

Finchley Lido Leisure Centre Engagement

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Introduction

This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document has been prepared to answer commonly asked questions in consideration of the Finchley Lido Leisure Centre engagement questionnaire that is available on [Engage Barnet](#) until Monday 23 January 2023.

Please note that further information is available within the 'Important Links' section on Engage Barnet that may assist in answering any queries that you may have.

The council will review and update this FAQ document to ensure answers remain up-to-date and that any new questions are answered. If you have additional questions you would like answered, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing sport@barnet.gov.uk.

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1. Who currently manages Finchley Lido Leisure Centre?

Finchley Lido Leisure Centre is currently operated by Better on behalf of the Council.

2. Is Finchley Lido Leisure Centre closing?

The leisure centre remains open and available to the public. No decision has been taken on the future of the leisure centre.

3. Why are the Council considering a refurbishment, redevelopment, and relocation of Finchley Lido Leisure Centre?

The existing leisure centre was built in c.1995/1996 and is an ageing facility.

Refurbishing or redeveloping the facility will enable the council to deliver a modern and more sustainable facility with improved accessibility.

4. Would a refurbished, redeveloped and/or relocated leisure facility be a like for like replacement?

This has not yet been decided. Public consultation and engagement, along with a feasibility study and business case will inform any recommendations on the potential range of facilities to be included in a new leisure centre.

5. Why are the Council considering relocating Finchley Lido Leisure Centre to North Finchley Town Centre?

The Council are currently working in partnership with Regal JP to revitalise North Finchley Town Centre and the regeneration programme seeks to improve the public realm and create a thriving town centre destination for residents, businesses, and the local community.

As part of exploring the options to redevelop Finchley Lido Leisure Centre, a new leisure facility could potentially be relocated to North Finchley to support placemaking and enhance the town centre offer.

Locating the leisure centre within the town centre would mean better public transport connections for visitors to the leisure centre than those at Great North Leisure Park, helping to increase access to the facilities and reducing the number of cars on Barnet's roads. Additional footfall is also positive for local businesses as it means there are more people visiting the town centre.

Please visit [North Finchley Town Centre FAQ's](#) for further information about the regeneration.

6. Has the council considered any other locations other than Great North Leisure Park or North Finchley Town Centre?

The Council has carried out a review which has concluded that there are no suitable sites owned by the council that can accommodate the likely size of a refurbished or new leisure centre.

7. Who owns the Great North Leisure Park?

The Council has a freehold interest in the Great North Leisure Park.

8. What are lease arrangements for the Great North Leisure Park?

Land Securities have a long lease of the Great North Leisure Park.

In March 2022, Land Securities marketed their long lease hold interest in the site which is currently being sold as a standalone asset or with redevelopment potential.

9. When we will know the outcome as to whether Finchley Lido Leisure will be refurbished, redeveloped and/or relocated?

The decision on whether to proceed with refurbishing, redeveloping and potentially relocating the leisure centre is dependent upon a number of factors which include but are not limited to; consultation and engagement, cost, feasibility analysis and an outline business case.

A report on the findings will be presented at the Councils Policy and Resources Committee in 2023.