

PLANNING APPLICATION

Brixton Recreation Centre and Shops, 15-36 Brixton Station Road SW9 (21/03815/LB)

Text of the Brixton Society's comments posted on the Lambeth Planning Applications Database:

<https://planning.lambeth.gov.uk/online-applications>

I write on behalf of the Brixton Society.

We are pleased that there is to be investment in improving the Recreation Centre and there is much to commend this application. The reinstatement of the original façade signage is welcomed.

However, we have to record three RESERVATIONS.

Firstly, it is a pity that the opportunity has not been taken to improve the disabled access which has long been recognised as being inadequate. We hope this will be addressed in another planning application in the near future.

Secondly, we are concerned at the adverse impact on the street of the roller shutters when the shops are closed. This contravenes the Lambeth Local Plan 2021 Policy Q16 Bx: Shop fronts / Designs should: "not have solid or perforated roller shutters or exposed, externally-mounted shutter housings."

Finally, the proposal to renew the enclosure of the playgroup/nursery terrace, to the right of the entrance concourse, is unacceptable. Access needs to be maintained from the other end of this terrace, in order to retain the fire escape route from the upper part of the former LVAC Volunteer Centre and adjacent 1st floor spaces within the Recreation Centre. Before demolition of the car park, there would have been an alternative route over the footbridge spanning Popes Road.