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Dear Member

Fusion's revised plans for the Lido were submitted to Lambeth Planning Office on September 29th. Do see them and express your views to Lambeth Planning Office.

Two days after Lambeth Council decided to award a 25-year lease on Brockwell Lido to Fusion, a not-for-profit company, the Department of Culture announced that the Lido had been awarded a Grade II listing. While listing is good news for the future of the Lido, it has required some rethinking of the planned building works and hence a delay in signing the contract and carrying out the refurbishment. Fusion, in close consultation with English Heritage, BLU, Friends of Brockwell Park and other community groups has revised the plans for the Lido. **You have an opportunity to see these revised plans:**

- At a Consultation Surgery on Sunday October 26th at the Lido, 2.00pm to 5.00pm with the architects and representatives from Fusion on hand to answer questions (see Fusion's leaflet)
- By looking at the small exhibition in the Lido café from October 20th to 26th.
- At the Herne Hill Forum on October 15, St John's Hall, Heron Road SE24, 7.00pm

It is important to write to Lambeth planners by the end of October. If you like the plans your support is needed to ensure the success and rapid processing of the application. If you have objections, this is your last chance to voice them. BLU Steering feels that most Lido users will welcome the revised plans and want to expedite the planning application by expressing support.

- The new plans will maintain the pool and poolside space as it is; the previous plans involved building on the poolside
- The additional space for year-round classes and activities needed to make the Lido self-financing will be achieved by moving the South Facing (mural wall) of the Lido out 6 ½ metres towards the park. The wall will be reconstructed in the same style and materials so the visual impact from the park will change very little.
- Some additional glazing will be added to make the interior of the building more pleasant while maintaining the integrity of the 1930s style.

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BLU steering will continue the dialogue with Fusion about issues causing concern to users through the Brockwell Lido Steering Group (representing Friends of Brockwell Park, the MAC, Herne Hill Forum and BLU). This group is represented on Fusion's Brockwell Lido Working Group and the Fusion Management Board. BLU will also support Whippersnappers planning application to convert the Football Changing Rooms to space for their programme of children's activities.

Paddy and Casey's lease has been extended to January

As it will be January at the earliest before Fusion will know whether planning permission has been granted and can sign a lease, the Lido will continue to be managed in the interim period by Paddy and Casey and the café will be open during the day.

Classes will continue during the building work

Fusion plans to begin the building work as soon as possible after planning permission is granted. They have promised to provide temporary accommodation for classes either in the park or in other centres during the building work.

BLU will keep you informed of all developments and continue to represent users' views. We are revising our web site to give more information about classes. If you have not renewed your membership, please do. This will tell us that you are still interested. A donation is not required but helps us to remain a viable organisation.