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Redditch Abbey Stadium bid refused

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Redditch Borough Council's plans for an ambitious sports and leisure development has been turned down by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government following a Planning Inquiry.

The re-development of the existing Abbey Stadium site was due to be funded and built by a private contractor, Atlantic Beacon. Its facilities were to include swimming and fun pool, snow-based activities, multi-screen cinema, cafes and restaurants.

Redditch Borough Council's Borough Director Chris Smith said:

"The Council now needs to spend some time assessing the implications of the decision. Clearly there are a number of issues which need to be addressed before the Council takes any future action.

Councillor Phil Mould, Leader of the Council said:

"We are very disappointed that the hard work spent on this bid has not resulted in the Abbey Stadium Development going ahead. There is no question though that sports and leisure activities will continue to be well funded for Redditch people."