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Streatham Hub update

The latest [cabinet report](#) (published today) recommends the disused Popes Rd car park in Brixton is earmarked as the site of a temporary ice rink as part of the Streatham Hub regeneration scheme. The council-owned site is scheduled for demolition this year and would mean that the temporary ice rink could open next summer.

A shortlist of three sites – comprising the disused Popes Rd car park, Streatham Common and 512/522 Streatham High Road was considered. Whilst we would have preferred a Streatham location, the Popes Rd site was chosen as the best option based on a number of factors – including ease of access for visitors, technical matters, such as drainage and power supply, along with timescales and costs of developing land.

If agreed, a planning application to build the temporary ice rink in Brixton will be submitted this summer. Additionally, a planning application is also expected from Tesco next week for a mezzanine floor for their proposed store as part of this Streatham regeneration project. We will be talking with local residents and businesses over the summer in addition to the statutory planning consultation.

Councillor Florence Nosegbe, Cabinet member for Culture, Sport and 2012 Games said: “ensuring that the hub will include all the facilities residents need has always been a priority and central to negotiations. We are clear we want to build top class sports facilities, including swimming pool and ice rink, with a temporary rink while the new one is being built.”

Saki Hajnal from the Streatham Ice Skating Action Group said: “our priority is continuity of ice skating provision. The revised plans mean losing the existing rink before the new leisure centre is built, so a temporary ice rink is essential, and needs to be big enough to allow all the existing activities to continue. We would have preferred a site in Streatham, but if the Popes Road site means the project can go ahead without further delay that is good news.”

Agreeing a location for the temporary ice rink and the submission of Tesco's planning application for a mezzanine floor will be two more important hurdles cleared towards our shared aim of delivering a multi-million pound regeneration scheme. The success of these planning applications will mean full speed ahead for the Streatham Hub and the provision of state-of-the-art new leisure facilities for Streatham residents.

The Streatham hub regeneration project represents a huge opportunity for local residents and businesses to benefit from vital improvements to the local area. It will revitalise the neighbourhood, bringing 250 new homes, up to 600 jobs and significant numbers of new visitors to Streatham.

You can find the latest information about [Streatham Hub](#) on the council website or you can contact futurestreatham@lambeth.gov.uk. The [Cabinet report](#) is also published on the council website.

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