

STADIUM FOR BATH



USE: Stadium, community hub, Bath Rugby Foundation HQ

LOCATION: Central Bath

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Bath & North East Somerset Council

CURRENT STAGE/STATUS: Fully approved, moving into next stage of detailed design

The Stadium for Bath is a once-in-a-century opportunity to secure the future of professional sport in the city centre. By replacing the temporary stands at The Recreation Ground with a permanent, architecturally sensitive 18,000-capacity stadium, the project will create a year-round destination.

Beyond match days, the stadium will host community events, educational programmes through the Bath Rugby Foundation, and international-standard conferencing - while opening up the riverside to the public for the first time.

Construction is expected to start in May 2027 following the 2026/27 season, with phased delivery allowing Bath Rugby to continue playing during construction, and practical completion targeted for 2029.

KEY FACTS:

- 18,000-capacity stadium
- New “Spring Gardens Walk” riverside path
- Permanent home for the Bath Rugby Foundation and local school programmes
- Estimated £50m+ annual boost to the local visitor economy

INVESTMENT PROPOSITION:

Seeking commercial partners for naming rights, hospitality management and conferencing operations. While the project is privately led by Bath Rugby, there are opportunities for social impact funders to support the community hub and educational facilities.