



Planning applications submitted for next phase of Health Hydro regeneration

The next phase of the restoration of Swindon's Health Hydro has reached an important stage after plans were submitted to Swindon Borough Council.

Work on the first phase is continuing and will be completed by the end of the year, with leisure operators GLL then planning to reopen the historic pool in the early part of 2026.

But additional work is needed to fully restore and reinvigorate the Grade II* listed building in Milton Road.

Where the first phase of work focussed on repairing the external façade and roof, making the building much more accessible and welcoming, creating a new gym and changing rooms, and installing new plant areas with boilers and ventilation, the second phase will focus on the main pool hall and include:

- improvements to ventilation – allowing for better control over temperature and humidity
- repairs and conservation work to the stonework, brickwork and decoration
- comprehensive repairs and insulation to the roof and glazing
- conservation treatment to the pool itself
- Improved pool-side accessibility
- repairs and conservation work to the stained glass window and spectator gallery
- further mechanical and electrical upgrades

Should the planning be approved, work will be able to progress quickly once funding for the next phase has been secured.

Earlier this year, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Council, GLL and Swindon Heritage Preservation to continue to regenerate the Health Hydro and look for funding options for future phases. The MOU will strengthen any bids for future funding applications.

The Council is already in the process of submitting funding bids, with news expected in the new year.

Councillor Marina Strinkovsky, Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Placemaking and Planning, said: "The Health Hydro is a very significant place for the town centre, as well as being the principal leisure centre for local residents.

“We’ve done great work in this first phase, but there is still plenty to do. Making the main pool hall attractive and energy efficient will really future-proof it so that as many generations in the future can enjoy it as have in the past.

“We’re continuing to look at what options are available to us, including grants from historical funding pots, so should planning be approved we’re ready to jump into securing funding and beginning work ASAP.”

Bob Wright, Chair of the Swindon Heritage Preservation, added: “We are pleased to be part of the continuing work to bring both the Health Hydro and Swindon’s heritage back into use, addressing today’s demands and standards.”

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Picture 1: Health Hydro in Swindon

Picture 2: Design of the main pool hall

