

Pitäjänmäki resident event – Questions and answers

The resident event about the Pitäjänmäki Comprehensive School renovation and extension project was held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 17.00–19.00 in the canteen of building B of Pitäjänmäki Comprehensive School.

At the event, representatives of the City and the construction project shared information about the project's schedule and impacts and the temporary facilities for the school, daycare centre, library and youth centre.

The event was open to anyone interested in the matter and was attended by approximately twenty people.

During the event, attendees were invited to ask questions from the speakers. All of the questions asked were answered at the event.

This document lists the questions and comments made during the event and the answers given by the speakers.

At the end of the document, you will find the links shared at the event.

Basic information about the project

Question: Previously it was said that the reason for demolishing the extension built in 1991 is its poor foundation, but is one of the reasons also to make it possible to build a large daycare centre on the site?

Making room for services is one reason. It would also have been difficult to extend the life of the extension from a technical standpoint, as the foundation of the building would have had to be completely replaced, for example.

Question: When the demolition and construction starts, Turkismiehentie will become congested. How will this be prevented?

Congestion cannot be completely prevented. The construction equipment is heavy and the vehicles are large, and construction site traffic is inevitable when transporting demolition material away from and bringing building materials to the site. The construction site arrangements will be clarified in the spring.

Fortunately, the disruption caused by the construction is temporary. On the other hand, there will be no traffic caused by school staff and pupils during the construction.

Comment: Looking at the architecture of the extension, the demolition is unfortunate but acceptable.

Comment: Residents are calling for a broader examination of traffic planning, as parking in the area is under increasing pressure. We require the traffic planning of the site to be treated as a genuinely demanding planning task.

Traffic arrangements during the construction phase will be examined in more detail once the contractor has been selected. Site logistics will mainly be handled during weekdays and normal working hours. Peak periods will be taken into account in site traffic, but there are sure to be some deliveries at those times too. Pedestrian and cycling routes will be carefully planned to ensure safe movement near the site. In general, further dialogue on the area's overall traffic arrangements should be pursued with the area's planner.

Architectural plans for the renovation and new construction

Question: Will there be meeting space in the new library?

Yes, the plans for the new library include both a multi-purpose space and work spaces. They will be made available for booking via Varaamo.

Question: How will traffic be organised during construction?

The traffic arrangements of the construction site will be clarified in the spring once the developer becomes involved in the project. More information on the arrangements will be provided in the next speeches and at future events.

Question: Is there enough outdoor space for all the children on the plot?

Yes there is. Although space is limited, there is enough of it to meet requirements.

Impacts of construction

Question: Have you taken into account the possibility of vandalism at the nearby empty daycare centre?

The vacant daycare centre building in question is not part of this project. Its plot is owned by a foundation in which the City is only one of the shareholders. As far as the representatives at this meeting are aware, the building will not be renovated, but the date of demolition is not known.

Question: Previous construction sites have shown that diverting a lot of traffic to narrow streets that only have a single footpath causes problems. Could you also carry out speed measurements at the site and limit and control the speed of heavy vehicle traffic?

Thank you for the good idea. This is also important for the project, and it is good to hear about previous experiences in advance at this stage. We will take this into account when planning the construction site arrangements.

Comment: In a previous construction project, there were good online collaboration meetings, and you could learn from that for this project too.

Question: Turkismiehentie is a terminating street that continues as Turkismiehenpolku. Why can't lorries coming from Turkismiehentie circle back some other way?

One issue that will be examined during the planning phase of the construction site is whether the through passage on Turkismiehenpolku could be kept open to pedestrians and cyclists during the construction. The alternative is to close the path to pedestrians, and make it available for site traffic.

The aim is always to confine construction site activities within the plot. The developers also have to apply to the City for permission if they want to expand the construction site to areas outside the plot, such as Turkismiehenpolku, and at this stage it is uncertain whether such a permission would be granted.

Library operations

Question: Will it be possible to reserve books in the library's temporary facilities?

Yes, both the return and pick-up of reserved books will also be possible in the temporary facilities.

Daycare centre and comprehensive school: Education Division

Early Childhood Education:

Question: What will happen to the Daycare Taneli building?

The daycare centre is renting the premises, so the lease will just end when the daycare centre moves to the new building.

Usually, in such cases, the first step is to look for some other use for the premises and only then start looking for some other use for the plot.

Question: What will happen to Daycare Kolkka when Daycare Mestari's pavilion and Taneli move to the temporary/new facilities?

The project will have no impact on Daycare Kolkka and the current plan is for Kolkka to continue operating as is.

Basic education:

Comment: At school, the changes have been well received by pupils. Some have had questions such as "can I take a piece of the school as a souvenir?" The future new integrated school with a safe learning path for pupils and large, good facilities is a good thing.

Question: Is the City going to provide some kind of assistance to children going from this area to the temporary facilities over busy roads?

Yes, assistance will be provided. Firstly, the City will check that the crossings and traffic lights along the route are in good condition. Often, adults from the playground have come to accompany or meet the children partway at the start of term on their way to new temporary facilities.

It is still a good idea for children to practise the route with their own families.

We are lucky to have found suitable facilities relatively close by in the same district.

Question: Is there any outdoor space other than a paved yard at the temporary school facilities?

No other suitable building could be found in the vicinity. The yard is paved, but in many schools in the inner city, for example, it is normal for the school yard to be paved.

We will try to plan recess times at the school with the yard in mind. The cars currently parked in the yard will be removed and new equipment will be brought in.

Question: Who owns the temporary school facilities?

The speakers at the event did not have a definite answer to this, but according to public information on the internet, the property is owned by Pohjola Vakuutus Oy.

Other construction-related questions:**Question: There are fortifications on the rocks at the project site, have these been taken into account in the plans?**

Yes they have. The fortifications are protected under the Antiquities Act, and they are also drawn on the previously seen project image of the yard, so they have been taken into account in the design of the yard.

Question: Will there be rock excavation?

The aim is to preserve as much of the rock as possible. We will try to protect not only the rock but also the vegetation. A few trees have to be sacrificed to dig a hole for the new building, but at least in the past it has been customary to plant at least two new trees for every one that is felled.

Links

You can follow the progress of the construction project online on the City's project page at hel.fi/pitajanmaen-uusi-monitoimitalo

We will also be compiling all the questions and answers on the site over the winter.