

Pitäjänmäki residents' meeting on 22 April 2026 – questions and answers

The second residents' meeting on the renovation and extension project for Pitäjänmäki Comprehensive School was held on Wednesday 22 April 2026 from 17.00 to 19.00 in the canteen of Building B at 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 theme. During the event, residents had the opportunity to ask the speakers questions in front of everyone and in small groups. All of the questions asked were answered at the event.

This document contains the questions and answers discussed at the event.

Construction project and building site

Question: Have you inspected the streets surrounding the construction site, and are you aware of how narrow they are and the parking restrictions and parking situation?

These are precisely the factors we take into account when planning a construction site.

It must be possible to access the building site with heavy machinery from several directions, and we have identified the possible routes for this. Vehicles cannot drive through the site, so we will definitely have to approach the site from both directions.

Logistics for the construction site are handled by standard lorries, mainly during the day.

The site is challenging: a large building located in a densely built-up area. The streets will not be closed to traffic, but there will be occasional disruptions to some pedestrian routes.

Question: Will there be a site fence along the whole stretch of road?

Yes, the construction site will probably be marked out along the edge of the road.

Question: Will lorries and heavy machinery be turning and reversing in the narrow spaces?

At some point, there are bound to be situations where vehicles need to turn around, and at such times we will have to temporarily direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the street.

Question: On-street parking spaces in the area are in constant use. For instance, there was only one space available along Turkismiehenpolku today. How are you planning on being able to fit large machinery on the streets?

The standard road width should be sufficient for transport and logistics at the construction site. If that is not enough, we will have to take action in those areas. The possibility of a direct route via Turkismiehenpolku is also being considered at this stage.

Question: I'm concerned about the safety of schoolchildren when there are both lorries and scooters on the road. Surely you will have road signs, warning signs and speed bumps in place?

Co-ordinating traffic at the construction site with the surroundings is part of standard construction site planning, which is carried out at every construction site in the city.

When planning the logistics for the construction site, we go through the situation in the area with the City's street planning officer. Appropriate road signs will certainly be put up in the area.

The traffic lights in the area, on the other hand, are the responsibility of a different department within the City.

Question: Dust during demolition is a cause for concern.

When a building is being demolished, the demolition equipment is fitted with water jets to prevent dust from spreading beyond the demolition site.

In addition to this, the streets are washed as and when necessary.

Question: The building plans mention bedrock – will there be a lot of excavation work?

We always aim to keep excavation work to a minimum, but based on current information, there will be some excavation work. The exact locations and volumes of the rock to be excavated will only become clear once work has begun on site and the rock has been exposed.

The exposed rock formations in the middle of the buildings will remain in place in the school playground.

Question: How are the old houses from the 1920s and 1930s in the vicinity taken into account during blasting?

Excavation work in urban areas is part of normal construction and is carried out in an appropriate manner. Inspections will be carried out in the area affected by the blasting before blasting operations start, and vibration meters will be installed on the nearest buildings where necessary.

The exact locations to be excavated will only become clear once the topsoil has been removed and the bedrock is exposed.

Question: What happens to the furniture in the premises that are being demolished – will it be recycled?

Yes, everything that can be recycled will be recycled.

As regards building materials, the City's environmental consultants will survey the premises, and the intention is to reuse the bricks, at the very least. At the same time, the City is developing a recycling system for buildings due for demolition.

As far as furniture is concerned, everything will be put to good use. For example, freestanding furniture from libraries will first be recycled internally to other libraries, then within the Culture and Leisure Division, and subsequently made available for use across the entire City. In the end, the remaining items will be put up for sale to the public.

Question: Where can I find information about the construction?

You can follow the progress of the construction project throughout its duration on the City's website at: [Renovation and extension of Pitäjänmäki Comprehensive School and the local daycare centre, youth centre and library | City of Helsinki](#)

Site updates will be distributed in paper form and via a website to be set up by the contractor at a later date. The URL for the contractor's page will be published in due course on the aforementioned City website.

After the buildings have been completed

Question: Have any plans been made for pick-up and drop-off traffic after completion?

Yes, an application for a deviation from the plan designations has already been submitted.

The existing built environment dictates the constraints within which pick-up and drop-off traffic to buildings can be arranged.

Question: When the new mega-daycare centre opens, will all the others close down?

There are no plans for that.

The daycare centre to be built on this site will be the new Daycare Taneli. The other daycare centres in the area will remain as they are.

Other matters relating to Pitäjänmäki

Question: Are there any temporary premises for the adult education centre and the music school?

The City has allocated temporary premises for its own operations. We do not have any information on the premises of private service providers at this time.

Anyone can book municipal facilities, such as playgrounds, via the city's Varaamo service at varaamo.hel.fi

There are no suitable facilities for leisure operators in the temporary premises of the school and youth centre, but there certainly will be in the new school that is to be built.

Question: I'm curious about the situation regarding the daycare centre at the top of the hill – is it going to be demolished as well?

The daycare centre at the top of the hill is not run by the City, and no information about it is available at this event.

According to our information, the premises in question belong to the university. Since the property is not held by the City, the City cannot make decisions about it on its own.

Comment: It would have been nice to have the sports ground's changing rooms renovated at the same time.

The Culture and Leisure Division, which is responsible for the changing rooms at the City's sports grounds, will review the changing rooms in accordance with its own procedures. You can submit feedback to the City online at palautteet.hel.fi or have your say on developments in your local area at omastadi.hel.fi.

The construction project for the school, daycare centre, library and youth centre only covers the work to be carried out on this site.

Comment: Will young children have to walk all the way to Playground Nuoli? Could someone perhaps donate some golf carts for them?