

# Will Thorne Pavilion – a new opportunity





# Context

Will Thorne Pavilion is well placed to serve as a central community hub within a network of parks that form 'Beckton Parks'. Newham Council and local residents share an ambitious vision for Beckton Parks as outlined in the Beckton Parks Masterplan. The Masterplan is built upon 6 principles determined by the local community:



The Beckton Parks Masterplan presents a series of design interventions that will see the area become a destination green space serving a variety of social, cultural, wellbeing and environmental needs.



# Building Details and Context

Will Thorne Pavilion is a 1980s locally important, iconic public community facility, that will be brought back to life.

The current building has changing rooms, showers, toilets, event space/hall, reception, meeting rooms, storage & back of house facilities.

The building is one of the first projects to be delivered under the Beckton Parks Masterplan that will see improvements to the network of Beckton Parks over the next ten to fifteen years.

## Location

Will Thorne Pavilion is situated in Beckton Parks besides football pitches & children's playground. It's close to Royal Albert DLR station and Royal Albert Dock [E6 5LT].

## Part of 2: Operator Opportunity

Total refurbished usable space: Approximately 280m<sup>2</sup>

Area of Kiosk servery, Kitchen & Café Seating Area: approx. 120m<sup>2</sup>

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# Opportunity details

Funding has been secured to refurbish a part of Will Thorne Pavilion.

## PROPOSAL:

### To refurbish and provide

- Existing flexible event space/hall for use in a multitude of ways.
- Indoor toilets for use by visitors and the public in a visible location.
- A small kitchen with adjoining flexible space for café seating, events and activities

### To appoint an operator/tenant

- Appoint an operator / tenant to operate the place. Operator to provide equipment and furniture that they need. An operator should therefore consider what capital investment they would require.
- The operator will pay a service charge to cover building maintenance and compliance.
- A substantial rent-free period will be offered.

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# Next Steps



**An open tender** will be run after 08 October.

To be able to receive tender documentation and respond to it, interested parties will need to be in touch with the Council by **08 October** to be registered on the procurement portal.

Please be in touch as soon as possible if you want to start this process. Email and phone details are provided.

Site visits can be organised on request.

To chat through the opportunity be in touch with Eleanor Soames in Newham Council's Regeneration team via:

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