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Alexandra Palace plans unveiled

London's Alexandra Palace is set to be transformed into a "major entertainment destination" under extensive regeneration plans unveiled by the historic venue's trustees.

Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust is working alongside Terry Farrell and Partners, Donald Insall Associates and WSP on the development proposals.

A total of six "Big Ideas" have been proposed for the transformation of Alexandra Palace, which are independent projects contributing towards the overall programme.

Plans for the venue include improvements to its exterior setting through the creation of new public spaces and making "better use" of the main entrance on the South Terrace.

Meanwhile, proposals for the renovation of Alexandra Palace's Great Hall could include



A hotel in the Panorama Room space is among plans being considered

the creation of mezzanine balconies and the development of a hotel is being considered within the Panorama Room space.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=i4W4e>



The UK study will be one of the largest of its kind

26 sites to participate in FIA wellbeing research

The Fitness Industry Association (FIA) has announced that 26 member sites have agreed to participate in one of the UK's largest fitness centre-based wellbeing studies.

The new research will compare the effectiveness of structured exercise schemes with unstructured exercise and physical activity counselling among 3,000 people.

Each of the 26 fitness facilities taking part will receive an evidence-based programme, which is set to provide training, academic recognition and scientific equipment.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=c2L8D>

Battersea Power Station deal completed

A Malaysia-based consortium including SP Setia, Sime Darby Property and the Employees Provident Fund, has closed a £400m deal for London's Battersea Power Station site.

The joint venture was named as the preferred bidder for the iconic former industrial site last month by administrators from Ernst and Young.

Battersea Project Holding Company has been formed as the result of a new agreement, which will see developers SP Setia and Sime Darby Property each hold a 40 per cent stake.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=y7U5u>

Giant's Causeway visitor centre opens

A new £18.5m visitor centre has opened at the Giant's Causeway – Northern Ireland's sole UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The building – designed by Dublin, Ireland-based heneghan.peng – is inspired by the site's 40,000 hexagonal basalt stones and the legends of giants Finn McCool and Benandonner.

Event Communications has worked on the interpretative design of the centre, which includes interactive experiences exploring the story and science of the Giant's Causeway.

A café and a retail facility also form part of the 1,800sq m (19,375sq ft) building, while guests can also access the grass-topped roof offering views of the Antrim coastline.



The centre is designed to fit in with its surroundings

Arup has been responsible for delivering the visitor centre structures and Bennett Robertson oversaw building services, while Bartenbach Lichtlabor provided specialist lighting.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=iA4S>

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SPORT

EUR50m complex opens in Dublin

A new €50m (£40m) leisure complex, which incorporates a 10-lane, Olympic-sized swimming pool, has been unveiled at University College Dublin (UCD) – one of the largest universities in Ireland.

The 11,000sq m (118,403sq ft) UCD Student Centre has been financed by past and present students, with Dublin-based architects Fitzgerald Kavanagh and Partners behind the design. PJ Walls was the project's main contractor.

Located at the heart of the complex, the 50m pool acts as a "natural thermal store" and heat generated circulates to warm the gym, offices and medical suite.

The gym contains more than 150 pieces of cardiovascular and resistance equipment, as well as a large free weights area. The equipment has been supplied by Art of Fitness with Life Fitness. Dance and group cycling studios also



A 50m swimming pool is at the heart of the €50m UCD Student Centre

form part of the the UCD Sport and Fitness element of the complex, in addition to a whirlpool, a sauna and a steamroom.

The UCD Student Centre also includes offices and production facilities for campus media outlets; a multimedia theatre with 3D projection; and meeting rooms.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=L8C6V>

Plans submitted for development of Wycombe site

Wycombe District Council has submitted its plans for a multi-million pound redevelopment of the Wycombe Sports Centre site.

A replacement sports and leisure centre is included in the Richard Markland Architects-designed proposals, with facilities to include a

150-station fitness suite, dance studios, a health suite and two squash courts.

An eight-lane, 50m pool and a 20m x 8m learner pool are also planned, as well as a 12-court sports hall and a soft play area.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=G7N1N>

£1m grant for nationwide cricket initiative

Young unemployed adults living in inner city communities affected by crime and anti-social behaviour are to receive free cricket sessions as part of the Cricket Foundation's StreetChance programme.

Sport England has awarded £1m towards the initiative, which will provide weekly sessions to 11,000 people aged between 16- and 24-years-old over the next three years.

Young adults currently not in education, employment or training will also be given the opportunity to acquire work experience and qualifications as a result of the Barclays Spaces for Sports-backed project.

Communities in Birmingham, Liverpool and London are among those set to benefit, with sessions to involve a fast-paced version of



The StreetChance initiative is set to reach around 11,000 young people

cricket using a tennis ball wrapped in electrical tape. Six-a-side street cricket competitions are scheduled to run throughout the summer, while the StreetChance Inner-City League will run from six months starting in October.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=N7L8g>

August launch for York complex

The University of York (UY) and the City of York Council (CYC) are to launch a new £9m sports complex near the Grimston Bar Park and Ride site next month (August).

Sir Robert McAlpine was the contractor tasked with building York Sport Village, which was designed by Space Architects and will include a 120-station fitness suite. Technogym and Schwinn have supplied equipment.

Three studios for dance, group cycling and aerobics; a competition-standard eight-lane, 25m swimming pool; a learner pool; and a sauna and steamrooms will also feature.

A second stage of development at York Sport Village is due to commence next year and will include the provision of an athletics park.

UY has contributed £5m towards the development, while CYC has provided £3m. The rest



York's new £9m sports complex has been designed by Space Architects

of the funding has been secured through grants - including support from Sport England.

Professor Brian Cantor, vice-chancellor of the university, said: "Our sports facilities are already outstanding, and York Sport Village will take them to an even higher level."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=m3u6K>

Report: London 2012 to deliver GDP boost

London 2012, its build-up and subsequent legacy will generate £16.5bn of gross domestic product (GDP) for the UK's economy, according to Lloyds Banking Group (LBG).

A new report by the group said construction and tourism were the key sectors in driving the economic boost, with the Games supporting 354,000 jobs throughout the UK.

The *Economic Impact of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games* covers the period from London being announced as host city in 2005 through to 2017 - a five-year legacy period.

LBG said the UK economy will be boosted by £5bn worth of games-related GDP in the legacy period following the Games - particularly in terms of physical infrastructure.



The 2012 Games will deliver benefits both this year and in years to come

LBG chief economic Patrick Foley said: "As this new study demonstrates, London 2012 will help support employment, tourism, consumer spending and living standards, not only this year, but for many years to come."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=jzh6H>

'Unprecedented demand' for Irish government programme

More than 2,150 sports clubs and organisations throughout Ireland have submitted bids for support through the government's 2012 Sports Capital Programme.

According to the minister of state for tourism and sport, Michael Ring, the demand for

funding has been substantial with €7.50 (£6) sought for every €1 (£0.80) made available.

Ring said: "It means that we will only be able to allocate a fraction of the funding sought and assessing applications will be very difficult."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d4Y9k>

Architects appointed to Belfast stadium project

Hamilton Architects have been appointed by the Irish Football Association to lead the integrated consulting team for Northern Ireland's National Stadium Project.

The Belfast-based design practice joins Edmond Shipway, Arup, Rider Levett Bucknall and Ben Veenbrink on working on the multi-million pound development.

Designs are to be drawn up for an 18,000-capacity venue on the site of the existing stadium at Windsor Park, with plans to be submitted by December.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=p1V5H>



Harlow (centre) helped mark the courts' opening

Synthetic clay courts open at Gloucester tennis centre

Four new synthetic clay courts have opened at Oxstalls Tennis Centre in Gloucester, following a £168,000 investment supported by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

The courts are thought to be among the first of their kind in the UK and have floodlights to ensure year-round access. The centre is run by leisure trust Aspire.

LTA development director Tom Harlow said: "Oxstalls was already a fantastic facility before the addition of these courts, now it is even better and that is only a good thing for the people of Gloucestershire."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K7k2p>

British Cycling backs proposed Torbay facility

British Cycling has backed a planned new multi-discipline cycling centre in Torbay, Devon, which will provide purpose-built facilities for sport and recreational use.

According to British Cycling, the project will meet demand for such a facility in the south west region and will also cater for a wider increase in participation.

Torbay Council and British Cycling have already held discussions about the construction of an outdoor velodrome and closed road circuit earlier this year.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q605u>

Tony Harris named as Pure Gym's new chief executive

Tony Harris has been named as the new chief executive officer of Pure Gym, the low-cost fitness chain founded in 2009 and which has nearly 30 sites nationwide.

The appointment of Harris, former managing director and finance director of Arena Leisure, will see current CEO and founder Peter Roberts become deputy chair.

Roberts said: "Tony will be fundamental in the group's rapid expansion programme, with an aim to have 40 clubs open by the end of 2012 and 65 by the end of 2013."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=B4x3w>



IMAGE: GETTY IMAGES/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

The warning follows analysis of health MOT data

Larger waists increase health risks to women

Nuffield Health – one of the UK's largest healthcare charities – has found that larger waist sizes can increase the risk of cancer and infertility in women.

The warning comes following an assessment of health MOT data collected from more than 54,000 people looking to improve their health and fitness levels.

More than half of the women analysed (57 per cent) had waist sizes within the "high health risk" category, which places them at greater risk from health issues.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=6H9u2>

Cybox installs new gym at Network Rail headquarters

Cybox International has completed the installation of gym facilities at The Quadrant:MK – the national headquarters of Network Rail in Milton Keynes.

UK healthcare charity Nuffield Health was awarded a contract to equip the new facility, which worked with the supplier to provide a range of cv equipment.

Cybox also installed Bravo functional trainers and Eagle strength equipment line as part of the project, which followed a pre-installation site survey.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=y9x6L>

Snap Fitness enters UK market

Snap Fitness, the US-based fitness franchise founded in 2003, has made its first move into the UK with the launch of a new 7,000sq ft (650sq m) club in Sittingbourne, Kent.

The group is the franchisor of more than 1,300 facilities around the world and is looking to expand across the UK, with plans in place for between 75 and 100 locations over the next five years.

A second facility is due to open in Milton Keynes, with Snap Fitness joining forces with Jordan Fitness to supply its new gyms in the UK. Matrix and Octane Fitness will also provide equipment.

The Sittingbourne club has been equipped with kit such as Olympic discs, fit balls and mats, as well as a range of dumbbells that have been exclusively branded for Snap Fitness. Facilities also include cardiovascular



Snap Fitness has ambitious UK expansion plans for the next five years

and strength equipment, while group cycling classes and studio-based programmes such as Pilates are to be offered in future.

To read more about Snap Fitness' expansion into India, see *Health Club Management* 2011 Issue 8, p52: <http://lei.sr?a=goZ2q>
Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=t7lQ>

Virgin Active opens £8m London facility

Virgin Active has announced the opening of its newest club at 200 Aldersgate in the City of London, following an £8m investment in the design and construction of the facility.

It is one of the group's largest launches, with the flagship Classic Health Club incorporating a large gym floor and offering equipment such as 3D balance tool Core-Tex.

Freedom Climber, which allows users to climb while using a rotating wall, and a PowerPlate Pro6 combining vibrations with resistance training are also among equipment on offer.

Elsewhere, the Classic Health Club boasts Queenax equipment – combining suspension and functional training – and Wattbike, as well as Technogym's Kinesis stations.



Queenax equipment has been installed at the new 200 Aldersgate venue

A comprehensive group exercise timetable includes AntiGravity Yoga and CXWORX, a strengthening/toning core workout devised by Les Mills and set to high energy music.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Q2B3E>

DLL launches online membership rewards scheme

David Lloyd Leisure has launched its new online rewards scheme for customers who have retained memberships for at least two years.

DL Rewards features unique membership cards, which offer discounts on food and beverage, as well as free guest passes – both of

which increase depending on the length of an individual's continuous membership.

The scheme's three tiers start with completion of two (bronze), four (silver) and six (gold) years of continuous gym membership.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=v3E8t>

Flame Awards winners revealed

The winners of the Fitness Industry Association (FIA) and Matrix Flame Awards for 2012 have been announced at the Ball of Fire – the finale of the Flame Conference.

An audience of 800 delegates spanning the UK health and fitness sector attended the awards ceremony, which was held at Sheffield's Ponds Forge International on 27 June.

Among the winners of the FIA and Matrix Flame Awards 2012 was Everyone Active, which picked up two prizes – Leisure Centre Operator of the Year and Spark of Innovation (Operator).

Meanwhile, there were also awards for the LivingWell Health Club in Maidstone, Kent – Club of the Year (under 1,000 members); Chartham Park Golf and Country Club, West Sussex – Club of the Year (1,000–3,000 members); Benton Hall Golf and Country Club,



Everyone Active was the recipient of two FIA and Matrix Flame Awards

Essex – Club of the Year (more than 3,000 members); and Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket – Centre of the Year.

The Flame Awards have been delivered by the FIA for more than 15 years and are designed to celebrate excellence in the UK sector.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q2T8H>

Technogym to equip FA's national centre

Technogym has been named official fitness equipment supplier to England's new national football centre under a new exclusive agreement with the Football Association (FA).

St George's Park is located near Burton-upon-Trent and will open later this summer. The deal includes three gyms located within the sports facility and two hotel gyms.

The three gyms at Perform at St George's Park – called Human Performance Lab; Rehabilitation Centre; and Strength and Conditioning – will contain 120 pieces of Technogym kit.

Perform, part of Spire Healthcare Group, has been appointed to operate the gyms, with the equipment to include Technogym's Excite+, Selection and PureStrength ranges.



Technogym will equip a total of five fitness facilities at St George's Park

Installation work at the three sports facility gyms will be completed this month (July), while the complex's two hotel gyms are scheduled to open to residents during August.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=x7U4n>

WLCT launches temporary fitness facility in Selby

Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust (WLCT) has opened temporary fitness facilities in Selby, North Yorkshire, following a fire at the town's Abbey Leisure Centre earlier this year.

The new Profiles Health and Fitness Centre includes a 400sq m (4,306sq ft) gym and 80sq

m (861sq ft) dance studio – housed at a former bingo club on Portholme Crescent.

Technogym has provided 85 pieces of equipment for the gym, while a programme of fitness classes will also be held in the new centre.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=A9R5j>

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Former garage to launch as spa

A luxury spa has been created at a former garage in County Durham, which once provided early motorists with a stopping point on trips between England and Scotland.

Due to open in November, The Garage has been designed by Blue Spa and Leisure as a "quintessential English spa" and will include five single treatment rooms and a couples suite with outdoor bath.

Wet facilities at the 450sq m (4,844sq ft) spa will include a mud pit, Rasul, a hammam and a salt room, in addition to a salt room and three red cedar hot tubs.

One of the UK's first outdoor Shepherd's Hut log saunas will also be provided at The Garage, which is located in its Secret Garden and contains hanging pods with fur throws.

Blue Spa and Leisure's Jeremy Smith; Nick Mee of interior designer Matthewsme; and



The former garage has undergone a complete transformation into a spa

The Morrill Hotel director Barbara-Anne Johnson are behind the new spa concept.

Johnson said: "Our vision is to create a place where people can truly leave their worries at the door, relax with a partner or friend and enjoy the highest levels of comfort."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=T9L4L>

£5m spa complex proposed for Brighton

A new £5m spa resort with an outdoor swimming pool could be built on seafront in Brighton, after the proposals received the green light from the local authority.

Members of Brighton and Hove City Council's economic development and culture committee have agreed in principle to the development of the long-vacant Peter Pan's Playground site.

Plans for the Brighton Bathing Pavilion resort were tabled by Karma Royal Group (KRG), which has now been chosen as preferred bidder by the council for the site overlooking the English Channel.

KRG's proposals for the spa resort include five pavilions - housing an indoor and outdoor children's club; a year-round spa and health



A new spa resort is to transform the former Peter Pan's Playground site

centre; a beach club and restaurant; an outdoor swim and bathing area; and a member's club. All zones except the member's club will be open to the general public.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=VrRor>

£3m spa opens at Cornwall's Watgate Bay Hotel

Cornwall's Watgate Bay Hotel has unveiled a new spa following the completion of a £3m project to create "active relaxation spaces" and a 25m infinity swimming pool.

The new space boasts three treatment rooms; a manicure and pedicure room overlooking

the Atlantic Ocean; a fitness room with cardiovascular machines; and a café bar.

A traditional Canadian hot tub; poolside terraces; and a new hotel entrance are among exterior improvements also carried out.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=I7r2r>



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Tourism Alliance

Early last year, the government said with great fanfare that it was going to have a bonfire of outdated and unnecessary legislation as part of measures to allow businesses to provide the growth and employment needed to pull the country out of recession.

Part of this was a series of Red Tape Challenge consultations where different sectors could submit suggestions as to what the government could do in the way of regulation busting to support businesses.

It's now nine months since tourism minister John Penrose announced the results of the Red Tape Challenge for the tourism and hospitality sector – that more than 100 pieces of regulation had been considered, with 12 set to be scrapped and a further 50 to be simplified. The minister also established an industry-led Regulation Taskforce to detail what else could be done.

In January, the taskforce published its comprehensive report on 63 pieces of legislation that should be repealed or amended to reduce regulatory burden. So how many pieces of legislation have been amended and repealed so far? Unfortunately, none.

Not that this is through any lack of enthusiasm on behalf of the minister or government officials – and should also be acknowledged that changing regulation does not happen overnight as there is a due process of consultation to go through.

One of the main stumbling blocks is other Whitehall departments and agencies, who are reluctant to change legislation and are quietly fighting to water-down proposals. An example: In September the government said it would scrap regulations requiring businesses to post “no smoking” signs.

However, the Department of Health is now proposing that firms produce their own signs, rather than buying ones that comply with a strict standard. The fear is that without such signs, there will be a mass outbreak of smoking in public buildings.

What is clear is that, rather than having been won, the battle to reduce regulation has only just got underway.

TOURISM

BHA welcomes G20 declaration

British Hospitality Association chief executive Ufi Ibrahim has urged the government to act quicker in its support for UK tourism, after G20 world leaders recognised the global sector's importance.

Leaders of the world's 20 leading economies recently signed a declaration for the first time, which underlined the role of tourism in driving economic growth and creating new job opportunities.

Ibrahim welcomed the move and urged the government to do more to address some of the issues affecting the UK industry.

Among the issues that world leaders have pledged to work on following the signing of the declaration is the easing of visa restrictions and entry procedures for overseas tourists.

Ibrahim said: “The declaration at G20 must encourage the UK government to act more



The government has been urged to do more to address UK sector issues

urgently to encourage the growth of UK tourism so that we can create more jobs.

“It can do this by reducing VAT on hospitality services; easing visa controls on key source markets; making a decision on airport capacity; and lightening the regulatory burden.
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=x4j5m>

New Mind to help enhance Outer Hebrides appeal

New Mind, the Liverpool-based provider of e-Tourism solutions, has been appointed to help establish Scotland's Outer Hebrides as a “must-visit” tourist destination.

The £150,000 scheme is led by the Outer Hebrides Tourism Industry Association and

includes the creation of a new brand identity and comprehensive destination website.

It can do this by reducing VAT on hospitality services; easing visa controls on key source markets; making a decision on airport capacity; and lightening the regulatory burden.
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f1b7P>

NT expands initiative for overseas visitors

The National Trust (NT) has announced it has expanded its Touring Pass initiative for overseas visitors, which now allows for the pass to be bought “on the day”.

Touring Passes, which cover NT-operated sites over a seven- or 14-day period, had previously only been available through the trust's online retail outlet, national tourism agency VisitBritain or selected overseas travel agents.

However, the initiative has been expanded to capitalise on the expected tourism boost from the 2012 Games and is to operate at selected sites in south east and south west England until 3 September.

NT visitor experience director Tony Berry said: “We hope to make it easier than ever



The promotion will run at at selected sites in the south east/south west

before for international visitors to discover destinations and the importance of the National Trust's work to conserve these places.”
Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E9H3y>



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Wenlock is the mascot of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Mandeville is the mascot of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Rosehill Theatre nets £1m towards redevelopment

Rosehill Theatre has received £1m from Copeland Community Fund towards redevelopment of its facilities in Whitehaven.

The £4.5m project has already secured £2m from Arts Council England, with the Johnston and Wright-designed proposals to include new contemporary front-of-house, backstage and exhibition spaces.

Rosehill director Richard Elder said: "Rosehill's intention is to be a local theatre of national significance which this funding takes us much closer to achieving."

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=0909K>



The venue's historic auditorium is to be restored

HLF first-round pass for London music hall plans

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced its initial support towards a programme of "urgent conservation works" at Wilton's Music Hall in London's East End.

Wilton's Music Hall Trust is looking to bring the facility back into use with a range of community activities, with the first phase to restore the main auditorium.

Funding for Stage One has already been secured, with the HLF bid to go towards a second and third phase of work comprising major repairs and conservation.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=coF9n>

Art Fund increases funding support to UK institutions

The Art Fund has revealed that a 20 per cent growth in membership through sales of the National Art Pass has allowed it to offer additional support to UK institutions.

Over the last year, the organisation has committed £6m towards the purchase of works, with 84 institutions receiving support in the acquisition of a 141 items..

Among works bought with Art Fund is Titian's *Diana and Callisto*, jointly purchased by London's National Gallery and National Galleries of Scotland.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=z6i7z>

Pace Gallery to open in London

The Royal Academy of Arts (RA) has announced that New York, US-based Pace Gallery is to open a new London space within a part of 6 Burlington Gardens' west wing.

It follows a competitive tendering process organised by the academy, which was designed to ensure the historic building continues to offer an "ongoing arts programme".

RA is currently working on plans for art and architecture exhibitions, as well as a renovation project that will upgrade gallery spaces and provide a new 300-seat auditorium.

The reuse of 6 Burlington Gardens – adjacent to the academy's main site – forms part of its bid to expand its public programme, with full details to be announced in due course.

RA president Christopher Le Brun said: "6 Burlington Gardens provides a huge



New York's Pace Gallery will open at 6 Burlington Gardens in late 2011

opportunity for the Royal Academy to present contemporary art of the highest level.

"Pace is uniquely placed to complement our programme which will reach a broader audience and benefit the public, our Friends and students of the Royal Academy Schools."

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Culture secretary proposes new digital channel

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt has suggested that a new permanent digital channel could be established for the UK arts sector as part of future funding agreements.

Hunt told arts and heritage sector figures that The Space, a venture between the BBC and

Arts Council England, should be used as the model for a new service showcasing works.

As part of a new channel, Hunt suggested that arts groups should provide free content for broadcast in order to reach new audiences.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=EgbiH>

Theatres Trust publishes 'At Risk' report

A new report from the Theatres Trust has found that nearly 50 theatre buildings in the UK are "at risk of being lost" unless owners work with local stakeholders to safeguard their future.

In its 2012 *Theatre Buildings At Risk Register* (TBAR), the trust said venues were "particularly vulnerable" due to a lack of care and investment.

However, the new Localism Act requires local authorities to prepare lists of assets of value to the community and it is hoped that it will further help preserve historic sites.

Mhara Samuel, director of The Theatres Trust said, "There's good news that overall the number of buildings on our register has come down from 56 last year to 49 this year.



Margate's Theatre Royal is a new addition to the Theatres Trust register

"However, we've also lost some important venues and I'm very concerned about the future of the 17 we've added to the Register – including the Theatre Royal in Margate."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=ysjoj>

First London hotel for citizenM

Netherlands-based hotel operator citizenM has launched its first property in London – in time for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The 192-bedroom hotel is in Bankside, an area located near sites such as the Globe theatre and the Tate Modern art attraction, and is designed to cater for “modern tourists”.

citizenM worked alongside Dutch architects Concrete on the design of the hotel, which includes an open-plan lobby. Kesselskramer, Vitra and Swisscom Hospitality Services also partnered with citizenM on the project.

Facilities include canteenM, a self-serve eatery designed to feel like a home kitchen and allows guests to select food before using one of four iMacs in the hotel’s ‘working space’.

The group opened its first property in Amsterdam four years ago, and has already



citizenM has worked with architects Concrete on the new London hotel

expanded to the UK with a hotel in Glasgow. Two more citizenM-branded properties are due to open in London over the coming year.

citizenM chief operating officer Michael Levie said: “This city is one of the main stages of the hospitality world but we’re ready.”

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K5e2p>

PKF: UK operators report ‘mixed results’ during May

New figures from PKF Hotel Consultancy Services have revealed a “muted performance” by hoteliers in the capital during May, while regional operators reported solid trading.

According to the latest data, there was a 0.8 per cent drop in London rooms yield following

a 0.5 per cent fall in room rate and a 0.4 per cent decline in occupancy.

Regional hoteliers saw rooms yield grow 1.6 per cent and room rate increase 1.9 per cent, which offset a 0.3 per cent fall in occupancy. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=C6j8b>

Green light for ‘fast-built’ London hotel

A new £15m Park Plaza hotel on London’s Western Avenue, which is to use a “fast-built” system where most of its elements are built off-site, has been given the green light.

Capita Symonds’ ESA design practice is behind the proposals on behalf of the PPHE Hotel Group, which will see the 160-bedroom hotel constructed opposite Park Royal tube station.

Many of the components – such as ground floor facilities and completed bedrooms – will be stacked together to form the completed building as part of the modular concept.

ESA’s Marek Sroka said: “The flexible modular building system and unique façade design the team has developed has allowed us



Most of the new London hotel’s components will be constructed off-site

a good degree of freedom and flexibility as it is the construction process that we have standardised, not the design.”

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As the UK prepares to host the world’s greatest sporting event, how accessible are we as an industry? How easy will it be for people to get around the various sites? Jenny Littman, CEO of Tourism for All (TFA) UK, said: “Disabled people are looking to find reliable information before making decisions to travel, so an independent audit or check is a powerful marketing aid for hospitality businesses. An independent charity, TFA provides the only national helpline for those seeking such information.”

It also offers inspections under the Visit England National Accessible scheme and provides marketing support for all those who have achieved an award through the openbritain.com website and magazine. This includes information assessed by disabledgo.com, where detailed information is available about the access to all kinds of places – hotels, restaurants, attractions and leisure centres among others. DisabledGo can also be used to find a job, advertise events, post articles and join discussions on its forum.

Open Britain is supported by Visit England, DisabledGo, the National Federation of Shopmobility and a wide range of industry associations, as well as disability groups. TFA urges all firms to create an access statement, and there are free online tools for this. Visit: <http://lei.sr?a=e8V6t>

Finally, one of the best ways to harness the power of accessibility to make businesses successful and offer world class service is to make sure staff are trained in serving disabled customers. TFA offers its members a free online training tool. Visit <http://lei.sr?a=0iF3j> for more information on the above or email info@tourismforall.org.uk

Direct Enquiries managing director Grant Kennedy added: “Welcoming people with specific requirements, including disabled people, older people and parents with young children and buggies, will go a long way to achieving maximum business growth. Why? Because these customers form a group of consumers in the UK that collectively has a spending power in excess of £350bn a year.” For tips on making your premises accessible visit: <http://lei.sr?a=j9p9O>

ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

Focus to work on Coventry Transport Museum project

Focus Consultants has been appointed as lead consultant on a new project to transform Coventry Transport Museum into an "internationally significant" attraction.

The project is in line to secure a £4.9m grant after it received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and will include a major overhaul of exhibition spaces.

Plans also include the revitalisation of the Grade I-listed Old Grammar School, which will be brought back into use as a public access archive and educational facility.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=U8v8r>



The hall and estate received a complete overhaul

London's new-look Forty Hall reopens after revamp

The London Borough of Enfield has reopened the historic Forty Hall and Estate, following the completion of an extensive multi-million pound revamp.

More than £4m has been invested by the local authority in transforming the 17th century property, while £2m has been invested by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

PLB, the North Yorkshire-based heritage and design consultancy, has been responsible for the development of a new identity for Forty Hall and Estate.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=z3fz5>

Irish attractions report increase in visitor numbers

Ireland's leading attractions saw an increase in visitor numbers during 2011, according to new statistics from Fáilte Ireland.

Dublin attractions dominate the list of 2011's most popular sites, with the city's Guinness Storehouse welcoming 1.025 million people – up 10 per cent on 2010.

The Guinness Storehouse has now overtaken Dublin Zoo to become the country's leading attraction, although the zoo still reported a 3.8 per cent growth in visitor numbers last year to 1 million.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=h6s4j>

Bannockburn centre work starts

Scottish culture secretary Fiona Hyslop has helped mark the start of work on a new multi-million pound visitor centre designed to celebrate the Battle of Bannockburn.

Mansell Construction Services has been appointed to deliver the attraction near Stirling, which was designed by a team led by Edinburgh-based Reiach and Hall.

Sinclair Knight Merz; Turner and Townsend; and KJ Tait form part of the project's design team, while Bright White and Ian White Associates are also involved.

The Scottish Government has contributed £5m towards the new visitor centre, which aims to enhance the Bannockburn site and explore its significance in Scottish history.

A further £4.1m has been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the attraction set



The visitor complex has been designed by a team led by Reiach and Hall

to be completed in 2014 – the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Temporary visitor facilities will be provided once an existing visitor centre at the site is shut on 31 October, before being demolished. An outreach programme is also planned.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=M7W1g>

Survey reveals 'devastating impact' of cuts

New research carried out by the Museums Association (MA) has uncovered the "devastating impact" of funding cuts on heritage attractions throughout the UK.

More than 110 museum services and institutions took part in the association's survey, with 51 per cent reporting a reduction to their budgets compared with April 2011.

Nearly a quarter have been forced to reduce public access by shutting whole or part of sites either temporarily or permanently, while 11 per cent have permanently closed whole sites.

Other findings from the survey showed that 42 per cent of participants had reduced staffing levels, with nearly a third seeing budgets reduced by more than a tenth.



More than 110 services and institutions participated in the MA's survey

However, 36 per cent of those who responded to the survey expect to increase the quality of service over the next year – compared with 13 per cent at the same stage last year.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b9c9g>

£1.5m refurbishment of Norwich museum complete

Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service (NMAS) has announced the reopening of The Bridewell Museum in Norwich, following the completion of a £1.5m overhaul.

Work included a new entrance and lift, as well as the installation of new displays

examining the history of the East Anglian city and residents through its trade and industry.

New galleries include Living in Norwich, which explores life between 1900 and the present day, and the Timeline Gallery.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=E3Zsg>



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Polarisation: It has nothing to do with melting icecaps but is a word that has been used with increasing frequency since the economic downturn. When markets are at their most fragile and unpredictable investors understandably run for cover; the mantra is safety first, minimise risk, go for what you know.

The leisure investment market has experienced a similar gravitational pull, no better demonstrated than experience and activity in the health and fitness market.

Most recent activity in this sector has come from opposite ends of the spectrum, with the rapid expansion of budget gyms on a no frills and no contracts basis as well as, at the upper end, the emergence of bespoke personal training gyms with programmes tailor made to members' requirements.

Investment funds have also woken up to the attractions of the sector and are prepared to pay handsomely if all "prime boxes" are ticked: covenant, term, growth. The sector has seen more than its fair share of CVAs and receiverships over the past couple of years – often caused by over-leveraged debt structures rather than trading fundamentals that remain reasonably robust.

It is perhaps then no surprise to see investors running for cover, with very little appetite to speculate further money unless all of the following are satisfied:

Covenant – cast iron and preferably AAA rated; Term – 15 years, but the longer the better; Rental Growth – open market reviews are uncertain. RPI or fixed increases are a must, either annually or five-yearly.

In value terms, prime health club investments that satisfy all the investors' requirements have recently been changing hands at yields approaching 6 per cent and occasionally keener still, while the loss of guaranteed income growth will quickly see yields move out to more than 7 per cent, frequently representing a value differential of 20 per cent and more, relative to prime.

From the investment market the message is clear: prime remains prime and is very much in demand. But step away from key covenant and rental growth criteria and things can slip away very quickly indeed.

PROPERTY

£2bn Shard opened

The Shard, a £2bn mixed-use scheme designed by Renzo Piano, has become one of Europe's tallest buildings after its official launch in central London on 5 July.

A number of dignitaries – such as HRH Prince Andrew and Qatar Prime Minister His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabor Al Thani – attended the official inauguration event on 5 July.

A spectacular laser and lightshow was held to celebrate the opening of The Shard, which was designed in conjunction with architect Richard Rogers and towers above the capital's London Bridge Square.

The event marked the completion of the exterior of the 310m (1,016 ft)-high building, which houses a public viewing gallery between floors 68 and 72 due to open next year.

Shangri-La Hotel at The Shard, London will also open next year, with a 6,030sq ft (560sq m) CHI spa on the 52nd floor.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=L8S6w>



The 310m-tall Shard will change the London skyline

Sunesis Leisure concept launched

Scape and Willmott Dixon have launched a new version of their build concept Sunesis for the UK's leisure industry, following its success across the education sector.

Sunesis Leisure – unveiled at the Local Government Association conference on 26 June – is designed to offer public sector clients a quick procurement route and ready-made design solutions.

It is thought the approach will reduce the overall build programme from inception through to opening by a year, as well as achieving 5 per cent cost savings.

As reported by *Leisure Opportunities* last month, Sunesis Leisure will allow clients to develop a wide range of facilities – including swimming, fitness, sports and spa areas.

Sunesis Leisure offers three designs, which have been created with the help of industry



Each of the three design options come with swimming and learner pools

experts and each contain a swimming pool and learner pool of varying sizes.

From there, the design can be customised with additional facilities such as a health and fitness suite; spa, sauna and therapy options; and a sports hall available.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=a5W7p>

Brentford FC acquires land for stadium development

Brentford Football Club (BFC) has moved forward with plans for the development of a new community stadium in west London after it acquired land from Barratt Homes.

The 7.6-acre (3.1-hectare) site was first purchased by the development company more

than four years ago and is working with the League One club on the stadium scheme.

BFC is proposing to build a 15,000-capacity venue on the land, while having the option for expanding to 20,000 seats at a later stage.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=T4b6v>

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SkillsActive recently won its own gold medal at the 2012 Podium Awards in recognition of our Personal Best initiative. This pre-employment scheme aims to harness the motivating force of London 2012, and has seen more than 45 per cent of individuals achieving a Level 1 award in preparation for event volunteering, with 25 per cent of graduates finding employment.

As REPS goes from strength to strength, we are excited to share our expertise from the past decade to support the growth of registers. We need to ensure that we are the preferred career choice for motivated young people and able to offer a professional service, trusted and respected by customers and employers alike.

Our goal of professionalising the leisure sector will enable employers to capitalise on their future growth potential. The government shares this vision and has awarded SkillsActive further UKCES Growth and Innovation funding to rollout up to six new registers over a two-year period. This funding, plus public co-investment into the sector, will benefit the growth of many SMEs and micro businesses. Registers will be run by SkillsActive, but we will work in partnership with stakeholders and employers to ensure a productive approach.

As a former Olympic gold medalist, I fully understand the challenges that all our participants face in the coming weeks and the moment of achievement can't be underestimated. SkillsActive is on track to meet its targets, ready to build upon and implement growth plan for the future, ensuring that we continue to deliver More People, Better Skilled, Better Qualified.

TRAINING

Pregnancy/post-natal course to launch

Premier Training International (PTI) and Burrell Education have announced details of a new Pregnancy and Post-Natal Massage/Remedial Therapy course for fitness professionals and therapists.

The two-day continuing professional development (CPD) course will be delivered at PTI's London Academy on 22/23 September by Burrell Education's Jenny Burrell.

Learners will have the chance to develop skills to work with a pregnant or a post-natal client, with the course drawing on the anatomy and physiology of both disciplines.

Burrell said: "The course takes a very modern approach to the discipline, fully reflective of the very latest massage therapy theory."



Learners will develop skills to work with pregnant/post-natal clients

PTI's Victoria Branch added: "It is another sign of our commitment to provide the best industry training provision on the market."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=h1zg9m>

Rowley appointed SkillsActive chair

SkillsActive, the sector skills council for sport and active leisure, has announced that Peter Rowley has been named chair with immediate effect.

In his new role, Rowley will build on developing political and stakeholder relationships, as well as providing strategic direction to members of the council's board of trustees.

Rowley will also be responsible for leading SkillsActive through its period of change, while overseeing compliance with The Charity Commission Code of Conduct.

He will remain a Sport England board member; the funding agency's community sport champion in the North East region; and a member of UK Sport's Audit Committee.

SkillsActive CEO Ian Taylor said: "Peter will play a key role in strengthening our new structure. This will ensure our core products and



Rowley has been appointed chair of SkillsActive with immediate effect

services continue to meet the demands and needs of all the sectors we serve."

Rowley added: "I'm delighted to become part of SkillsActive as it transitions from a government funded organisation to one that is commercially and customer driven."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=G1v7p>

Leisure Connection invests £50,000 in fitness training

Leisure Connection has invested more than £50,000 in training its fitness staff to expand its programmes for specific user groups.

Lifetime Fitness delivered training in areas such as anti-natal/post-natal fitness; exercise for older people; and interactive training.

Leisure Connection has unveiled a new range of programmes as a result of the training, while all public access facilities currently operated by the company also now offer GP referral services."

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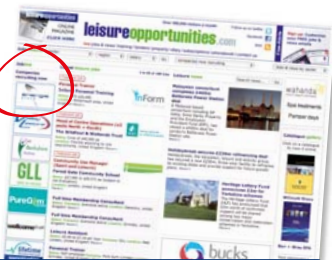


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For further details and an application pack,
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London F1 race vision unveiled

Santander, lead sponsor of the British Formula One Grand Prix, has unveiled its vision for a street-race route incorporating some of London's most iconic landmarks.

Populous were appointed to compile a feasibility study on behalf of Santander, which has included the production of a concept film of how a London Grand Prix would look.

The proposed 5.1km (3.1-mile) London street-race has been conceived as a start/finish straight on The Mall.

Cars would travel at high speed in front of Buckingham Palace, around Parliament Square, along the Embankment and up to Trafalgar Square, with a total of 14 corners included in the planned route.



The concept sees cars speed past landmarks such as Buckingham Palace

Plans were shaped by Populous' experience working on Silverstone's new circuit, together with "cockpit insights" from British drivers Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O4N5E>

Powerleague owner joins Goals Soccer Centres race

Patron Sports Holding, the owner of five-a-side football facility operator Powerleague, has confirmed it is considering a takeover approach for rival group Goals Soccer Centres.

Patron has said it is "currently considering its options" with regards to Goals Soccer

Centres, but said there was no guarantee that it will be making a bid for the business.

Goals Soccer Centres has also been subject to an approach from Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, the Canada-based pension fund.

Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=W9aii>

New casino to open at Hippodrome

London's former Hippodrome Theatre is to reopen as a casino this month (July), following a major transformation led by father and son team Jimmy and Simon Thomas.

More than £40m has been invested in creating the new Hippodrome Casino gaming venue – housed in the theatre and adjacent Cranbourn Mansions in Leicester Square.

The casino will offer three floors of gaming; a 180-seat cabaret theatre called The Matcham Room; the 150-cover Heliot restaurant; four private dining rooms; and five bars.

Work started on stripping out the theatre in April 2009, before shell construction work started in January 2010. Cadmium Architects and Designers are behind the scheme.

Cadmium managing director Paula Reason said: "The sheer number of different areas within the building, on different levels, is what



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