

Galliard Homes unveils AFC Wimbledon Football Club stadium and mixed-use development including 602 apartments, shops, a squash court and gym

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Galliard Homes has revealed images of a mixed-use development that will include a sports stadium for AFC Wimbledon, having received planning approval from Merton Council late last week.

The 14 acre development site is on brownfield land, located off Plough Lane in Wimbledon.

The centrepiece of the scheme will be a 20,000-seater football stadium, which will serve as the new home of AFC Wimbledon.

Around the new stadium Galliard Homes will build a mixed-use development including 602 apartments, a 17,500 sq ft squash club and fitness facility, a dance/fitness studio and gymnasium, and a 13,700 sqft retail outlet.



The football stadium entrance will front onto a new public piazza, and there will be a wide pedestrian boulevard running across the site from North to South, positioned between the stadium and housing, connecting Plough Lane with Riverside Road and Summerstown.

The three new apartment buildings will be located to the south, east and north of the football stadium. There will be a lower ground level parking complex which is surmounted by a landscaped deck and the new apartment buildings.

The residential, retail and leisure development has been designed by award winning architects Sheppard Robson, while Wilson Owen Owens designed the new football stadium.



The existing car and racing track buildings on the site will be demolished from the second quarter of next year, and the development will take three years to complete.

Galliard's planning and development director Mike Watson said: "We are delighted to have received planning permission to redevelop this important brownfield site into a new multi-million sports led destination for Wimbledon."

This is the third sports stadium project that Galliard has been involved in, following the Emirates Stadium and Upton Park.

AFC Wimbledon chief executive Erik Samuelson said: "We are all absolutely delighted, this has been a momentous day for our club. This is our home and we are delighted that we have been granted planning approval to return to Wimbledon."



The professional team on the project also included Savills, which submitted and achieved the planning consent, Peter Brett Associates, which advised on the environment impact assessment, flood mitigation, and transport; and Thorncliffe, which provided political and community consultation.