

New Building at Brixton Windmill



Architect's sketch of new education centre in Windmill Gardens

Friends of Windmill Gardens (FoWG) are delighted that, in the year of Brixton Windmill's bicentenary, Lambeth Council has approved the expenditure of £360,000 for the construction of an education centre in Windmill Gardens.

Under the plan, the Friends will be granted a lease to run and maintain the centre. This will allow us to expand our very successful education programme with local schools, as well as developing milling and other activities to help provide an income to safeguard the future of Brixton Windmill.

As you will see from the sketch above the new building does not impact on the children's playground in the park. The Stay and Play building which FoWG have been using as a visitor centre some weekends and for schools workshops one Fridays will now be totally dedicated to pre-school children. We have been extremely grateful to the Holmewood at the Windmill for enabling us to use their building over the last few years.

The new education building at Brixton Windmill will be an important community asset for the area as we hope to hire it out at reasonable rates to local organisations when it is not being used as a visitor centre for the windmill or for schools or adult education projects.

Squire & Partners, the architects who worked with the Friends, Lambeth Council and Clearview Consulting as part of the first stage feasibility study, will be continuing with the overall design and build of the education centre subject to planning consent. This is anticipated for the end of December 2016.

We will publish further updates on our [website](#) as they occur you can read answers to some questions raised about the new building by local residents. You can read the full planning application [here](#) or visit Lambeth Planning on the council's website and search for Brixton Windmill Community Building, Ref: 16/05991/FUL.