

Abbey Road Area: **New health centre and community centre**

Consultation: we want your views



Proposals for new buildings for Belsize Priory Health Centre and Abbey Community Centre, along with improvements to open spaces and public amenities

Following previous consultations, Camden Council is proposing to build new, sustainable and fit-for-purpose accommodation for both Abbey Community Centre and Belsize Priory Health Centre.

- This community hub building will provide improved healthcare and community facilities for local residents.
- The proposals include new landscaping, cycle storage, parking improvements and improved recycling and waste facilities.
- Improved road crossing points would be provided to make it safer for pedestrians to reach the new community hub.
- The old community centre and health centre buildings would be demolished to make way for new affordable homes in Phase 3.

Please return our enclosed questionnaire (inside) or complete it online
<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/>
Please respond by 29 November 2019

You are invited!

Drop in to our events at
Abbey Community Centre,
222 Belsize Rd NW6 4DJ

Thurs 24 Oct 2pm-8pm
Weds 30 Oct 4.30-8pm

- Meet the team
- Find out more
- See the latest designs
- Share feedback

Community Investment Programme

What has changed?

In the previous stage of the design, the health centre and community centre were to be located in two separate buildings.

These buildings (shown on the drawing in yellow) were to be each side of Casterbridge and Snowman towers, adjacent to the foot of each block. Parking spaces would be removed.



The current proposal co-locates the health centre and community centre into one building which is further away from the two towers.

Parking is retained.

A new public open space can be reached through the community centre. Improved landscaping to the rest of the open space includes a new children's play area.

Why has it changed?

We listened to the feedback from previous consultation events

You raised concerns about:	Changes made to the designs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parking spaces for Casterbridge and Snowman being moved or changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking for these blocks is now unchanged
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road crossing being dangerous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements to road safety are included in Phase 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible noise and anti-social behaviour from the two buildings and their close proximity to Casterbridge and Snowman. Locating the health centre and community centre between these buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously, two separate buildings were proposed The centres are now co-located into one building, and it is further away from Casterbridge and Snowman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retaining a private space for residents around Casterbridge and Snowman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This space has been retained
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible loss of open and green space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-locating the two centres means no loss of open space. The proposed landscaping will improve and make better use of available open spaces.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing better facilities for children, including safe spaces to play and relax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are committed to provide play space for children in Phase 2. Help us get this right by completing the questionnaire

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Questionnaire please detach and return by 29 November 2019

1. About you

Name.....

Address including postcode

Email address

*Can we use these details to contact you with updates about the development at Abbey Road? ~
We will keep your personal data private and will only use it for this consultation*

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. About you and the local area

Do you currently use Abbey Community Centre?

☐ No (never) ☐ Rarely (once or twice a year)
☐ Yes, occasionally (once a month or so) ☐ Yes, regularly (most weeks)

Do you use the Health Centre?

☐ No (never) ☐ Occasionally (as and when needed)
☐ Yes, regularly (once a month or more)

Are you a council tenant? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes: If more new council flats are built locally, would you consider moving from your current home?

Please note: a local lettings plan will prioritise applications from people living in the immediate area who are in housing need.

☐ YES ☐ MAYBE ☐ NO

If yes or maybe: are you on the housing register? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is your application up to date? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Or would you like information about applying? ☐ YES ☐ NO

3. About the design for the new buildings and grounds for the health centre and Abbey Community Centre

Please take a look at the new designs before answering.

Overall, are you in favour of the new buildings for the health centre and community centre and the investment into the open spaces going ahead?

☐ YES ☐ MAYBE ☐ NO

Do you have any comments or concerns? [You can use extra space on the next page]

4. About improving the open space

We are updating the survey from July 2015 about people's preferences for how the open space is used. Please write your comments in the gaps; attach extra pages if you need more space.

Children's play area

We are committed to providing a children's play area in the open space at the bottom of Casterbridge and Snowman.

Is there anything that you would like to see included for families in the play area?

New public open space reached through the new community centre building:

The community centre has an open door policy that will provide access to the new, landscaped public space at the back

Do you have any comments on what you would like to see in this space?

- The space will be secured (shut) in the evenings and overnight, when the community centre building closes. **Do you agree with this approach?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are there any other issues you want us to consider, for example:

- Dogs - should there be access, no access or a designated area for dogs?
- Should there be a quiet area with benches for people to sit?
- Should there be a sports/active area?
- Should there be paving for easier access?
If yes, should bicycles be able to cross the open space?
- Planting - do you have any views or comments on the type of planting you'd like to see?

Please return your comments by 29 November 2019

You can use the envelope provided (no stamp is needed)

or post it to: Oluremi Oloko, LB Camden 5 Pancras Square (4th Floor), London N1C 4AG

or email your comments to Abbey2@camden.gov.uk

or hand it in at one of our events on 24 and 30 October at Abbey Community Centre

or complete the questions online at WeAreCamden.org

Thank you