

Welcome

St George's Leisure Centre is being redeveloped to create a new modern leisure and wellbeing centre and council homes, as well as improvements to the nearby public spaces.

Our plans received planning permission from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' development committee in 2025 with the decision notice received in June 2026. Today we are excited to be introducing our Construction Partner – Guildmore Ltd – who will be building the new leisure centre and homes.

Today you can meet the Guildmore team and hear more about how they plan to manage the construction and create something really special for the local community.

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What we're building

A brand new leisure centre

The new leisure centre will provide modern and accessible facilities for the local community:

- A 25 metre swimming pool, and a separate learner pool for kids
- Play equipment over the main pool and water play in the learner pool
- A large sports hall and multipurpose studios
- Play space for toddlers and young children
- A new gym and separate women's gym
- Community rooms which can be booked for events or community meetings
- A café
- Shared changing rooms (a 'Changing Village') plus separate female and male changing options
- Accessible Changing Places facility
- A covered rooftop space for older children and teenagers, sport, exercise classes and events

New affordable family homes

We will also be building 30 new council homes, all to be owned and managed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

These will be larger homes for families, with every home having at least two bedrooms. There will also be wheelchair-accessible homes and homes designed for people with long-term health or disability needs.

The new homes will have balconies and are designed to have plenty of storage and good natural daylight.

The design of the building is inspired by the brick residential buildings of the surrounding area.

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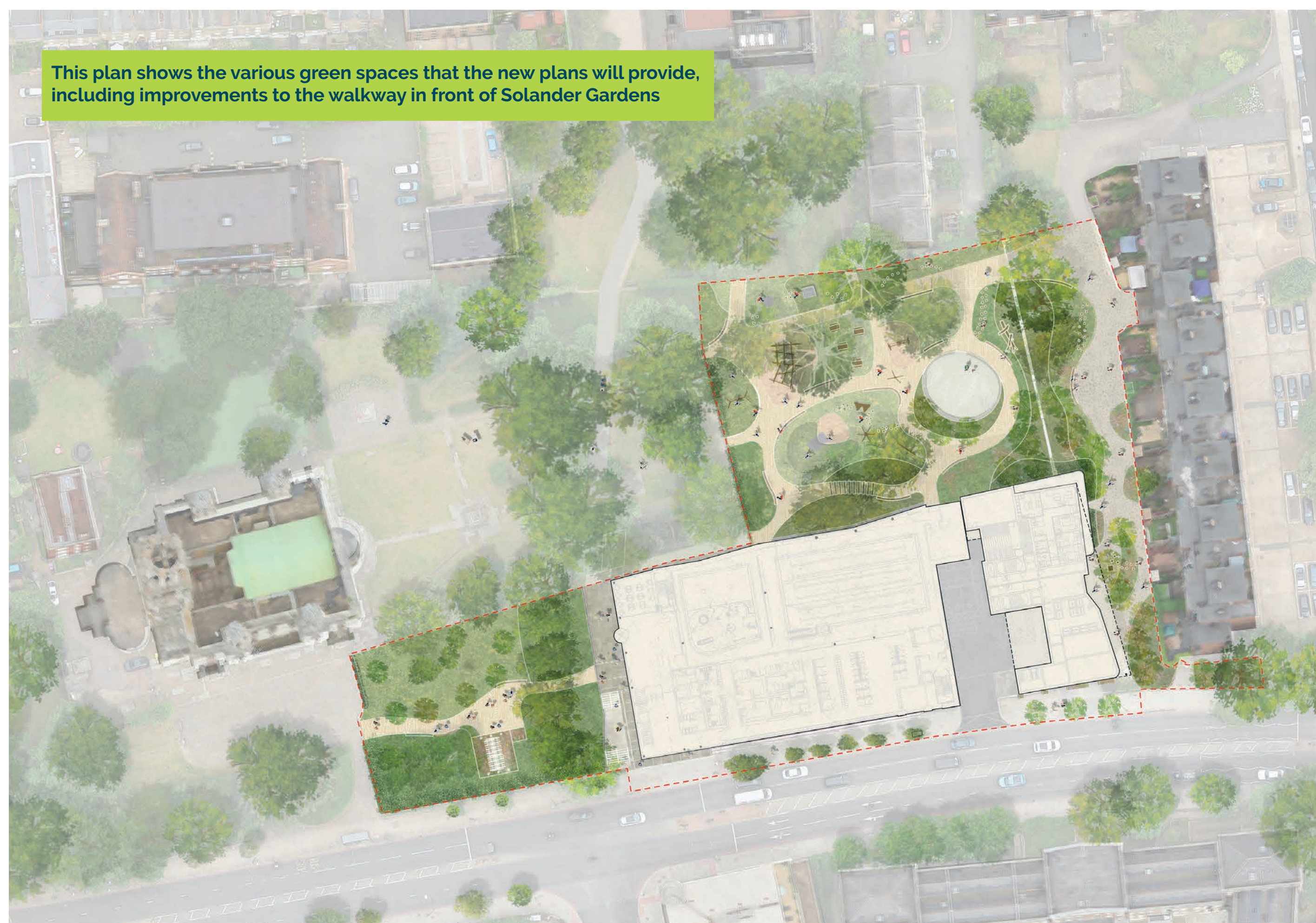
What the new leisure centre will look like when it's built



What the new council homes will look like when they are built, with the leisure centre in the background



Image shows what St George's Gardens outside the leisure centre will look like



This plan shows the various green spaces that the new plans will provide, including improvements to the walkway in front of Solander Gardens

Investing in your public spaces

We are also planning to make improvements to St George's Gardens, the walkway in front of Solander Gardens and the spaces around the new leisure centre, as part of our plans.

A new public space

The area outside the leisure centre will become a more open and welcoming space. There will be attractive new trees, bushes and flowers planted, and the idea is for the busy activity of the leisure centre to spill out into the outside space, making this a bustling, fun place to come and be active.

St George's Gardens

We will also be improving the existing gardens by:

- > Building a new and better children's play area, including play suitable for children with accessibility needs
- > Adding features for children to play on and around, including mounds, logs and boulders
- > Installing a mini multi-use games area with goals and ground markings for a variety of sports
- > Keeping as many existing trees as possible plus new planting to encourage nature
- > Creating nicer routes between the gardens and the new leisure centre
- > Installing new lighting to reduce anti-social behaviour

Solander Gardens

Solander Gardens will become a more attractive route to the leisure centre and surrounding homes, through the planting of new trees and plants and a new, well-lit path.

The new space is designed for socialising, informal play and outdoor exercise, and it will be overlooked by the leisure centre so visitors feel safe and anti-social behaviour is discouraged.

Walking, cycling and public transport

As the site is so well served by public transport and cycle routes, the scheme will be largely car-free, apart from blue badge parking.

Spaces to park bicycles will be provided for both leisure centre visitors and residents, and the existing coach bay on The Highway will remain so schools can visit the centre.

A dedicated service area will allow for refuse vehicles to enter and for leisure centre deliveries. Deliveries for the homes will be undertaken via an on-street loading bay, which will be restricted to a 15 minute drop-off period.

Meet your delivery team

The Council is funding the redevelopment of St George's Leisure Centre. The project is part of the Mayor's Priority Projects programme. This programme is an investment in community leisure facilities and new council homes to help improve the health and wellbeing of Tower Hamlets residents.

Earlier this year, the Council appointed Guildmore Ltd, part of Guildmore Group, as the lead contractor on the project.

A word from Guildmore's Project Director, Gareth Phillips

Guildmore Group is one of the UK's leading providers of construction, building safety, and compliance solutions. We have built a national presence grounded by local service, our head office is in Bromley and regional delivery teams throughout the country. With nearly 30 years of experience and a stable, family-owned structure, we provide consistency, accountability and a long-term approach to delivery.

With an accomplished performance history spanning nearly 30 years, we are an established and trusted delivery partner for new build construction and refurbishment projects. Working across education, residential, healthcare, leisure, and bespoke schemes, our approach is defined by precision, care and a consistent commitment to quality. From inception to completion, we deliver end-to-end construction solutions tailored to the unique needs and priorities of our customers and end-users. Social value is embedded as core pillar of every project, delivered through initiatives that provide investment, opportunities and training for local people and businesses.

Our considerate construction methods and thorough logistical planning ensure seamless delivery across constrained and live environments.

Our team targets the highest achievable BREEAM ratings, implement low-carbon design solutions,

embed net biodiversity gain and ecological enhancement from the earliest design stages. The result is buildings with lower running costs, reduced carbon footprint and a lasting positive impact on the communities and natural environments they serve.

Your team on the ground

Here's the operational team who are responsible for delivering the project and working to bring the plans to life. Feel free to get in touch and ask any questions.



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Guildmore has a strong track record of delivering projects in busy neighbourhoods, including in Tower Hamlets and across London.

The team understands how important it is to work considerately, keep disruption to a minimum and maintain good communication with local residents throughout construction.

Below is one of their recent projects where they have had to deliver excellent public buildings while being respectful to the residents living very close to the site.

Poplar Baths



- > This included the restoration of the Grade II listed Poplar Baths and construction of 60 new homes
- > The refurbished Baths include a 25m swimming pool, learner pool, gym and sports hall
- > The scheme has won four major awards

Site and access

A detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan has been prepared to manage construction vehicles safely and minimise disruption to local roads, pedestrians and cyclists.

Construction and delivery vehicles

Construction vehicles will access the site from The Highway, using the designated construction gates shown on the Site Logistics Plan.

During deliveries, a gateman will manage the site entrance and exit, supported by a trained traffic marshal. Traffic marshals will help pedestrians, cyclists and other road users pass the site safely while vehicles enter or leave.

All loading and unloading will take place within the construction site, not on the public road.

All deliveries must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and drivers will contact the Site Logistics Manager approximately 15 minutes before arriving, only travelling to the site when there is space available. This means construction vehicles will not queue, wait or circulate on surrounding streets.

Vehicle engines will be switched off when not needed and wheel washing and road cleaning will be used to prevent mud or debris being carried onto surrounding roads.

Road closures or diversions

No motor vehicle or cyclist diversions are currently expected. A temporary vehicle crossover will be created from The Highway to allow vehicles to access the future service yard.

We hope to keep the footpath immediately alongside the site on The Highway open, with hoarding installed to protect pedestrians. If it does need to close for health and safety reasons, then pedestrians would be directed along a clearly signed alternative route using the existing pedestrian crossings around the site.

Hoarding

The site will be secured with a hoarding to ensure your safety and the safety of workers on site. This will be built around the site area indicated by the blue line on the site diagrams.

In order to reduce disruption for our neighbours, we are planning to put up hoarding at this location in late October 2026 for the enabling and demolition works (as shown in Image 1).

After that period, we will need to increase the area that is hoarded off to include the wider site to facilitate the works and complete the landscaping improvements (as shown in Image 2).

We will give you plenty of notice before moving the hoardings.

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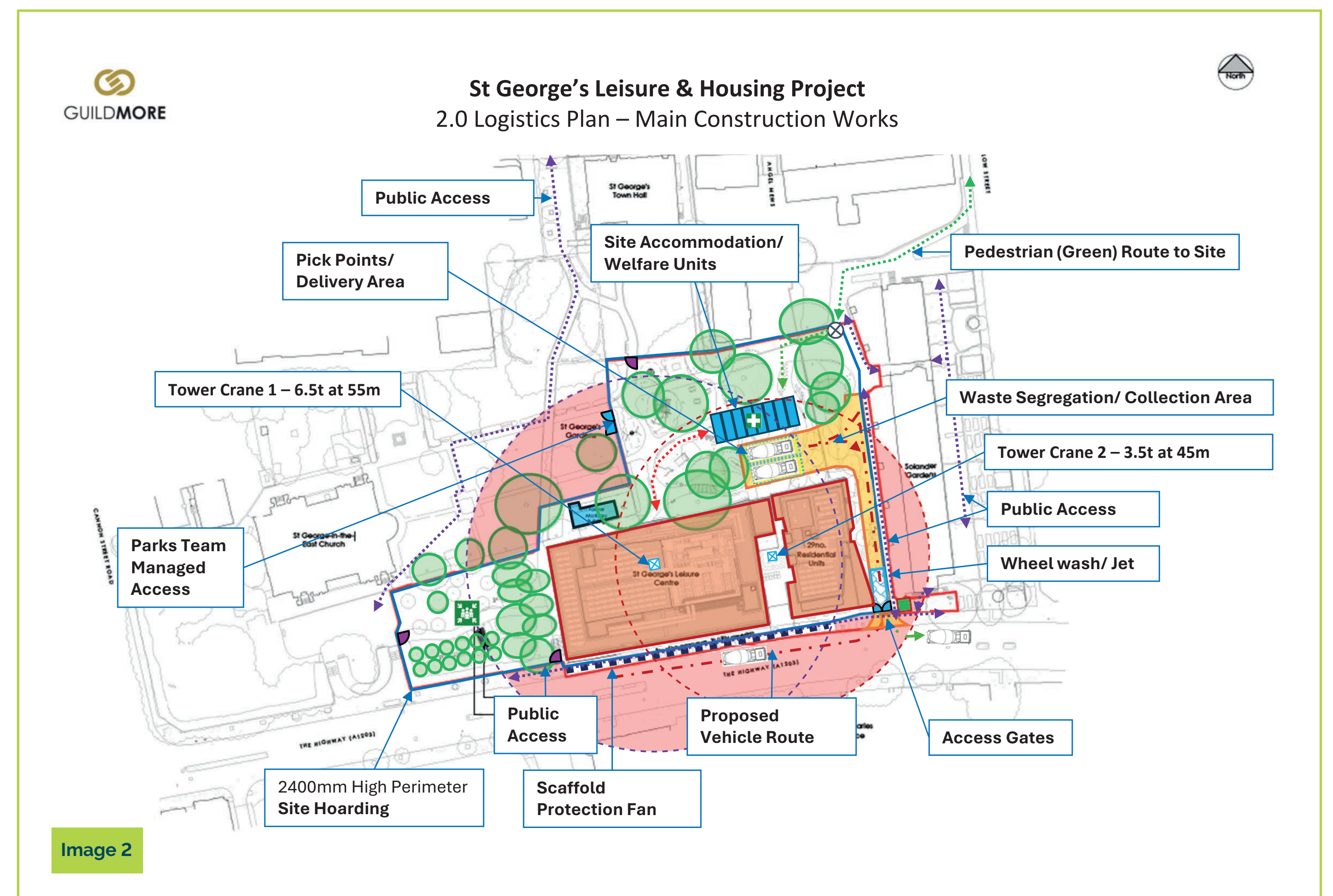
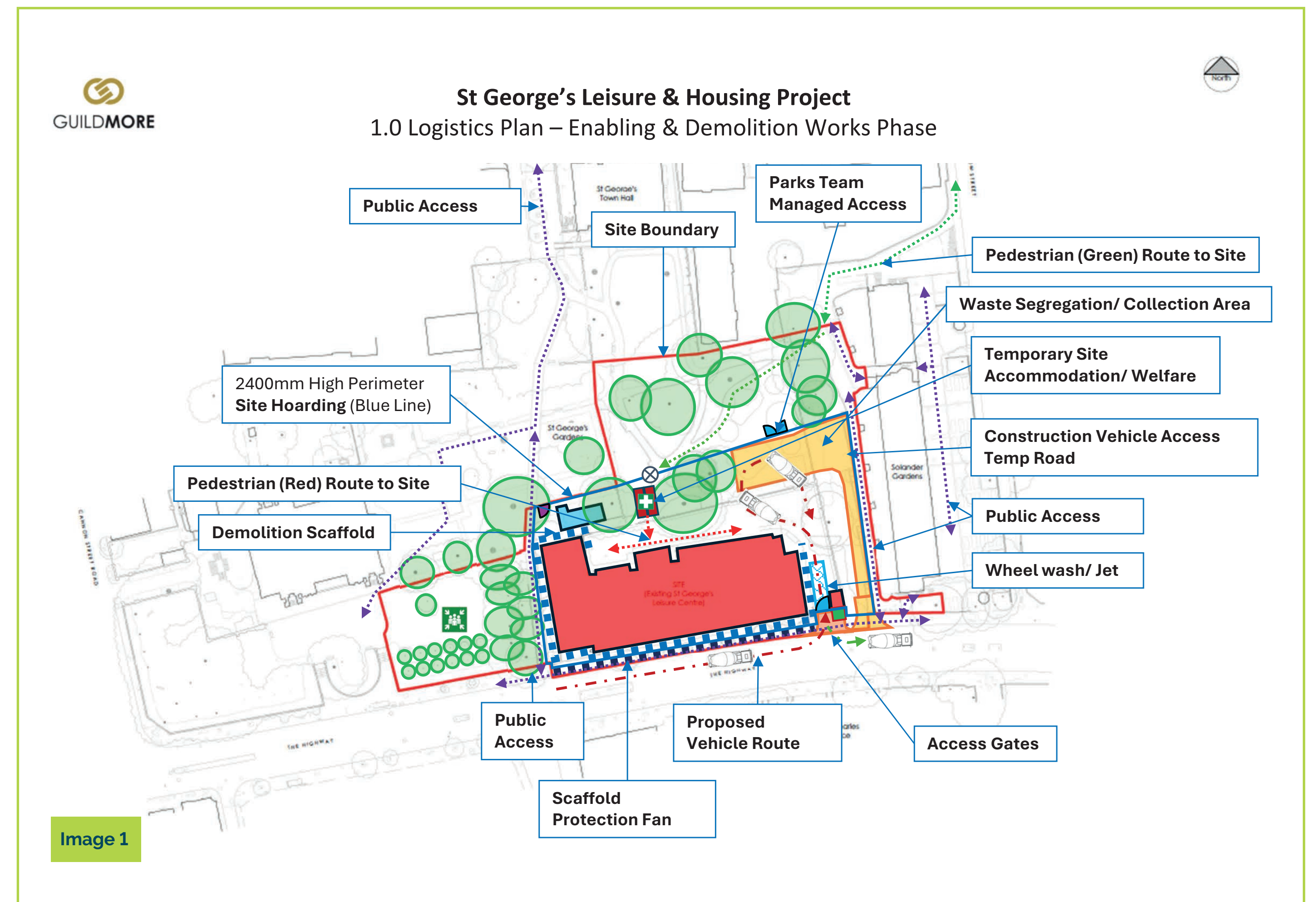




Image shows what the new entrance to St George's Leisure centre will look like when built.



Image shows a sketch visual of the new play area in St George's Gardens

What happens next?

With Guildmore now appointed, the work on site will be starting soon. We've set out below the programme of works on site. This programme is subject to change but sets out our current plan.

26th October 2026

Enabling works start on site – you'll start to see hoardings go up and site offices installed. Part of the playground will be closed.

Early November 2026

Demolition works start – the old, closed leisure centre will be knocked down to make way for the new one.

Spring 2027

All enabling and demolition works complete, with our focus shifting to delivery of the new building. Construction of the new leisure centre begins, and you'll begin to see the building taking shape on site. The playground will fully close at this point.

Summer 2027

Works begin on the new homes, and so wider hoarding will be put up.

Spring 2029

All building works are finished and final checks begin, while the landscaping work takes place to enhance the outside space.

Summer 2029

The new leisure centre and public spaces are officially signed off and can open to the public, and the residential building is signed off to allow new residents to move into their homes.

Keep updated and get involved

These drop-in events will keep taking place throughout the construction process. We will advertise them in advance and include details on the project website so keep an eye out for information about the next session.

Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/leisure_and_culture/sport_and_physical_activity/St-Georges-Leisure-Centre.aspx



We will also set up a digital newsletter, and share the important news through physical letters to our neighbours.

Join our mailing list to receive more updates and digital invitations to events. Email communities@cratus.co.uk to register for updates.

Do you want to be part of a Community Liaison Group (CLG)?

As a CLG member, you'll attend regular meetings with the project team, be able to ask questions and hear about upcoming milestones, and help keep your neighbours informed.

Email communities@cratus.co.uk if you're interested in joining.

Share your feedback

Did you find today useful? Have we been able to answer your questions? Visit <https://talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/st-george-s-leisure-centre-redevelopment> or scan the QR code to let us know what you think.



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