

# Bank of England Centre Members' Group

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## Sports Centre Members' Representatives Group

Dear Centre Member

### Wimbledon Qualifying and Community Sports Centre, Roehampton - Update June 2024

Regrettably our application to Sport England's Swimming Pool Support Fund on behalf of the Centre's Pool was unsuccessful.

We have made both Sport England and the London Borough of Wandsworth aware that our application wasn't recognised as being different from those of other applicants. Ours was related to bringing a redundant facility back into use, others sought to reduce the running costs of pools that would remain open with or without a grant. Sport England stated that better construction estimates would have helped. Considering that we were applying on behalf of a pool from which we were barred access, we feel the estimates offered were the best that could be supplied in the circumstances.

Meantime we met with the AELTC on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at Roehampton in the first of our bi-annual meetings, the minutes having already been circulated to Members.

As per the link below, day tickets to attend Qualifying will again be on sale online @£15. The text below is from the link; be aware that last year few post-4pm tickets were available in the event.

A small number of tickets will be available for purchase at the main entrance each day of competition for £15. Please note tickets purchased at the main entrance will be paper tickets.

After 4pm, providing tickets are not sold out, tickets can be purchased at the entry gate for £5 with children under 16 being able to enter for free.

Whilst the Centre is now closed for the Qualifying Build, plans, as with last year, are for up to 6 grass courts to become bookable by members of the public from the 5<sup>th</sup> August (earliest) until early September, subject of course to the weather

In terms of the AELTC's occupation of the Roehampton site, members will be aware that the lease is for 15 years with a 10-year break clause, the latter including a 2-year notice period. Whilst the AELTC still consider, despite the Wimbledon Park planning delays, that the break will be enacted, break notice is now only 5 years away and as work has yet to start the situation is challenging.

Further updates as significant news arises. Your Representatives 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

[Qualifying - The Championships, Wimbledon - Official Site by IBM](#)



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'I wish you every success in reaching that goal' Lord King of Lothbury*