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FITNESS AND SPORTS CENTRE DUE TO OPEN

The Cambourne Fitness and Sports centre opens for business on December 1st. The event marks the end of a long wait for Cambourne residents. The £2 Million facility, funded in full by MCA Developments as part of the S106 agreement on the Cambourne development, is owned by Cambourne Parish Council, and will be operated by Sports Leisure Management under a profit share agreement. Approximately £300k (via a public works board loan) has been spent by the Parish council on fitting the centre out.

Great Cambourne resident **Karl Secker** has been appointed as General Manager. Karl comes with a wealth of experience in the sport and leisure industry, having recently been involved with a London 2012 Olympic test event.

In an interview with the Crier, Karl was keen to chat about how he perceives the centre might engage with the community, saying, when asked about how the opening of the centre might affect established exercise and fitness classes in the area **"We see ourselves as being here to complement the community, not compete with it. I am keen to hear from local sports instructors with a view to running classes"**. The centre is organising for Group Exercise Instructor interviews on the 17th November, and wishes to get members of the public involved in helping to choose their instructors. See the end of this article for Karl's contact details.



Above: Aerial view of Sports Centre construction site

..OPEN WEEKEND - DEC 3rd & 4th..

To mark the opening, the Sports Centre are having an open weekend on the 3rd & 4th of December, from 10am - 6pm, to which all Cambourne residents are invited. Karl stated **"Local sports clubs will have a presence and we will have a variety of activities going on, including taster sessions, fitness motivators, Kids activities including Roller skating, trampolining and a bouncy castle"**. Also present will be local media, Radio Cambridgeshire, Heart Radio, and an appearance by 3-time world champion Gymnast **Beth Tweddle**.

Below: Karl Secker, General Manager of Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre



The centre boasts an impressive array of facilities, including a 70+ station fitness suite, a 4 court sports hall with sprung floor, and group Exercise Studios. Also included in the infrastructure is 144-space car park, meeting and social rooms and full disabled access to lifts, toilets, showers and changing areas.

When asked about furthering community relations Karl replied **"This is definitely something on our agenda. We have already engaged with the community, for example sponsoring the recent fireworks display and I envisage we will become involved with local schools"**.

On recruitment opportunities for Cambourne residents, Karl said **"Absolutely there will be recruitment opportunities for local residents. Being local myself I am especially appreciative of this need."**

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