



Truro Sports Hub given the green light

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Plans to create a new Sports Hub at Langarth Garden Village have been given the go ahead by Cornwall Council's Strategic Planning Committee.

Located next to the Langarth Park and Ride on land formerly earmarked for the Stadium for Cornwall, Truro Sports Hub will provide the new permanent home for Truro City Football Club (TCFC) who are currently playing at a temporary facility, as well as provide community facilities for use by residents of in the local community including the Garden Village, Threemilestone Football Club and other local sports clubs.

Today's decision marks another significant milestone in the development of the new community at the Garden Village and means that work on creating the Sports Hub will begin before construction starts on the first phase of housing.

Welcoming the decision to grant permission, Dulcie Tudor, Cornwall Councillor for Threemilestone & Chacewater, said: **"We're getting four things delivered on the former stadium site. A football ground for Truro City Football club, who're finally coming back home. A community football pitch so Threemilestone Football Club who've had to play and train in Truro can come home too. And within a year we'll be seeing plans for a building that will be both a clubhouse for TCFC and a community centre with enough space for indoor sports. What's not to like?"**

"It's great news that members of the Strategic Planning Committee have granted permission for the construction of the Sports Hub at Langarth Garden Village" said Olly Monk, Cornwall Council cabinet member for housing and planning.

"The Council has said from the very start that we are building a community rather than just providing housing at Langarth and this means delivering key infrastructure in the early stages of the scheme. Providing these much-needed sports facilities is a crucial part of achieving this".

"Today is landmark day in the history of Truro City Football Club and for Cornwall as a whole" said Eric Perez, Chairman of Truro City Football Club. **"We wish to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to get us to this point. Today's decision puts us one giant step closer, and we are proud to say, football's coming home".**

The Sports Hub project, which was formally approved by Cornwall Council's Cabinet at the end of last year, is backed by Sports England and key local stakeholders, including Kenwyn Parish Council and Truro City. Delivered by

Treveth, the Hub will provide a main flood lit grass football pitch with capacity for 3, 000 spectators, as well as a second all weather floodlit 3G pitch for use by the local community.

Although the main pitch will be used by Truro City Football Club in the first instance, enabling the club to return to playing football in the city, there is also the potential for the pitch to be adapted for other sports, including rugby, in the future.

Construction of the main pitch and the temporary buildings required to enable Truro City to use the pitch for the start of the 2024/25 football season, subject to FA approval, are due to be completed by the end of the current season. Plans to provide a permanent club house and facilities, as well as community rooms on site, will require funding to be identified from a variety of other sources and a separate planning application for that element is expected in the coming months.

In the meantime, work is continuing to secure the funding needed for the community pitch which is expected to be provided next year. The full sized floodlit artificial pitch will provide all-weather and all year-round training and playing facilities for local teams and organisations. These will include future residents of the Garden Village as well as the communities of Threemilestone and Truro and potentially wider.

Detailed plans are currently being developed to set out how the facility will operate, with discussions on a Community Users Agreement taking place with Threemilestone Football Club and other local sports clubs.

As well as the Sports hub, the wider plans for the Garden Village include providing a wide range of other community assets which would be secured and delivered from the earliest stages. These include a primary school (with a second planned later in the development of the Village), health facilities, parks and urban squares, green spaces, water features, cycle and walking routes and cultural facilities. A public consultation is currently underway into a new skate park at Langarth for the wider community. Work is taking place to develop a stewardship scheme to manage these assets.

“This is a very exciting time for Langarth Garden Village “said Harry Lewis, Portfolio Director of Treveth. “Gaining planning permission for the Sports Hub is the latest in a series of positive milestones which has seen significant progress being made across key areas of the scheme.”

Work is progressing well on the construction of Fordh Langarth (formerly known as the Northern Access Road), the Homes England funded main ‘spine’ road which will connect the development and provide a route from the A390 through Langarth to the Royal Cornwall Hospital Treliske. This is due to be completed by March 2025.

The first Reserved Matters planning application - for Governs Park- was given the green light last year. This will provide 35 hectares (85 acres) of natural green space, including 4.5ha of new woodland planting, and over 6km of walking and cycling routes.

Reserved Matters planning applications for the first new primary school and the first phase of parks, green spaces and sustainable drainage have also been submitted and are currently being considered by the Local Planning Authority.

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