



# Ironmonger Row Baths 2012



## Exciting **improvements** coming to Ironmonger Row Baths

**Work starts May 2010. Centre reopens May 2012**

A guide to progress and the alternative facilities  
available from May 2010 – May 2012

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# What's happening next at Ironmonger Row Baths?

We are delighted to confirm that the proposals for a £16 million refurbishment programme at Ironmonger Row Baths, co-funded by Islington Council and EC1 New Deal for Communities will be getting under way from May 2010.

This follows our successful planning application, which was approved by the council and government.

## How we've used your feedback to improve our proposals

As you may be aware, we consulted on our proposals back in October. Broadly these were to:

- improve the main pool and teaching pool

- create a new larger gym with over 70 exercise stations
- provide two new exercise studios with a capacity of up to 30 people per studio and delivering a range of classes from yoga to aerobics
- install brand new changing rooms for pool users and separate ones for gym users
- restore and refurbish the historic Turkish Baths, seating gallery and other key historical features of the building



- improve accessibility and usability throughout, including a central lift serving all floors
- create a new park-facing entrance and brighter, atrium foyer area.

We have considered the useful feedback you provided and are pleased to confirm the final design changes:

- a fully restored main pool with water level raised up to the level of the pool surround, with current length retained
- a new teaching pool with moveable floor which will be 30% bigger than the current pool, enabling us to provide two sets of junior swimming lessons at the same time and increase water aerobics class sizes
- re-provision of the public laundry
- fully restored Turkish Baths and expanded spa area, enabling us to provide a much greater choice of facilities.



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### Key timings:

**Friday 2 April –  
Friday 16 April 2010:**

Gym moves from Ironmonger Row Baths to Finsbury Leisure Centre.

**Friday 14 May 2010:**

Last Islington Primary Schools swimming gala.

**Friday 21 May 2010:**

Ironmonger Row Baths close.

# Alternative arrangements for users

While the refurbishment works take place, the building will need to close between May 2010 and May 2012. We do appreciate the inconvenience this will cause for users. However, when the Baths reopen we hope you will be back and find the improvements worth the wait. In the meantime there are plenty of ways you can continue to enjoy your favourite leisure activities elsewhere in Islington.

## Other council-run sports facilities

The good news is that there are six other leisure centres in Islington, which offer a fantastic range of sports and leisure activities.

Most of the activities available at Ironmonger Row Baths are also available at Islington's other centres, which are run on the council's behalf by the charity Aquaterra Leisure.

## Temporary gym at Finsbury Leisure Centre

A modern fully equipped 45 station temporary gym will be provided at Finsbury Leisure Centre – just two minutes away – with cardio and resistance equipment, wide-screen TVs and gym instructors on hand to advise on personal programmes.



## Leisure centres offering the activities you currently enjoy at Ironmonger Row Baths

	Archway	Cally Pool	Finsbury	Highbury	Islington Tennis Centre	Sobell
Aqua aerobics	✓	✓		✓		
Children's parties	✓	✓	✓			✓
Gym	✓	✓	Temporary gym in place from Easter 2010	✓	✓	✓
Junior sports activities			✓	✓	✓	✓
Sauna	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
School holiday programme	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming and swimming lessons	✓	✓		✓		

Full address details of these centres are available on page 9 of this leaflet.

## Why not try something new?

Listed below are some of the other activities on offer at leisure centres across Islington:

	Archway	Cally Pool	Finsbury	Highbury	Islington Tennis Centre	Sobell
Badminton			✓			✓
Basketball			✓			✓
Bowls						✓
Climbing						✓
Dance				✓	✓	✓
Exercise classes (eg, Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, Spin etc.)			✓	✓	✓	✓
Fencing			✓			
Football			✓			✓
Ice skating						Re-opens April 2010
Martial arts			✓			✓
Personal training	✓			✓		✓
Squash			✓			✓
Table tennis			✓			✓

## Membership arrangements

If you are a current member of Ironmonger Row Baths your membership is valid in all Aquaterra Leisure Centres and we hope you will continue to use them. Once the Baths close, if you wish to cancel you will receive a refund for the unused months on your membership. Alternatively, if you wish you can put your current membership on hold and reactivate it when the building reopens.

If you would like to use additional centres elsewhere in London or the UK consider UK Fitness Network membership. It covers all Islington centres and over 100 other not-for-profit facilities outside Islington.

Visit [www.ukfitnessnetwork.org](http://www.ukfitnessnetwork.org) or [www.aquaterra.org](http://www.aquaterra.org) for more information.

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### **Alternative options for laundry users**

There are a number of local laundries and dry cleaners in the area. Some of the closest are:

#### **City Style Launderette**

206 City Road  
London, EC1V 2PH

#### **St John St Launderette**

264 St John Street  
EC1V 4PE

#### **Harlequin Dry Cleaners/ Laundry Service**

103-105 Lever Street  
EC1V 3RQ

### **Alternatives for Turkish Baths users**

Alternative public Turkish Baths include:

#### **Porchester Baths Bayswater**

Queensway  
Bayswater, W2 5HS  
(Run by Westminster City Council)

[www.courtneys.co.uk/centres/porchester/the-porchester-spa](http://www.courtneys.co.uk/centres/porchester/the-porchester-spa)

#### **York Hall (Spa London), Bethnal Green**

Old Ford Road  
Bethnal Green, London, E2 9PJ  
(Run by Tower Hamlets Council)

**E** spa-london@gll.org

**T** 020 8709 5845



## Access and information for disabled people

Aquaterra Leisure Centres have good access for disabled people. Full details are available at [www.aquaterra.org](http://www.aquaterra.org) The information can be printed off in large print.

## Concessions

Customers who receive disability living allowance, employment or support allowance, or incapacity benefit (higher rate) qualify for concessionary membership.

## Take part in 'A Tribute to Ironmonger Row Baths'

Would you like to share your memories of the swimming pools, Turkish Baths, slipper baths, clubs, gym or laundry at Ironmonger Row Baths? If so, Rowan Arts, a local arts organisation, would love to hear from you.

They are producing **A Tribute to Ironmonger Row Baths** – a collection of memories and memorabilia documenting the history of the Baths and its importance to the many

communities it serves. These will be used to produce a book and exhibition in 2012 to celebrate the reopening of the refurbished Baths.

The project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Islington Council. For more information about the project and how to get involved, visit [www.therowanartsproject.com/ironmongerrowbaths](http://www.therowanartsproject.com/ironmongerrowbaths)

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# How to find us

## **Archway Leisure Centre**

Macdonald Road  
London N19 5DD

**Reception:** 020 7281 4105

**Memberships:** 020 7263 0613

## **Cally Pool**

229 Caledonian Road  
London N1 ONH

**Reception:** 020 7278 1890

## **Finsbury Leisure Centre**

Norman Street  
London EC1V 3PU

**Reception:** 020 7253 2346

## **Highbury Pool & Fitness Centre**

Highbury Crescent  
London N5 1RR

**Reception:** 020 7704 2312

**Memberships:** 020 7690 0413

## **Islington Tennis Centre**

Market Road  
London N7 9PL

**Reception:** 020 7700 1370

**Memberships:** 020 7697 1205

## **Sobell Leisure Centre**

Hornsey Road  
London N7 7NY

**Reception:** 020 7609 2166

**Memberships:** 020 7686 2363

Maps and directions to all centres  
are available at [www.aquaterra.org](http://www.aquaterra.org)

The website also provides full details  
of all activities and facilities on offer  
at each centre.



Cally Pool



Archway Leisure Centre



Highbury Pool and Fitness Centre

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- 4 Sobell Leisure Centre
- 5 Highbury pool
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## Useful links

### **Islington Council**

[www.islington.gov.uk/irb](http://www.islington.gov.uk/irb)

We will continue to post updates on this project on our website where you can also find background information on previous consultations and in our newsletter IslingtonNow.

### **Aquaterra Leisure**

[www.aquaterra.org](http://www.aquaterra.org)

The charity, Aquaterra Leisure runs Islington's leisure centres on the council's behalf. Their website provides full details of activities and facilities on offer in the borough and their customer newsletter will also keep you updated.

If you would like this document in large print or Braille, audiotape or in another language, please contact 020 7527 2000.

### **Bengali**

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### **Chinese (Traditional)**

如果你想要這資料的中文本，請致電 020 7527 2000 聯繫。

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### **Turkish**

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