

# Hillingdon Water Sports and Activity Centre



The existing Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre (HOAC) located at Dewes Lane was a highly popular facility, which for more than 50 years provided the local community and visitors access to a broad range of exciting, active, challenging and healthy land and water-based activities for the residents of Hillingdon, the Colne Valley region and across wider west London.

Due to the construction of the HS2 rail line, HOAC had to close in October 2020. Hillingdon Council and HOAC have been searching for a relocation site since that time.

Following the review of other potential sites, Broadwater Lake has been selected because of its unrivaled suitability, containing all of the criteria necessary to provide a first-class land and waterside activities centre.

The site is currently home to the Broadwater Lake Sailing Club and sits within the Colne Valley Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a truly unique setting within London.



## The Site

**Location:** Broadwater Lake  
Harefield UB9 6PE

**Area:** 200 acres



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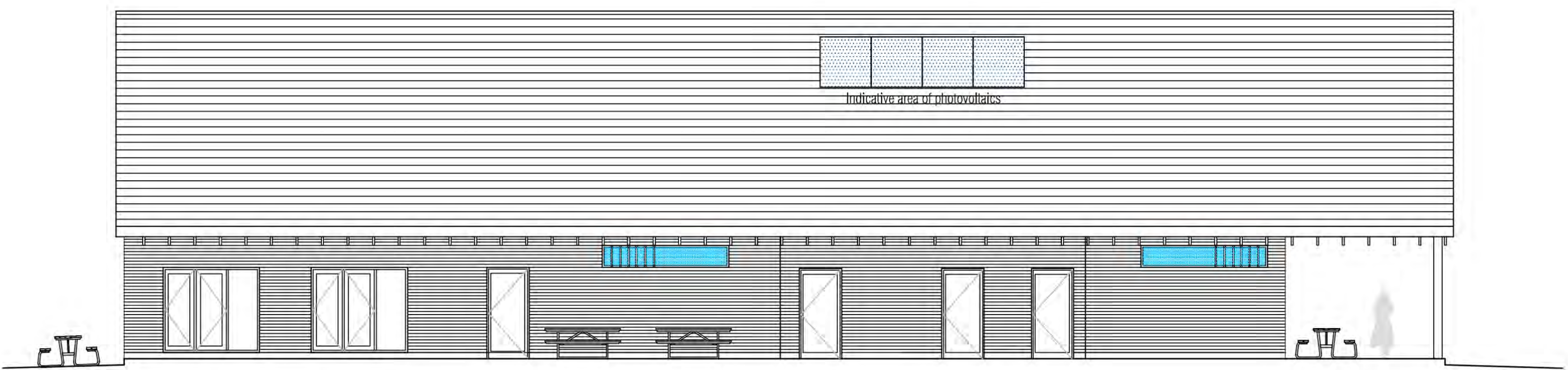


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## A sensitive approach

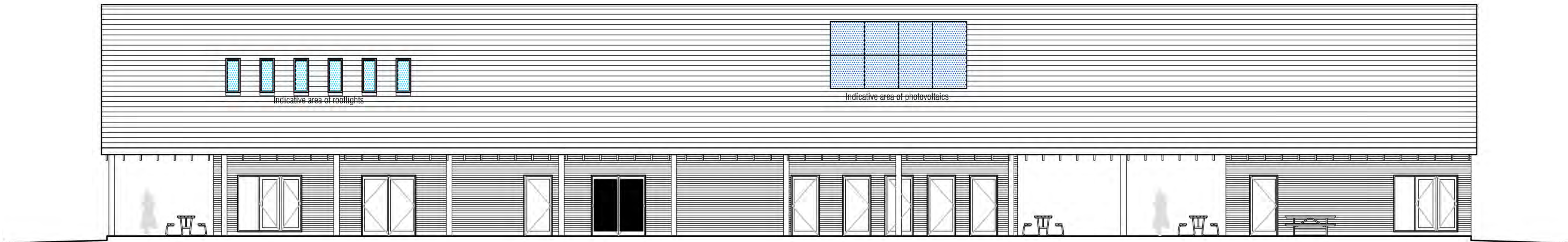
The site and buildings will be fully accessible for disabled users in order to create as inclusive an environment as possible. The activity centre will also include provision for sleeping quarters for 8 to 12 seasonal worker.

The current layout and design are still developing and subject to the outcome of this consultation. The design is subject to review and approval by Natural England and other statutory consultees to ensure that the layout has minimal impact on the SSSI and that any impact is fully mitigated and the SSSI enhanced and managed in the future.



BROADWATER SAILING CLUB MAIN BUILDING. Typical elevation

Ecological enhancement is the foundation of this project, with Natural England being a key consultee to approve designs.



ACTIVITY BUILDING. Typical elevation



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## A natural setting



A facility for sailing, rowing, kayaking, and other water-based activities, as well as land-based activities such as camping and other educational pursuits.

The activity centre will also be the home of the existing Broadwater Sailing Club, which is currently located on the north of Broadwater Lake.

The existing Broadwater Lake sailing club building and pontoons will be removed and the site made available for ecological enhancement. Relocating to Broadwater Lake allows Hillingdon Council to provide modern accessible facilities for the following core users:

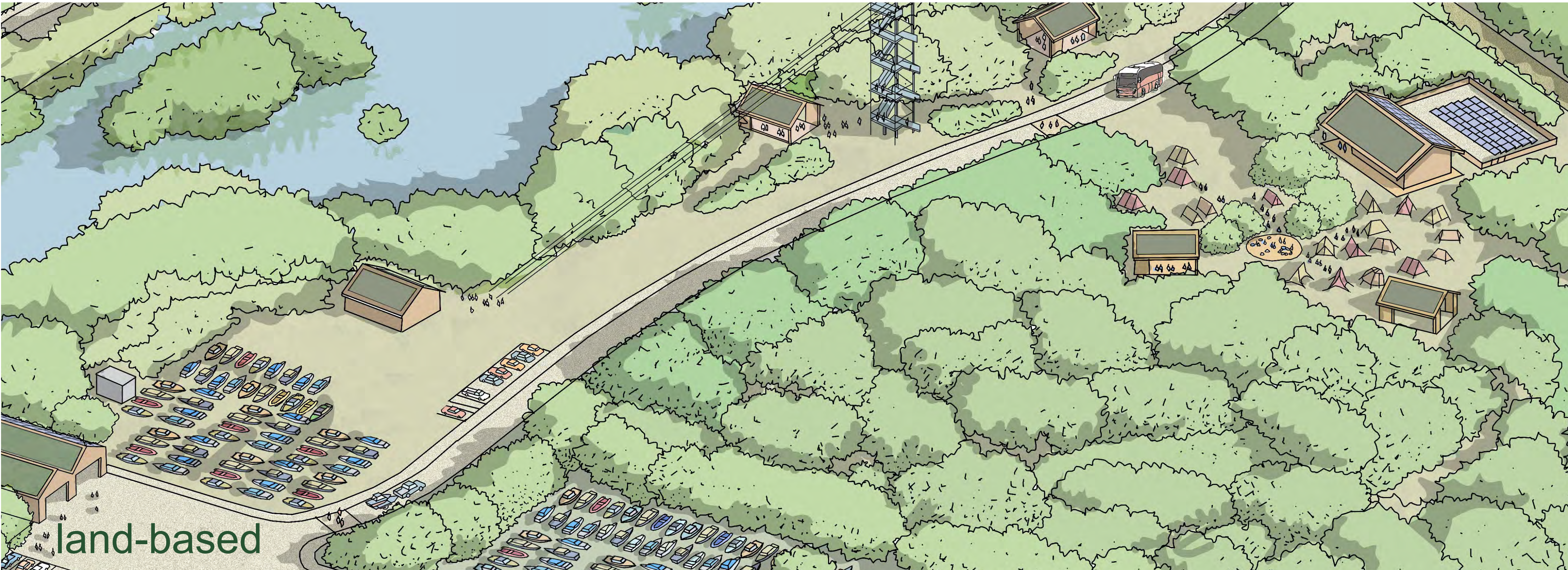
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- Sailing
  - Rowing
  - Kayaking
  - Angling
  - Camping
  - Outdoor activities
  - Associated Facilities





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## The activities





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## Location

