



Key milestone for St Ives Rugby Club scheme as contractors appointed to build new clubhouse and sports pitches

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The exciting and long-awaited scheme to provide new, high-quality sports facilities which enables land for future affordable homes and extra care housing in St Ives has reached another key milestone with contractors formally appointed to build the new club house and sports pitch.

Planning permission for the scheme, was granted earlier this year and now Cornwall Council has confirmed that local Cornish contractors Fox Construction and W R Sandow have been appointed to deliver the first phase. Construction is currently expected to begin towards the end of the summer, with the pitch potentially playable in the Autumn of 2026.



The scheme, which is being led by Cornwall Council, has been developed in partnership with St Ives Rugby Club and the RFU and meets the requirements and standards of Sport England.

As well as relocating the current clubhouse building to provide a new modern facility, the existing training facilities are being moved north of their current site to provide a new sports pitch for use by St Ives Rugby Club and the local community, and better access and improved sightlines of the main pitch from the new clubhouse.

The relocation will free up the land needed to provide affordable homes and extra care housing in the future. Outline planning permission for up to 50 dwellings and up to 70 extra care units with associated open space was also granted earlier this year.

"I am so pleased we have reached this stage of the plan to improve sporting provision in St Ives and free up land to provide new housing as well " said Andrew Baragwanath, Chair of St Ives Town Deal Board.**". We**

would not be here without the Town Deal and Cornwall Council funding and I believe completion of the plan will be of great benefit to our community."

Local Cornwall Councillor Andrew Mitchell said **"This is fantastic news. I have supported both parts of this scheme- the Rugby Club development and proposed housing. It does seem to have taken an age to get to this point, but breaking ground will make it feel real and I wish all involved great success".**

Ian Sanders from St Ives RFC said **" 'St Ives Rugby club are very excited that this project is now coming to a head, we look forward to working with Fox Construction and WR Sandow over the coming months.**

"This development allows us to grow further on the pitch whilst continuing to support the local community off it for another 100 years! We also welcome the opportunity to play our part in assisting with the need for housing in our town."

The project has received £2.9 million from the government's Town Deal programme and £2m match funding from Cornwall Council.

St Ives Town Deal Board, in partnership with Cornwall Council, successfully bid for a Town Deal worth £19.9 million to support a range of projects that will contribute to the town's regeneration and boost the local economy. Cornwall Council is the lead authority for Cornwall Town Deals and supports the governance role of the St Ives Town Deal Board and administers the fund.

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About the UK Government Town Deals programme

The Town Deals programme aims to regenerate towns and deliver long term economic and productivity growth. This is through investments in urban regeneration, digital and physical connectivity, skills, heritage and enterprise infrastructure. As of July 2021, DLUHC (now MHCLG) had offered Town Deals to all 101 places that submitted proposals, committing over £2.35bn of investment across c.700 projects nationwide. See the [press releases associated with Town Deals on gov.uk](#).

About the St Ives Town Deal

In June 2021, St Ives secured a Town Deal of up to £19.9 million following the successful submission of its [Town Investment Plan](#) for a range of regeneration projects. For more information about St Ives Town Deal visit www.stivestowndeaal.org.uk

Cornwall is the only area invited by the government to submit proposals for four of its towns: Camborne, Penzance, St Ives and Truro. After conducting extensive public consultations, each Town Deal Board submitted their Town Investment Plan in collaboration with Cornwall Council.

As a result, the government announced in spring 2021, that Cornwall will receive up to £88.7 million from the Town Deal programme. Cornwall Council is the lead

authority for the Town Deals in Cornwall. Cornwall Council supports the governance role of St Ives Town Deal Board and is responsible for administering the fund on behalf of the board. For more information visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/business-trading-and-licences/economicdevelopment/towns-fund.

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