

Heston Pool & Fitness Leisure Centre

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Contractor// Morgan Sindall

Architect// Studio E

Client// London Borough of Hounslow/ Fusion Lifestyle

Total Contract Value// £13.5 Million

Introduction

After years of planning, the brand new Heston Pools and Fitness facility in Hounslow has opened its doors to the public.

Consultations on the £13.5m site - a partnership between operator Fusion Lifestyle and the London Borough of Hounslow - first began in 2012 as the two partners explored ways to replace the ageing Heston Pool, which dated back to the 1930s, and is coming to the end of its functional life.

The council-funded centre opened early this year, as contractor Morgan Sindall completed plans from Studio E Architects.

The new development has been built on the existing Heston Pool site. The project involved the construction of a number of facilities including a 25m main pool, a learner pool, health suites, a 100-station gym, two dance studios, a café and wet and dry changing facilities. The scheme also included external landscaping and the construction of new car parking facilities.

"The new centre provides a wide range of modern facilities and is something residents can be proud of," Councillor Ed Mayne, cabinet member for public health and leisure at Hounslow Council.

"It is a major project that we have been working hard to get off the ground and it is great news for not only Heston but for the whole of the borough."

Cllr Ajmer Grewal, cabinet member for leisure at the London Borough of Hounslow, said: "This appointment brings the much-needed new leisure centre another step closer. I'm looking forward to working with all contractors to create the best leisure provision we can for the benefit of the community with new, modern facilities."

John Homer, Morgan Sindall's managing director for the south of England and south Wales, said: "Morgan Sindall is well versed in constructing high-quality community leisure facilities on time, on budget and with the help of the right sub-contractors."

Olympic rower Jessica Eddie launched the official opening of Hounslow's newest leisure centre. The two-time World Championship medallist demonstrated her prowess on the rowing machines at Heston Pools & Fitness.



The weekend celebration to mark the opening also included face painting for the youngsters and the chance for football fans to meet Brentford FC players Manny Onariase and Nathan Fox and take part in a skills session.

Deputy council leader Amrit Mann said: "It was great to see so many people here, lots of families and many using the facilities for the first time and from what I saw and heard, they're coming back!"

"Many people will remember the old centre and I'm sure everyone will agree the new Heston Pools & Fitness is a massive improvement."

"This is the last link in the chain for the modernisation of our leisure centres, and I hope residents will enjoy using it for years to come."

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BetweenGlassBlinds are a leading manufacturer of double-glazed units complete with fully integrated Venetian and pleated blinds hermetically sealed between two panes of glass. Both stylish and contemporary in appearance, easy to maintain with the blinds contained within the sealed unit safe from dust and dirt BGB units are the ideal shading and privacy glazing solution.

An ideal alternative when other types of blind and curtain are not practical or achievable. A truly versatile, user-friendly and discreet double-glazed integral blind system suitable for installation both internally and externally.

BGB supplied 6 motorised blinds surrounding the swimming pool as it was deemed necessary to make it private during the women's only swim sessions. A key aspect of the design was to respect the privacy of neighbouring residential properties and in this regard Heston Leisure incorporated a further 8 magnetic blinds to all viewing windows.

The supply only BetweenGlassBlinds units offered two types of integral blind system:

- Manual/Magnetic - controlled by two discreetly hidden powerful magnets located around the unit perimeter. The magnets control the operation of the blinds with ease, allowing you to raise, lower and tilt the blinds in one slick and easy motion with its functional and stylish design.
- Motorised - Wireless motorised blinds which are controlled via a rechargeable battery pack magnetically attached to either the glass surface or the frame, with no need for hard-wiring making installation quick and easy.

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