

Virtual public consultation about new David Lloyd club

by Marie Sharp Local Democracy Reporter

Members of the public will be invited to take part in a virtual consultation over plans to build a David Lloyd Health and Racquets Club at Shawfair Park later this month.

Agents for the proposed centre said that an online consultation would be held on Thursday, October 29, along with a team of planners and architects.

It comes as Scottish Government guidelines continue to advise against traditional public consultations, which would normally take place in town halls or community buildings, being held.

Flyers with details of how to take part are expected to be delivered to households in the surrounding area this week.

The proposed leisure centre was described in a pre-application report to Midlothian Council's planning committee this week as a large two-storey building offering indoor sports activities.

The report said: "In addition, there would be two large domed tennis courts adjacent to the main building.

"The applicant would also include outdoor spa facilities to

the
exterior of the main building.

“The remainder of the site would be used as a car park, access roads and servicing arrangements. These areas would be framed by tree and hedge planting in accordance with the prevailing landscape design of Shawfair Park.”

David Lloyd Leisure was established by former Davis Cup captain, tennis player David Lloyd in the early 1980s.

There are currently two clubs in Edinburgh at Corstorphine and Newhaven.

This would be the first Midlothian venture for the leisure chain.

The Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) is a public service news agency : funded by the BBC, provided by the local news sector, and used by qualifying partners. Local Democracy Reporters cover top-tier local authorities and other public service organisations.