

Future Clapham

Clapham Leisure Centre Update

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Exciting New Leisure Facilities in Clapham

Clapham is on the verge of an exciting new future; a future to be proud of and for others to envy. In December 2007 the council's cabinet selected Cathedral Group to deliver a world class £75 million scheme that will transform leisure and cultural services in Clapham. Through a partnership made up of Lambeth Council, Lambeth Primary Care Trust and Cathedral Group we will deliver an exciting new leisure centre, an innovative library with a performance space, extra housing as well as a purpose-built health facility by 2011.

The current Clapham Leisure Centre site is being redeveloped and will be replaced by a new leisure centre on Clapham Manor Street.

Designed by specialists LA Architects, the new centre will have a glass frontage which will breathe life and light into the building and encourage visitors to come inside. It will feature two swimming pools, a larger fitness suite, four court sports hall, two purpose-built dance studios, spa area, climbing wall and a café.



The old leisure centre will close from the end of 2008 and it is anticipated the new leisure centre will open in the spring of 2010. The council has made efforts to minimise the length of development time.

Our goal is to deliver quality and tackle inequality, therefore layout and access will be compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Alternative Leisure Facilities for Clapham Customers

The council will continue to meet the needs of our key user groups. We have identified facilities within the area to accommodate Clapham Leisure Centre customers.

Swimming

All schools currently using the Clapham pool have already been offered alternative facilities. The Council will continue to work with Schools to ensure that they are satisfied.

We will shortly be offering other groups such as the swimming club and the sub aqua diving club alternative facilities.

Individual users will be delighted to know that the recently refurbished Brixton Recreation Centre, a mere 10 minutes travel by public transport from Clapham, offers a learner pool and a main pool of 25 metres.

Exercise classes and other sport activities

Where possible other activities such as the healthy living programmes, key sports development programmes and exercise classes (for example yoga) will be rescheduled to be held in our other centres such as Brixton and Ferndale, or other local community halls.



Gym facilities

All members with a leisure card or direct debit membership are entitled to use their membership at any of the Council's other leisure centres managed by GLL. See www.lambeth.gov.uk/explore for an interactive tour of our centres.

The closest alternative council owned gym is located at the recently refurbished Brixton Recreation Centre, which offers greatly enhanced fitness facilities over that which Clapham is currently able to offer.

Brixton Open Day

Brixton Recreation Centre is within close proximity to Clapham High Street. A range of the activities currently offered at Clapham will also be provided at Brixton, in addition to a number of new facilities. £2.85 million has recently been spent to provide enhanced facilities including: a modern well equipped gym with 160 exercise stations, a free crèche, which caters for babies from 3 months to 4 years 11 months; a climbing wall and a multi-level children's play area for under 8's and "The Zone", three dedicated areas for 5 to 15 year olds incorporating the Energy Zone, Fitness Zone and Team Zone. All of which combines to provide Lambeth's most family friendly

recreational centre, and one that the Council is justifiably proud.

Lambeth Council in Partnership with GLL will be organising an open day for Clapham customers to visit Brixton so they can experience the centre first hand. There are two taster sessions on **15th July at 5pm – 8pm** and **19th July 10 am – 1 pm** when the whole family can attend and receive a tour of the centre, as well as try out some free taster sessions of the activities on offer.

To find out more or to book your place please telephone **0207 926 9780** or email joseph.rham@gll.org and leave your name and date you would like to attend.

We want to hear your views

The attached survey is to find out your views on the alternative leisure facilities on offer. The feedback will help us manage the alternative leisure provision better whilst Clapham leisure centre is closed for development.

Online survey

Or you can fill the survey on the internet at <http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/surveys/Env/claphamleisure.htm>

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- 1) Clapham Leisure Centre
- 2) Ferndale Sports Centre
- 3) Flaxman Leisure Centre
- 4) Streatham Sports Centre
- 5) Brixton Recreation Centre