

Morden Leisure Centre

Welcome to the ninth Morden Leisure Centre newsletter, keeping you fully informed about the exciting new leisure project being delivered by Merton Council.

Further updates can be found at: www.merton.gov.uk/leisureformorden

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The construction of the new Morden Leisure Centre is moving at a pace. It remains on time for building targets and on budget. This is all good news for the project and so this newsletter seeks to start introducing you to some of the people from Pellikaan, the appointed contractors, who are working to make this happen.

Joost van Dijk is the Design Manager and Coordinator. Joost has been working for Pellikaan for several years and has been involved in the design and construction of many leisure centres, including two in Surrey at Tadworth and Horley.

Joost has the unenviable task of checking all the drawings and the details. He needs to have an acute attention to detail as he coordinates many complex items to ensure buildability and compatibility so that the final design ensures a high quality leisure facility.

This is a job that is full of checks and challenges, but when Joost was asked about these he replied...

"Leisure centres construction is full of challenges that we just have to embrace and I am fortunate that within Pellikaan I am surrounded with a whole team of knowledgeable and experienced people so there is really nothing that can't be overcome."

On the Morden Leisure Centre project I have a very good local team around me both from Pellikaan and from the client-side at Merton and from the operator, Greenwich Leisure Limited.

Any time we have a challenge... we all embrace it and then find the best way forward. In many ways it is the challenges of this of facility construction that excites me and overcoming the challenges is a very rewarding experience."

Joost shares with us that his current challenge for the Morden Leisure Centre is the design and construction of the deep, large secondary pool with the moveable floor. This part of the overall facility requires a significant amount of engineering in the design and all this then needs to fit within the overall engineering design for the building.

This challenge aside, Joost has positively influenced the internal layouts to increase and improve the community offer. When Joost completes this project, he will know his work has made a difference for the local families of Merton.



Joost van Dijk
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