

7.5 OPTION 5

Option 5 delivers a new leisure facility on the Axe Street car park site adjacent to the existing Abbey Sports Centre site. This option would allow for the existing centre to remain operational whilst the development takes place, but would require car parking provision to be addressed in the short term.

This option addresses a wider development issue in that it not only provides a new leisure building on the Axe Street car park site, but it provides for a new development on the site of the existing Abbey Sports Centre of residential apartments, retail units and a multi storey car park.

The residential development provides 55No. 1, 2 and 3 bed private and affordable apartments and 600 sq m of retail space. The multi storey car park provides 250 spaces including disabled on 5 levels.

The leisure facility is split into a sports centre comprising:- a 4 court sports hall, 25 x 13m 6 lane competition swimming pool, 13 x 7m learner pool, café (with external seating space), administration and kids play area with ancillary spaces on the ground floor and 80 station fitness suite, aerobics studios, spin studio, ladies/kids gym, staff welfare and spectator viewing gallery on the first floor and a 900 sq m 4 screen cinema complex.

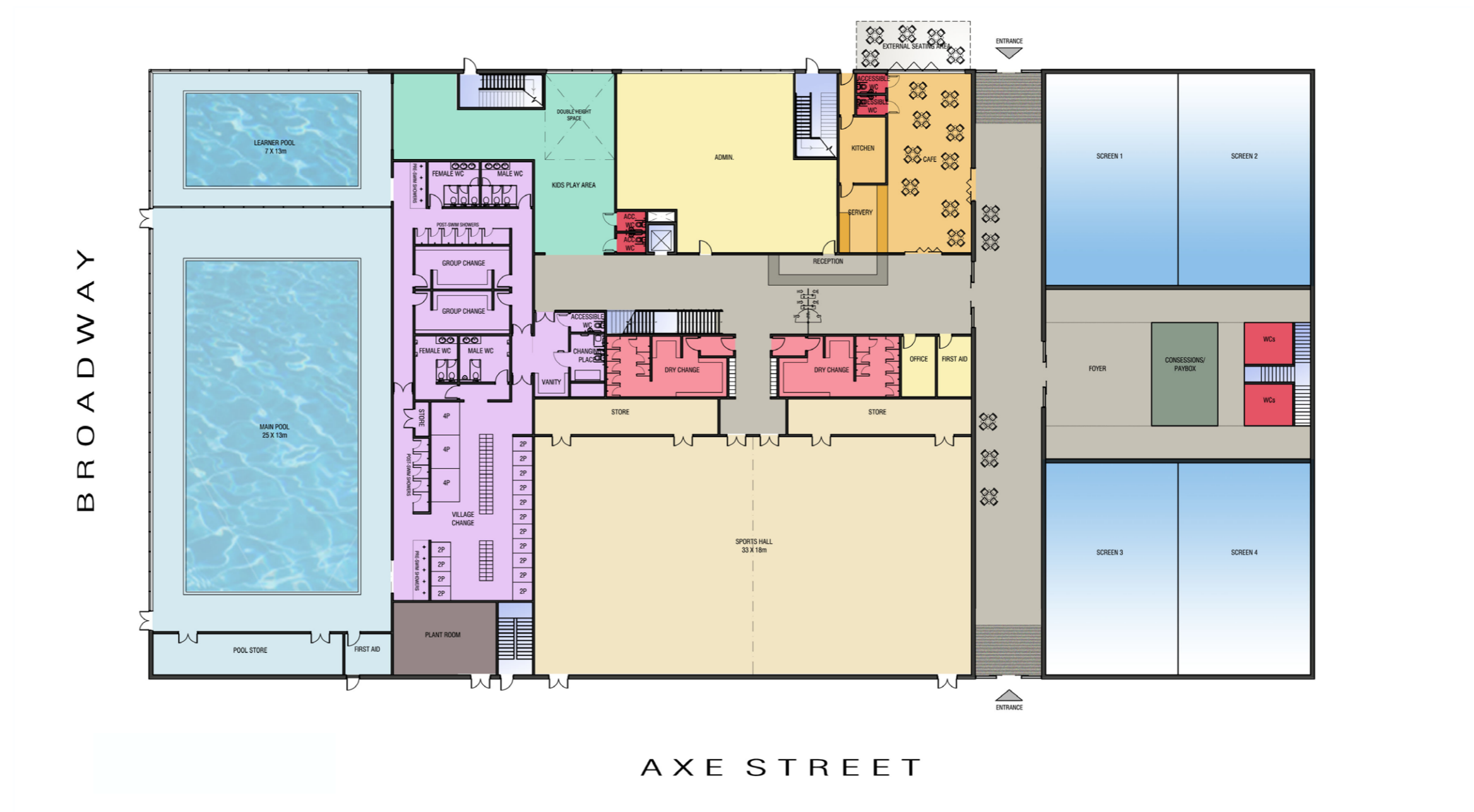
The building benefits from a shared concourse (street) which can be accessed from either the town square to the north of the Axe Street temporary car park or Axe Street itself to the south.

The scheme has the potential (cost permitting) for the sports hall to be adapted to form a business continuity facility if required.



7.5 OPTION 5 - GROUND FLOOR

- WC
- Plant Room
- Cafe
- Stair
- Pool Area
- Wet Change
- Sports Hall
- Dry Change
- Admin
- Circulation
- Kids Play
- Cinema Screens



7.5 OPTION 5 - FIRST FLOOR

- WC
- Plant Room
- Studio
- Stair
- Ladies / Kids Gym
- Spinning Studio
- Staff Welfare
- Spectator Seating
- Gymnasium
- Circulation
- Dry Change
- Multi-purpose

