

## Still no progress on Gurnell



Gurnell Leisure Centre closed in 2020. The Labour Council proposed demolishing it and building a new one and build 599 homes in six tower blocks up to 17 storeys high, with only 16% affordable housing. The planning application was refused in March 2021, since when nothing has been heard.

A panel has been set up to consider the leisure centre's future. However, their proposals are a re-hash of the previous Labour plan: a new leisure centre much bigger than the previous one, costing over £50m and requiring hundreds of flats in tower block on the site to fund it. No serious consideration is being given to refurbishing the existing facility or a new centre replacing the existing one like for like. Conservative councillors asked for an update on progress at the November Council meeting but none was provided.

The Labour Council is falling behind its own timetable to getting anything done. Meanwhile residents are being denied the leisure centre they've been promised and expect.

## Thank you

We wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone in Perivale who voted for us in the Council elections. We spoke to hundreds of you on the doorstep about your concerns. We'll continue to monitor what's happening in Perivale and hold the Labour Council to account.



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## Big pay increases for Ealing Councillors

Having been re-elected in May, Labour Councillors rewarded themselves by increasing their allowances. Everyone received an increase of nearly 25%, with the Council leader getting more than £21,000 a year more, taking his total pay to over £70,000. His deputy received a £19,000 increase and other senior Labour councillors another £16,000. There'll certainly be no cost of living crisis for Labour councillors this winter.

# Central Ealing Sports Ground update



We have pointed out that Central Ealing Sports Ground had been out of action for nearly two years with no prospect of it being restored in the summer. Work has finally re-started; the pitches have been reseeded and the grass has started to grow. The area has been fenced off, allegedly to protect the grass, meaning it's not possible to see if the ground is level enough to support sporting activity. The access road should be cleaned up in the coming months and sports activities are promised to begin again at some unspecified date in 2023. However, problems remain. Recent rain has caused the ponds along the northern side of the grounds – visible last winter and spring – to re-emerge. We'll be looking to see if this is sorted out.

## More action on HMOs please!

We have highlighted before the problem Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) in Perivale. HMO are houses with more than three unrelated residents; some can have up to 10 people living in them. Residents say HMOs result in excess rubbish on streets and increased anti-social behaviour.



*There are HMOs all over Perivale*

The Council has recently introduced licensing scheme for landlords but done nothing about HMOs. A lot of councils in London as well as across England, including neighbouring Brent and Hounslow, used powers available to them (call Article 4 Directions) to require all proposed HMOs to apply for planning permissions, and can use this to limit the number of HMOs in any area or street. But Ealing Council hasn't taken up this power and has no plans to do so.

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