

## Investing in Leisure Programme Dulwich Leisure Centre – Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Which companies has Southwark Council appointed to design and construct the Dulwich Leisure Centre?

The construction company is called The Buxton Group. They are responsible for developing the design with a team of specialists, namely:

- Architects – Watkins Gray International
- Mechanical and Electrical services consultant – The Slender Winter Partnership

### 2. When is the refurbishment project likely to commence?

We can now confirm that construction work is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday May 5 2009**.

### 3. 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.

### 4. How long is the refurbishment work likely to last?

Construction work to refurbish the Centre is now due to commence on **Tuesday May 5 2009**. Subject to the building works going to schedule, the first completed zones of the new Centre should be open in early 2010.

### 5. Is the Centre likely to be opening in phases?

In order to deliver newly completed facilities as early as possible, the refurbishment work will be 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.

### 6. 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 will be closed from **Tuesday May 5 2009** until spring 2010.

The good news is that gym provision will be available throughout the refurbishment.

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## 7. 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 centres to Dulwich are:

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

- [About Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre](#)
- [Facilities and Activities @ Peckham Pulse](#)
- [Map and transport links for Peckham Pulse](#)
- [Opening Times @ Peckham Pulse](#)

**Camberwell Leisure Centre** – Artichoke Place, off Camberwell Church Street, London SE5 8TS  
T. 020 7703 3024

- [About Camberwell Leisure Centre](#)
- [Facilities and Activities @ Camberwell](#)
- [Map and transport links for Camberwell](#)
- [Pool & Class Timetables @ Camberwell](#)

## 8. What will happen to my current membership?

If you are a member at Dulwich Leisure Centre, we will be writing to you in April 2009 to explain how the pool closure will affect you. If you do not receive this letter, please contact the Membership Team at the Centre by calling 0208 693 1833 and they will provide assistance.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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 will be in place by Monday April 20 2009. 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](http://www.southwark.gov.uk) – on the left hand side click on 'Sports and Leisure' – select the option 'Investing in Leisure' - from there you will see the link to the Dulwich Leisure Centre page and there you will see the online form.

Or write to Investing in Leisure Programme, Southwark Council, Chatelaine House, 186 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JJ.

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