility will include an eight-lane 25m-long swimming pool, 17m-long training pool with a moveable floor, 100 station gym, dance studio, spinning studio, four-court sports hall as well as a café and meeting rooms.

According to project architect Space & Place, the replacement facility is located close to the existing centre to enable continuity of service provision and re-use of the existing car park, in order to maximise both the potential of a site and the client's budget.

Furness Partnership Project Engineer Joe Haines said: "We have worked on a number of leisure centres in collaboration with architects Space & Place and together we have developed an optimised design solution which always uses structural steelwork."

Steelwork has offered the design team the most efficient method of forming the long uninterrupted spans needed within the centre, as well as being a material that is quick to erect, thereby helping to keep the construction programme on schedule.

Main contractor Willmott Dixon started on site late last year, inheriting a plot that had already been cleared of its previous buildings. **William Haley Engineering** is currently erecting the project's steelwork package.