





# STREATHAM HUB DEVELOPMENT Newsletter

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# **Progress on Site**

Demolition works have now been fully completed following the commissioning of a new electricity substation. This allows new construction to be underway in all areas of the project.

The elevated slab forming the new TfL Bus Stand has been concreted, and the construction of the entrance for buses onto Streatham High Road is underway. We are working with TfL to ensure buses continue to operate smoothly, as these works have unfortunately required some unavoidable but temporary changes to bus stops and a lamp post to be relocated. Later this year, changes will be undertaken to widen Streatham High Road, which will introduce an additional lane northbound, together with a right-turn lane into the bus hub and the car park for the Leisure Centre & Retail Store for those travelling from the north.

A major Thames Water sewer crossing the site is being re-aligned as part of this project, and construction of the new sewer has commenced. Piling for the retail store and residential blocks is also underway. Construction for the Energy Centre for the development has also started behind the TfL Bus Stand.

The construction of the Leisure Centre has continued with the excavation to form what will be the new Swimming Pool and Sports Hall. The first sections of these slabs have now been cast.

### **Tower Cranes**

The first tower crane has now been erected and is operating successfully. The second tower crane will be erected at the end of June, which is slightly earlier than suggested in our last newsletter. This second crane will be located in the area of the Retail Store and remain for a year.

As we noted previously, both tower cranes have been selected and positioned so that they will not oversail adjacent properties, including the United Reform Church and Nursery, and homes in Ellora Road and Natal Road. They will also include restrictions to prevent any lifting to be undertaken from or loads carried over the public roads and adjacent pavements around the project.



## **Neighbourhood Issues**



As a result of the heavy rain we experienced during May following a dry winter, we have reviewed the facilities for the vehicles entering and leaving the project from Streatham High Road. The enhanced arrangements include extended hardstandings and wheel washing facilities at all of our gates. We have also stipulated that all vehicles leaving the site are banned from turning right across the road.

You may have noticed that we have recently introduced CCTV cameras on the project to enhance our security. A few local residents have raised understandable concerns over the potential intrusion into their properties. We can confirm that most of the cameras are fixed to cover particular areas, but all have been mapped and limited electronically to prevent any images being taken of adjacent residential areas. This will respect the privacy of the homes and gardens of local residents. We are happy to demonstrate this to anyone who remains concerned.

### **Local Employment and Training**

We have been working with Lambeth's Employment & Enterprise Dept. since the project commenced to promote local employment whenever possible. As a result, any requests for employment we receive from local residents are passed on to Lambeth, who liaise with local agencies, including Streatham Job Centre Plus, and our subcontractors. Any vacancies on the project are thus promoted for local residents.

An important part of this is promoting youth employment. We took part in an Apprenticeships Day held at the Job Centre Plus at the end of May, where a few employers made presentations about their organisation and what they are looking for. Information and tips on the application process were also provided.

We are also arranging for a Budding Brunels scheme to be undertaken on the project later this month. This is a scheme developed by the Construction Youth Trust to give 16-17 year olds experience in the construction industry. Our scheme will be carried out in conjunction with Lambeth Council and Lambeth College, with attendees coming from local schools and colleges.

# **Queries, Concerns or Suggestions**

We recognise that construction works are unsettling to the general public, and we would repeat our assurance that we will take every opportunity to minimise any disruption or nuisance. If you have any queries or concerns about our works at any time, Peter Muncaster, our Stakeholder Manager, or I can be contacted on the telephone numbers below.

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### **Project Details**

The exciting new Streatham Hub development includes a new leisure centre for the residents of London Borough of Lambeth, featuring a 25m, 6-lane swimming pool and 13m learner pool, 4-court sports hall, full size ice rink and a health and fitness suite. The remainder of the development comprises a retail store, new TfL Bus Stand adjacent to Streatham Railway Station and a mix of private, shared ownership and affordable residential accommodation, all served by an underground car park. Public spaces will be incorporated around the Streatham United Reform Church.

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