

To: Departmental Associations
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Heathrow Area

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CIVIL SERVICE CHISWICK SPORTS CLUB & GROUNDS

I am writing to let you know that, following a Review of Civil Service usage of Chiswick and the annual costs involved with the maintenance of the club and ground, CSSC will be partially closing the facilities with effect from 14 September this year. It is appreciated that this change will affect all of our current 'Users. The reasons for taking this step are:

- 1 Chiswick currently costs £370k pa to maintain. Partial closure will reduce the costs by £190k pa to £180K pa.
- 2 Usage of the facilities by members is on the decline. The numbers of civil servants attending Sports Days has steadily decreased.
- 3 Given the current difficult financial climate it is unlikely that a ROKO Health Club will be developed at Chiswick in the near future.
- 4 CSSC has an obligation to members to provide value for money. The CSSC Resources Committee considers that Chiswick, in its current format, does not provide that.
- 5 All options other than partial closure have been fully considered.

Implications of Partial Closure (Effective date 14 September 2009)

- a) The Clubhouse, with the exception of the foyer, office and toilets by the office, will close. This will mean that there will be no bar or catering provided from the clubhouse. Non alcoholic drinks and light snacks will be provided from a cafeteria to be created in the existing Bowls pavilion.
- b) The Bowling Green will close.
- c) The number of Grass Tennis Courts will be reduced from 17 to 6.
- d) The number of Cricket Squares will be reduced from 4 to 2.
- e) The Existing Changing Rooms will remain and be upgraded where possible.

With the exception of Bowls and large Sports Days, Chiswick will continue to provide facilities for all existing CSSC usage. In respect of large Sports Days, negotiations have taken place with the Metropolitan Police Club at Bushey (Nr Watford), this club is prepared to accommodate Departmental Sports days from 2010 onwards. The facilities there are excellent and a viewing date has been arranged (including transportation) for Tuesday 7 April 2009.

For your information a Chiswick Users Meeting will be held at Chiswick on Monday 9 March commencing 6pm.

If you wish to discuss the implications of the partial closure in more detail please do not hesitate to contact Brian Carrick or John Butterfield or attend the Users Meeting scheduled for 9 March.

Yours faithfully

Marian Holmes
Chief Executive