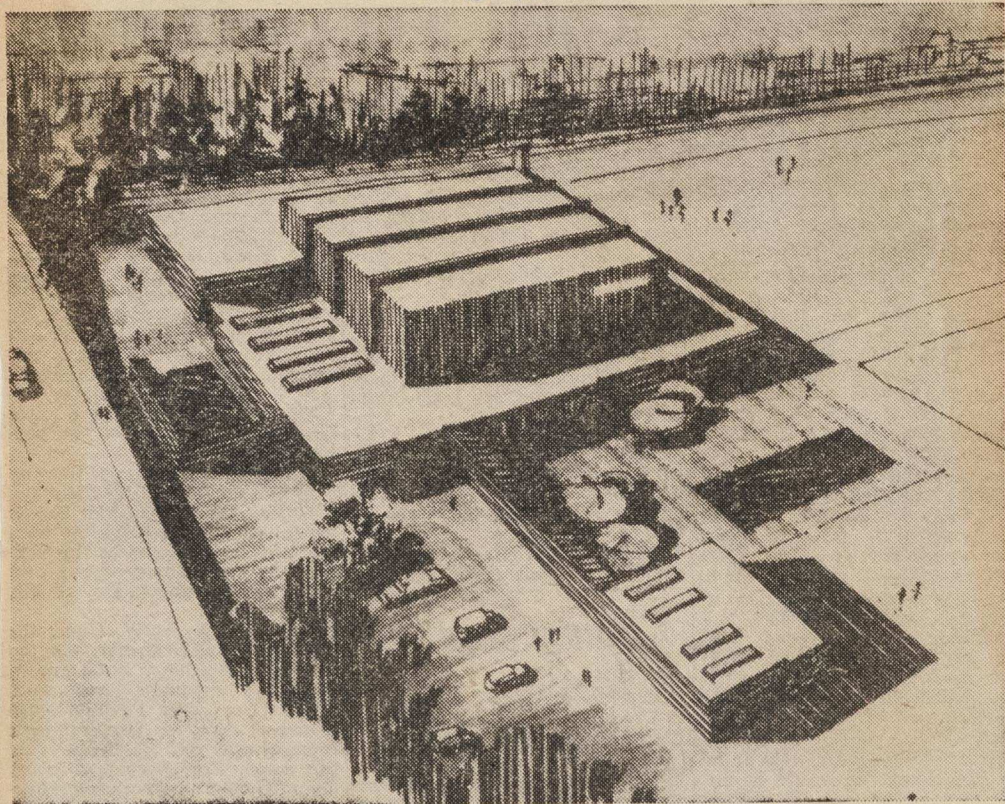


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## Sports Centre's new design

WORTHING'S borough architect, Mr Frank Morris, has had second thoughts about the design of the Sports Centre to be built at West Park recreation ground, and has replanned its lay-out completely.

The original design, already approved by the town council, was, says Mr Morris, too much mass. His new design, pictured above, has been put before the parade and open spaces committee and will now be presented to the council for its approval.

The original plan had all the proposed sports facilities under one roof, with a main sports hall area and three floors of other facilities as an integral part of the main structure.

The external design, with no windows on the walls, was too severe at Mr Morris's second appraisal.

He has now regrouped the facilities around the main hall, which stays at 35ft. high. The other facilities, such as the squash courts, weight-lifting rooms and rifle range, have been planned all at one lower level.

The external effect is of a tiered building.

### *Easier building*

The new design, says Mr Morris, will make building a lot easier and puts the costs a lot nearer the estimated total figure of £250,000.

The new plan allows provision for the construction of a training swimming pool and a rowing training pool, should the council decide at some future date to provide them.

Mr Morris says of his new design, "The whole structure

has been scaled down with the effect of making it more human."

The new arrangement has done away with the need for staircases, and all facilities become much more accessible from the changing rooms, apart from the rifle range, which has a separate access through the social facilities. These include a bar and cafe which are fronted on the south side of the building by a terrace on which space is available for the swimming training pool.

The rowing training pool could be constructed on the west side of the building, beside the Shaftesbury-avenue bridge.

The redesigning involves no alteration in the building programme which is scheduled to start in midsummer. Nor will there be any alteration in the number of sports to be catered for.