

# 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 Early 2026

Welcome to a new year at the Sports Centre!

Our Spring meeting with the AELTC will take place towards the end of April where we will discuss the Qualifiers' arrangements, grass courts availability and the chance of further Centre facilities opening. Please let us know via [boecmg@gmail.com](mailto:boecmg@gmail.com) should you have any specific points you would like raised.

Meantime the grass pitches continue to support some weekend soccer matches, the STP hockey club bookings and the tarmac/acrylic tennis courts are open, albeit with limited bookings.

Although the recently-restarted Pilates/Yoga sessions run by Southfields Physiotherapy in the Studio have thus far enjoyed only limited attendance, we have participated in some sessions and found them to be of high quality.

Regret we still have no gym, squash courts, pool or clubhouse (bar/restaurant) access.

The site closes for the Qualifiers' Build and then for the Qualifiers themselves from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May through to early August.

The major issue at the moment is planning permission for Wimbledon Park and thus the AELTC's longevity with us at the Centre. The first of the two court cases outstanding, the 'statutory trust' case, was heard in mid January. Whilst the Judge's decision is imminent, there were indications that the legal complexities of the situation might result in a Supreme Court appeal. Regarding the second, Save Wimbledon Park Ltd were granted leave, November last, to appeal to the High Court's July last decision in favour of the AELTC's Wimbledon Park plans. That case will be heard later this year.

To add interest, just last week, two members of the House of Lords tabled an amendment to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill designed to nullify statutory trusts, as above(!)

These delays will result in the AELTC continuing to lease the Centre at least up until 2036 expiry.

Separately, the Bank of England are seeking via Knight Frank purchasers for the site freehold.

We will keep you in touch with developments!

Your Representatives 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026



*Dedicated to saving the 118-year-old Sports Centre which has long been part of the local community  
'I wish you every success in reaching that goal' Lord King of Lothbury*