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## 'We're going to miss the community': Elephant and Castle shopping centre closes after 55 years

Mixed feelings as icon of working-class London and Europe's first ever large indoor retail centre makes way for development



# Traders unsure of futures a week before centre's closure

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More than 40 traders face for their business' future when Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre closes next week, according to a local charity. They are due to be evicted from the centre when it will be flattened from September 24 to make space for a new development.

While the council said 45 traders had been moved to nearby premises, it has not been offered new shops owing to space restrictions.

But independent analysis from Latin Elephant, a charity which supports ethnic minorities in the area, has produced a database of 48 traders that have served the community for years - and who now have nowhere to go.

Doubts around the council's calculation have arisen over the fact that at least one trader - Sam that at least one trader - Sam

Other businesses that are closing include Jimmy's Burgers and The Castle Tandoori.

Both were offered temporary sites in a space that were just a fraction of their current premises, and would not have been viable for their businesses.

And when they close, no new business will be able to access the same footfall that allowed them to offer such affordable food.

Santiago Peluffo, co-director of Latin Elephant, said: "All the traders received an initial payment of £3,000 but this is pocket money."



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# Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre Was a Vital London Food Hub. Then, Developers Shut It Down

Developer Delancey and the Labour-led Southwark Council will displace traders serving the area's Latinx community, despite the efforts of advocacy group Latin Elephant