

CRYSTAL PALACE NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE


WELCOME

Hello from the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre Project Team and welcome to the first project newsletter.

Your Feedback Matters

We value your input and invite you to participate in shaping the future of the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre (CPNSC).

Don't sit on the sidelines - share your thoughts, memories and photos of the centre to help us deliver spaces which are fit for the future.

 Email us to get in touch:
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Bringing you the latest news and information on project progress, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved.

Stay Updated

Read about early improvements, emerging designs, and sustainable strategies shaping the project.

Upcoming Events

Stay ahead of the game by keeping up to date about events, competitions, and family-friendly activities happening at the CPNSC.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Thanks to all those who attended our public engagement event on 21st October. Around 200 of you came along to meet the project team and hear about the emerging scope and timescales for the redevelopment of the CPNSC. Feedback postcards collected on the

day gave some really useful comments and suggestions- a word frequency cloud drawn from the postcard comments is represented below, which shows how the reopening of the 50m and diving pools are a clear, shared priority for the project.



A short summary of the information shared on the day is included below. The presentation is now available to view online at london.gov.uk/cpnsc.

● Sustainable Energy Focus

A key focus of the design work is addressing the energy efficiency of the buildings and providing a more sustainable way of heating the CPNSC estate. Air Source Heat Pumps (and potentially Ground Source Heat Pumps), alongside solar panels, are being considered as part of an improved energy strategy, to move away from fossil fuel reliance and looking to de-carbonise the estate.

● Accessibility Improvements

Another key element of the work is looking at how to make the centre more accessible. This includes new 17 person lifts - which fit sports wheelchairs alongside day chairs and will fit multiple prams/buggies. It also includes a rationalisation of the customer journey to outdoor sports facilities, and consideration of access to the centre from the park and key transport nodes.

● Pool Enhancements

The pools remain a key focus and priority for the project and their detailed design is progressing, working closely with Swim England. A movable floor is proposed to the small learner pool, which will increase the range of depth to 0m-1.8m. This means more activities can be accommodated across all the pools, including aqua fitness classes, rehabilitation sessions, and sensory and splash play sessions.

● Construction Timeline

The team is actively working towards a planning submission in mid-2024. Construction works are expected to start on site in 2025, with an anticipated construction programme of 18 months-2 years.



My Palace Programme

We launched the My Palace Programme on the 21st October, in collaboration with Beyond the Box, which includes paid opportunities for young Londoners to inform the redevelopment.

We have had a great response to the Sports Leaders and Equity Designer roles. Interviews have taken place and we'll be confirming our cohorts shortly.

EARLY IMPROVEMENTS



The 'early works' are progressing well, bringing some immediate improvements to the centre. This includes repairs to the 400m athletics track - despite some challenging weather.

The planned track repairs and deep clean are complete for this year and the track is looking great. The remaining work will continue in Spring 2024 once temperatures rise to the required track surface curing conditions.

The temporary floodlights have been installed and are up and running to support winter training.

Lighting repairs and upgrades around the CPNSC estate have commenced, initially prioritising the journey from Crystal Palace Station.

Works to refresh the former café area and toilets are underway, with a planned children's soft play and activity pop-up for 2024. This will support the re-opening of a café facility at the CPNSC in the short-term, until works start on site and bring increased activity and footfall to the centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mark your calendar for further public engagement sessions starting January 20th, 2024, at CPNSC. A drop-in event will be held from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Another drop-in engagement session will be held at the CPNSC on March 1st, 12:00-21:30. Hope to see you there.
- A project drop-in event at the Upper Norwood Library Hub is taking place on February 9th, 12:00-21:30.
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu enthusiasts are invited to attend BJJ247's London Open 2024 on January 21st. Tickets can be purchased on the day at CPNSC for £6.

DID YOU KNOW?

CPNSC has hosted many firsts over the years, including the first ever Women's FA Cup Final in 1971.

Southampton Women's F.C were victorious over Stewarton Thistle, winning the match 4-1 under captain

Lesley Lloyd and with a teenage Pat Davies scoring a hat trick.

Southampton were later fined for misrepresenting themselves as a league club. They were allowed to keep the trophy after paying a hefty £25!

Thank you for being an integral part of this momentous undertaking. Together, let's write the next chapter in the rich history of the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

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