INTRODUCTION
- The Aims of University of Leeds

THE EDGE SPORTS CENTRE
- New Group Exercise Spaces & Extension of Gym

SPORTS PARK WEETWOOD - WEETWOOD
- Weetwood Pavilion
- View Bar & Rugby Stand
- Indoor Cricket & Gryphon Sports Centre

BODINGTON PLAYING FIELDS, CYCLE CIRCUIT & BROWNLEE CENTRE
- Cycle Circuit & Proposed Sports Pitches
In March 2017, UoL commissioned an external and extensive study to review existing facilities provision and establish the student, staff and local community needs for sport and physical activity facilities provision going forward. This was combined with a refresh of the joint Leeds University Union and University of Leeds strategic delivery plan for the sport and physical activity services in which key themes and priorities for action were identified and actions agreed.

Both pieces of work examined the changing and growing student cohort and trends in how adults and in particular Millennials consume sport and physical activities, alongside national trends in health, wellbeing and sport. The concluding strategic priorities for both capital and revenue funded developments attempt to address these demands and if realised would ensure high quality fit for purpose and contemporary sport and physical activity provision for the University of Leeds for the next 5 years.

As such, this document should be considered in conjunction with ‘Climbing Higher’, the refreshed joint strategic plan for the delivery of SPA service. Key targets and commitments are published against which the service will be measured at the end of the current academic year. In addition, the approach will be used as a pathfinder for establishing the strategic priorities for the future.

It is essential that we look ahead and consider how our customers will consume sport and physical activity in the future. We need to ensure that we are in a position to contribute to an excellent student experience. We also wish to continue to provide a great place for people to work, ensuring that more of our staff, students and community users are more regularly active, maintaining a healthy and happy lifestyle."

This document illustrates our key strategic facility developments for the next 5-7 years.
The Edge Sports Centre

The Issue:
Meet the growing demand for indoor fitness and studio space on campus, and enable more students and staff to realise the benefits of being active.

The health and fitness industry doesn’t stand still and for us to provide experiences that are both contemporary and attractive to our members we need to provide on-demand, virtual-instructor led, immersive and instructor led classes and experiences.

The Brief:
The existing sports hall 2 to be converted and divided into two new bespoke, large group exercise studio spaces with the introduction of a new mezzanine level over the spaces to provide a much needed expansion of the gym, health and fitness area.

The Response:
New mezzanine Floor added to existing Sports Hall to provide:
- First floor Strength and Conditioning Suite of approx. 6,330 sq ft
- Two Additional Ground Floor Dance Studios of approx. 3,165 sq ft each

The current gym, health and fitness centre at The Edge
SPORTS PARK WEEWOOD & BODINGTON PLAYING FIELDS
The Issue:
Address the fitness-for-purpose changing facilities - changing facilities at Weetwood are outdated and were last refurbished in the 1960s. They have a mixed arrangement for dirty (grass) and clean (synthetic) users.

The later additional wing added to the historic Pavilion is seen as a major detractor to the original pavilion and therefore will be demolished. Furthermore the changing rooms provided within this wing are no longer adequate for modern sports usage.

Whereas the historic pavilion will be revamped to provide larger, high class, modern sports changing facilities and accessible toilets. Further improvements will be made to the spectator experience with a new dining and area housed on the first floor with access to the viewing gallery at the front of the pavilion.

A new purpose built addition will replace the removed wing, including elite training facilities supplemented by key sports facilities such as physio rooms. There will be new purpose built public spectator facilities which has easy access to the cricket field pitch.

Furthermore a glazed link will connect the historic pavilion’s dining area to a new ‘360 degree’ bar and cafe on the first floor with views out to the hockey, rugby and football pitches. There is also provisions for new high class offices and meeting rooms on the ground floor.

The Brief:
Reuse of existing pavilion with a possible new build extension, to house a view bar, additional changing rooms, office space and gym

The Response:
Refurbishment of the existing Cricket Pavilion to provide:
- Ground floor Changing Accommodation and Spectator Toilets
- First floor Dining Area

Two storey extension with link to existing Pavilion, to provide:
- Ground floor administration areas and meeting rooms
- First floor Strength and Conditioning Suite, Café bar, Physio Suite and external viewing gallery
New Indoor Cricket & Gryphon Sport Centre - Weetwood

The Issue:
Re-provision of the lost Hall capacity on campus, and some expansion to accommodate cricket and ‘clean’ changing facilities.

With the loss of ‘hall 2’ at the campus sport centre (The Edge), there is a need for the university to replace the provision. However due to the space constraints at The Edge, it would be better located at Weetwood, making it the natural home for the Gryphon - The University of Leed’s highly gifted & talented sports men and women.

The Brief:
New purpose built strength and conditioning suite, physio suites, new multipurpose sports hall & 4 lane indoor cricket nets

The Response:
• 51m x 27m main Sports Hall
• 4 Lane indoor Cricket Hall
• Strength and Conditioning Suite
• Physio Suite
• Bar / café area with Viewing Gallery over Sports Hall and Cricket Hall
INDOOR CRICKET NETS & GYPHON SPORTS CENTRE

1. 54m x 33m x 9.1m SPORTS HALL
   - 12 BADMINTON COURTS
   - 3 BASKETBALL COURTS
   - 44m x 22m INDOOR HOCKEY PITCH
   - TENNIS
   - FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL
   - HANDBALL
   - NETBALL
   - KORFBALL
   - GYMNASTICS
   - VOLLEYBALL
   - APPROX 700 SPECTATOR SEATING

2. 4 LANE INDOOR CRICKET HALL
   - 33.62m x 20.04m x 7.7m

3. COMMUNAL CHANGING AREA
   - FLEXIBLE AND LOCKABLE
   - INTERCOMMUNICATING DOORS BETWEEN 5 x 30 PERSON CHANGING ROOMS

4. STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING GYM
   - 25.0m x 16.0m (400 SQ M)

5. RECEPTION FOYER
   - STAIRS AND LIFT

6. STAFF AREAS
   - TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS

7. PHYSIO SUITE
   - 2 X PHYSIO SUITE AND FIRST AID ROOM

8. GYM CHANGING
   - MALE, FEMALE AND DISABLED CHANGING ROOMS

9. PLANT

10. TOILETS

11. BAR / CAFÉ
    - WITH VIEW OVER CRICKET AND MAIN SPORTS HALL

12. VIEWING GALLERY

13. KITCHEN

GROUND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1: 200 @ A3
View Bar & Rugby Stand

The Issue:

The demand for social dining, hospitality and post match provision for both university and community use is currently unmet due to the limitations of the existing provision resulting in much needed secondary income being lost to nearby competition. There is also a loss of local larger clubs hosting competitions and events at Sports Park Weetwood.

Recent staging of a televised cricket game which attracted 2,500 public spectators to the site illustrates the potential of the site with permanent catering and hospitality provision.

The Brief:

Development of the existing site with inclusion of relevant fences & floodlights etc

The Response (Option 1)

• Ground Floor area of Pavilion increased from 1,565 sq ft to 3,135 sq ft
• Ground Floor Bar and Dining Area
• Viewing Area for approx. 500 standing spectators

The Response (Option 2)

• Ground Floor area of Pavilion increased from 1,565 sq ft to 3,135 sq ft
• Ground Floor Bar and Dining Area
• First Floor bar and Dining or Viewing Area
• Viewing Area for approx. 260 seated spectators

Current Rugby Stand and pitch at Weetwood.
VIEW BAR & RUGBY STAND

MAXIMUM DINING FOR 160 PERSONS
MAXIMUM DRINKING AREA APPROX 168 SQ M (336 PERSONS @ 0.5 SQ M PER PERSON)

GROUND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1: 100 @ A3
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1: 100 @ A3

- Bar Area
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Toilets
- Storage
- Circulation
- Stands/Viewing Area
Bodington Playing Fields, Cycle Circuit & Brownlee Centre

The Issue:

The need to increase outdoor artificial pitch capacity to provide a more flexible and future-proof provision, and to support increased student numbers playing competitive sport off-campus.

The Brief:

Development of the existing site to incorporate a full size FIFA standard artificial football pitch and a RFU standard artificial Rugby pitch, both with the inclusion of relevant fences & floodlights etc

The Response:

Realignment of existing playing pitches to provide:

- Full size FIFA standard artificial Football Pitch measuring 105m x 68m, with floodlights and perimeter fence
- Full size RFU standard artificial Rugby Pitch measuring 100m x 70m, with floodlights and perimeter fence

Bridge across cycle track between Brownlee Centre and playing pitches at Bodington.

Current Pitches at Bodington.
BODINGTON PLAYING FIELDS, CYCLE CIRCUIT & BROWNLEE CENTRE
- NEW PITCHES

EXISTING PITCH WITH POOR DRAINAGE MADE GOOD AND RELAID.

EXISTING PITCH WITH FOUR DRAINAGE HOGS AND SOIL.

EXISTING PITCH.

EXISTING PITCH.

EXISTING PITCH.

EXISTING FOOTBALL AND RUGBY PITCHES.

EXISTING TRAFFIC.