

news release

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Planning Permission granted for Brockwell Lido

Fusion has been granted planning permission to renovate the Lido at Brockwell Park with unanimous approval by Lambeth Council.

The plans, by Pollard Thomas Edwards architects, include the repair of the 50m outdoor pool and the refurbishment and extension of the Grade II listed 1930's building. Peter Kay, Fusion Chief Executive, said, *"Our plans will turn the Lido into an up-to-date, modern facility, whilst maintaining the essential essence and ambience of the relaxed seaside atmosphere of "Brixton Beach"*

"We have worked with the full support and contribution of the local community, including Brockwell Users Group (BLU), Herne Hill Forum, Friends of Brockwell Park and English Heritage to create a flexible facility, enabling many sport and healthy lifestyle activities, such as yoga, health education, crèche, sport therapy and exercise classes"

The plans attracted overwhelming enthusiasm and positive comment from local residents and users of the Lido at the public consultation in October 2003, with many highlighting the positive future being provided and the sensitive design, which retains the valued features of the Lido.

Fusion is currently in the final stages of negotiation with Lambeth Council and hopes to begin on site with the approved plans as soon as possible.

Notes for the Editor Follow:

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Fusion is a not-for-profit, community-oriented organisation whose primary objectives are to provide facilities and services in the interests of the social and physical welfare of people living or working in south London. Fusion aims to provide sustainable community services and amenities, enabling community access to highest quality services and facilities.

Since commencing operations in south London 3 years ago, Fusion has achieved:

- Extensive investment in its facilities
- Sustained increases of 25% per annum in attendance and usage
- Year on year increases of more than 50% amongst community target groups
- Three years of successful financial performance: revenues up by 50%
- Customer satisfaction levels up: independent MORI survey shows net satisfaction more than doubled
- Over 30 new jobs created