

# Hendon Leisure Centre

## Climbing to New Heights

### A Refreshing Layout

Hendon Leisure Centre is located in the London Borough of Barnet. The centre is limited in size but has a large customer base and provides numerous facilities; including a gym with cardio vascular equipment and free weights, a sports hall, dance studio and climbing wall.

The client realised the need to refurbish the centre particularly enlarging the gym area. Martin Associates were asked to devise a new layout that could accommodate 80 exercise stations.

We presented various options to the client; including an evaluation of the benefit and cost of each proposal, to ensure that an informed decision was made.

The proposed options incorporated appropriate solutions to meet accessibility and fire safety legislation.

### Winning Ideas

The new design altered the existing layout of the centre in

a number of ways. The climbing wall room was reduced in size. Although this facility is important to the centre, the demand and revenue that could be generated from a larger gym meant that the space was incorporated into the gym.

To the ground floor, various partitions were demolished and new walls built to create the revised layout.

To the first floor, structural works were required to construct an attractive glazed mezzanine overlooking the climbing wall.

The gym was further enlarged by reducing the size of an under used office, and incorporating this area into the gym as a dedicated resistance zone.

The refurbishment was successfully completed with a distinctive re-branding of the centre.

### Smooth Operator

The contract sum for the works was £300,000 and

programme was 16 weeks.

We ensured the smooth running of the contract from start to end, overseeing progress and payments.

We successfully managed communication between the

contractor and centre staff so that the works caused minimum disruption.

This was especially important as key operational areas of the centre were affected by the works including the duty manager's office and the cashing up area.



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