

ArchitecturePLB was invited by South West Hants LIFT to assist in the production of a detailed strategic analysis, examining the potential options for the re-provision of the Andover Leisure Centre, on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council.

Indicative proposals were developed for a number of potential sites, highlighting the salient issues and opportunities associated with each, to assist in the selection of the preferred location for the centre. A common approach was taken to each of the options, thus facilitating direct comparison. In each location, the challenge was to provide an enhanced leisure offer with the added community benefit of co-located new-build healthcare and other facilities.

The potential improvements in connectivity within the town centre and the consequential regeneration benefits were a key criteria for assessment. Our approach was to seek to maintain and improve upon the existing 'civic' sense of the area, creating generous public spaces and promote connections that extend beyond the confines of the site boundary. The study forms part of a wider analysis within Hampshire and is set to examine the provision of leisure centres in other nearby towns.



01 Concept sketch of new centre
02 Aerial photograph of site