

Investing in Leisure Programme

Dulwich Leisure Centre – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the programme schedule for Dulwich Leisure Centre?

The construction work commenced (on time) on **Tuesday May 5 2009**. The two work phases are:

Phase 1 – May 2009 to May 2010 – Pool, roof, wet side changing rooms, new entrance building and studios

Phase 2 – May 2010 to early 2011 – Gym, dry side changing rooms, staff area and renovated old entrance

2. When did the Planning process begin, and where can I see the application in full?

The planning application was submitted in August 2008. The Planning Authority had an initial 8-12 weeks statutory period in which to review the proposals and respond as to whether they approved the scheme. For important buildings such as Dulwich Leisure Centre, this also culminated in a Planning Committee Meeting on January 21 2009. The scheme was given approval at this meeting, and subsequently issued to the Government Office for London in order to achieve Listed Building Consent, which involved discussion with English Heritage. Final approval for the scheme was given on February 23 2009.

A full copy of the plans detailing our proposals is available on the Southwark Council website (<http://planningonline.southwarksites.com/planningonline2/>) and a reduced set of plans is displayed at Dulwich Leisure Centre, East Dulwich Road, London SE22 9AN.

3. How long is the refurbishment work likely to last?

Construction work to refurbish the Centre commenced on Tuesday May 5 2009. Subject to the building works going to schedule, Phase 1 (see above), should be open in spring 2010. Phase 2 will be completed in early 2011.

4. Why is the Centre likely to be opening in phases?

In order to deliver newly completed facilities as early as possible, the refurbishment work has been undertaken in phases. Whilst refurbishment works are being undertaken, some areas of the Centre will not be available to members. Access to particular amenities may also be restricted to ensure the health and safety of customers and staff is not put at risk.

5. Will this phased approach result in areas of the Centre being closed?

The first phase of the refurbishment will deliver the new Crystal Palace Road entrance and refurbished pool. Unfortunately, in order to carry out the upgrade works to the pool and the equipment that serves it, the pool was closed from Tuesday May 5 2009 until spring 2010.

The good news is that gym provision will be available throughout the refurbishment. In Phase 2, (commencing in spring 2010) the gym will be relocated to the studios in the new reception building in Crystal Palace Road. The original entrance will be closed; however the disabled parking bays and drop-off area will still be available at the East Dulwich Road entrance.

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6. Can I transfer my membership to another Fusion Centre, and if so which ones can I use?

Yes, your membership will allow you to use other Fusion Centres across Southwark. The nearest centre to Dulwich is:

Peckham Pulse – 10 Melon Road, Peckham, London SE15 5QN
T. 020 7525 4999

- **Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre Home page**
http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Peckham_Pulse_Healthy_Living_Centre
- **Facilities at Peckham Pulse**
http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Peckham_Pulse_Healthy_Living_Centre/Facilities
- **Activities at Peckham Pulse**
http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Peckham_Pulse_Healthy_Living_Centre/Activities
- **Map and Transport links for Peckham**
http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Peckham_Pulse_Healthy_Living_Centre/Contact

7. When the new Centre opens will membership/entry fees rise substantially?

No. The purpose of this investment is to provide you with a better service, not to increase charges. The Council is committed to providing a service which is accessible for everyone and wished to increase number of people using the centres as a result of this investment.

8. Are graphical displays of the refurbishment available in the Centre?

Graphical displays showing proposed layouts and amenities have been available to view in the Centre since late August 2008. Updated layouts show the zoned areas that will be closed and the estimated closure periods were added in April and from November 2009 we will provide monthly status news. These displays are available to view during the Centre's normal opening hours and are located at the entrance to the gym.

If you would like to be kept informed of the refurbishment developments at Dulwich Leisure Centre please use the online registration form at www.southwark.gov.uk/investinginleisure - on the left hand side you will see the link to the Dulwich Leisure Centre page and the online form.

Or write to Investing in Leisure Programme, Southwark Council, Environment and Housing, Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure, PO Box 64529, London SE1 5LX.

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