

E16 NEWS



Welcome to the latest edition of E16 News.

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year.

You may have read the recent story in the Newham Recorder about one of our approved developers pulling out (more on this on page 2). Please be reassured that this will in no way slow down progress on the regeneration of the area. In fact an enormous amount has happened in recent months including:

Demolition of the final buildings in Area 3 (around Fife Road) will start imminently.

London & Quadrant are close to receiving approval to start work on the Butcher's Road site which will result in over 100 new homes. They will soon be completing work on six other local sites providing almost 150 new homes.

The temporary building, known as The Place, is now on site opposite Canning Town Station. From May the regeneration team, the Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhood Team and Workplace will be based here. The building has been funded by our partner the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

The selection process for a developer to take forward the site opposite Canning Town Station has started.

The proposals to refresh the masterplan for the regeneration area are now being developed into a formal plan for the area.

You will be hearing further from us on these issues in the coming months.

So a busy but exciting year ahead.

Helen Fisher
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Developer pulls out – the real story



A lead story in the Newham Recorder on 9 January 'Regeneration is dealt a blow', suggested that the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project faced difficulty following the exit of one of their approved developers, Lend Lease. Here Councillor Conor McAuley, executive adviser on regeneration sets the record straight.

In October 2005 the Council identified a panel of three developer consortia following a detailed procurement process. As members of the panel the three consortia, Lend Lease, Countryside Properties and Ecentral Consortium, could then bid to develop each of the seven sites within the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration area. At the time of withdrawing from the panel Lend Lease had not been allocated a development site. Of the consortia on the Panel only Countryside

Properties has signed a Development Agreement. This was for Area 3 which is located around Fife Road and includes 588 new homes and new buildings for Keir Hardie School.

We have already started the procurement process to select a replacement developer for the Panel. This process will be completed in June by which time we will be ready to allocate the next site.

The withdrawal of Lend Lease at this early stage will not have a detrimental effect on the regeneration project and we are confident that we will quickly fill the gap. The Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project is one of the largest schemes of its kind in the UK and is at an exciting stage with agreements in place, major demolition undertaken and extensive property refurbishments underway. We welcome the opportunity to bring in new developers and expect a high level of interest. We are grateful to Lend Lease for their efforts and wish them well in their involvement with the Olympic Village.

Public consultation begins on Area 3 revamp



largest providers of affordable homes in the country, is working with the partners to deliver the affordable housing element of this scheme.

As part of a commitment to engage with local residents, public consultation for Area 3 will begin in the next few weeks. A drop-in session will take place in March providing an opportunity for local residents and members of the public to come and view these exciting plans and put forward their comments and questions to the project team.

The date and the location for this event will be advertised to local residents affected by the Area 3 proposals.

We are looking forward to meeting with local residents and discussing their views on these important regeneration proposals for Area 3.

In the last issue of E16 News we reported that Area 3 of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project had been given the green light with the signing of the Development Agreement between Newham Council, Countryside Properties and William Sutton Housing Association.

The proposals for Area 3 centre around the Fife Road area and will see 588 new homes being built and the redevelopment of Keir Hardie Primary School. Countryside Properties are partnering with Newham Council to deliver the development which will be designed to revitalise the area. William Sutton Housing Association, part of the Affinity Sutton Group, one of the

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Inspiring images

In 2007, Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project funded a photography scheme involving young people living in the regeneration area.



The South Canning Town Detached Youth Project, with local photographer Rhoda Webb, organised a series of workshops, which gave the young participants the technical know-how and an insight into the processes involved in photo composition and camera use. With the help of the University of East London, who generously offered the project the use of their darkroom facilities, each of the participants were encouraged to explore and describe their interests, hopes and aspirations through the images that they produced.

The images that were produced were brilliant, ranging from pictures of the Old Abbey Mills Pumping Station in Stratford, the Excel building and West Ham United Football Ground, to interests such as dancing, all things Egyptian and their mum. The quality of the images were immediately recognised by various venues in the area expressing a wish to exhibit them.

Perhaps the most exciting piece of news for the young people involved was an invitation by West Ham United's Chief Executive, Scott Duxbury, to meet him and tour the ground. Mr Duxbury also took the time to present each of the young people with copies of their own images.

The project culminated in the images being transcribed onto a portion of the hoarding around the development site opposite Canning Town Station so that everyone passing can see what they've achieved. The photos will also be exhibited at the THE hub on Star Lane from May/June this year.



Improving housing management services



Ajitha Sajeev

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the Newham Homes Neighbourhood Services Team. My name is Ajitha Sajeev and I am the new Head of Neighbourhood Services for the Canning Town and Custom House area, following a major reorganisation within Community Housing in November 2007. The six original Community Housing areas have now changed to three and the Canning Town North and Canning Town South offices have merged to become the 'Canning Town and Custom House' area.

I have taken over from my predecessor Kieran McCloskey, who is now based at Newham Homes Head Office as our Members Enquiry and Complaints Manager. Prior to my move here, I was managing the

Manor Park, Forest Gate, Little Ilford and Aldersbrook area for three years and the East Ham and Docklands area for five years.

"My team's priorities for 2008 are to raise customer satisfaction, reduce anti social behaviour and to achieve and maintain cleaner estates."

The Neighbourhood Services Managers have spent the last two months meeting their Tenants' & Residents' Association (TRA) representatives and familiarising themselves with their new patches. They will attend all TRA meetings and will also be looking to set up new TRAs with the help of local residents and the Resident Empowerment and Consultation Officers. I will also attend TRA meetings as and when necessary. You are all, of course, welcome to attend the Area Tenant Liaison Committee (ATLC) which occurs once every two months. If you are interested in attending please contact your respective TRA for future meeting dates or contact this office.

The biggest challenge for me is to identify problems specific to each area whilst making sure that an excellent standard of service is maintained throughout. This is taking

into account the £3bn Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, the Tenant Management Organisations and Pinnacle managed PFI properties in the area. I am working in close partnership with the regeneration team in assisting with housing management and anti social behaviour issues. You may also be aware that the caretaking service currently based and managed by Public Realm will transfer to Newham Homes on 1 April 2008. I believe that this is a positive step forward and a real opportunity to work closely with the caretaking service.

My team's priorities for 2008 are to raise customer satisfaction, reduce anti social behaviour (ASB) in partnership the ASB team and Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team and to achieve and maintain cleaner estates with the Estate Services Team. We look forward to working in partnership with you in 2008.

MEET THE TEAM

Ajitha Sajeev – Head of Neighbourhood Services, Canning Town & Custom House

Nurun Nehar – Senior Neighbourhood Services Manager

Obie Ebanks, Grace Easmon, Lawrence Oke, and Cynthia Onyechi – Neighbourhood Services Managers (NSM)

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APOLOGY !!! LETTER REGARDING DECENT HOMES

Newham Homes Property Services Department would like to apologise to all residents in the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration area who received letters arranging appointments to carry out surveys for decent homes works. These letters were sent out in error, and every resident who was sent this letter was later sent a letter of apology.

Newham Homes will not be carrying out any Decent Homes works to the properties due to be demolished in the regeneration area and is not responsible for any major works such as the refurbishment of Ferrier Point soon to get underway in the regeneration area. The error was an administrative one and steps have been taken to ensure that this does not happen again.

Don't be a sucker

Satellite navigation systems are becoming more and more popular with motorists, particularly as the cost of buying one continues to fall. Unfortunately this has also meant an increase in the number of thefts from cars as many people forget to take them with them when they leave the car and often hide them in the glove box or under the driver's seat.

Simply removing your Sat Nav is often not enough as the systems leave sucker marks on the windscreen, offering a passing thief a tip that a Sat Nav may be hidden inside the car.

With this in mind, the Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhood Team, in partnership with the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project have designed a duster with some important crime prevention advice printed on it. This duster should be used to wipe away the sucker mark but then the duster itself should not be left on display as this will also be a visible sign that its owner has a Sat Nav.

These dusters have already been used in other parts of the country and have proved to be a success with a marked decrease in motor vehicle crime. It is anticipated that if enough drivers use these dusters in the E16 area then this will help towards a decrease in the vehicle crime rate here too.

If you would like a Sat Nav duster please contact Sarah Braithwaite at the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project on 020 8430 4546 or email: sarah.braithwaite@newham.gov.uk



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Wednesday and Thursday
10.30am to 12.30pm
Keir Hardie Park,
Tarling Road E16

If you are aged between 8 and 16 just turn up.

For more information
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Forging new ties

Last year Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project funded a project to get young people involved in helping make improvements to the gates at Fords Park on Fords Park Road.

invited young people to have a go at working the metal into a form resembling a decorative flower, with the help of the experts. Each young person created one flower and a total of 33 were produced in the end.

The idea was to incorporate designs onto the existing fencing. As well as introducing young people to new skills, the project aimed to develop a sense of ownership over the park with the young people who use it.



The flowers were then mounted on frames and were attached to the park gates in December last year. Adding a bit of colour to the area, these designs are just the start to the improvements to Fords Park that are planned over the coming months.

Workshops were run over a two month period where experienced metalwork artists worked with young people to establish ideas for the designs and then for them to construct their creations. It was decided that the existing fences would be adorned with decorative flowers made of iron.

At certain times over the two month period, the metalworkers set up a mobile forge (where the metals are heated) on Fords Park Road and



Keir Hardie celebrates Ofsted success

Hard work by staff, pupils and parents has resulted in Keir Hardie Primary School turning around their performance and coming out of special measures in little over a year.

The Canning Town school was described as 'satisfactory' with many good and outstanding features by Ofsted. The inspectors recognised the significant improvements made since their last visit. In particular, pupils were complemented on their behaviour, politeness and positive attitude to learning.

The foundation stage was recognised for the progression made in teaching, learning and curriculum. Staff were praised for understanding the needs of children and adapting the curriculum for their individual needs.

In the Ofsted report, the inspector commented: "Such is the progress the school has made it is difficult to believe that just over twelve months ago its overall effectiveness was judged as inadequate. Standards are rising more quickly than in the past and the rate of progress is accelerating."

Standards of teaching were recognised as good and outstanding and the inspectors were keen to see how this would impact on pupil learning over time.

Headteacher Marion Rosen was commended for her management and leadership. She said: "I am proud to be part of a dedicated hardworking team at Keir Hardie

and pleased that the achievements of everyone including the children has been reflected in this report.



Celebrating success. Pupils from Keir Hardie were congratulated by Sir Robin Wales (back centre). Also pictured are head teacher Marion Rosen (second from the right), chair of governors Milly Camley (left) and governor Helen Fisher (right).

However, we are not complacent and recognise that while this is a positive step forward there is still much to be done. We are totally committed to further improvements."

Mayor of Newham Sir Robin Wales said: "Congratulations to staff, pupils and parents on such a remarkable achievement. The school has come out of special measures with a glowing report that is a credit to everyone that has been involved in the improvements; it is clear that turning the tide has been a joint effort.

"Keir Hardie Primary, and indeed every school in our borough, has the foundations in place to provide an educational experience that is more than just average. With enthusiasm from children, dedication from staff and support from parents everyone can be part of something outstanding."

Hallsville Primary is outstanding



Hallsville Primary, one of our local schools, ended last year on a high after being graded as outstanding in all categories in its recent Ofsted inspection.

The report acknowledged that 'both pupils and staff thrive at Hallsville. Pupils of different cultures and races get along very well together in this very inclusive school and are mutually supportive.'

Inspectors commented that a real strength in the teaching was the 'high quality of questioning that probes pupils' understanding and challenges their thinking.' They also noticed that 'teaching is frequently imaginative, for example, teachers sometimes dress up in role to reflect the content of the book they are sharing with pupils.' One pupil remarked: "Our teacher makes it fun but we are still learning".

Staff are seen to be 'highly committed to the children and the families they serve. Staff's dedication is shown by year-on-year improvements in attainment and in pupils' outstanding achievement in reaching above average standards by the end of Year 6.'

We would like to congratulate all the staff, children and parents for this fantastic achievement.

Container of fun



If you live close to Fords Park you may soon notice the arrival of a shipping container close to the multi use games area.

This isn't any old container but one filled with a whole range of sporting equipment that will be available to use free of charge to young people using the park. Anything from rollerblades to skipping ropes, badminton rackets to football and cricket equipment will be on offer. Staff will be on hand to give out the equipment outside of school hours – so evenings, weekends and across the school holidays there will be no excuse not to get out into the park and have some fun.

Although the equipment will be used by local youth workers to run formal sessions some of the time, the main idea behind this project is to encourage young people and families to make the most of the park. The container will be placed beside the games area to encourage people to make more use of this facility too. The games area is also being refurbished with a new surface and floodlighting.

Local children, with the help of a group of volunteers from nearby businesses will decorate the container when it arrives.

The scheme, known as Hearts, has been set up by London Borough of Newham, East London Business Alliance and London Youth. Funding has been provided by the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, National Sports Foundation, Jack Petchey Foundation and the Mann Group.

Come along to the official launch on Friday 22 February 11.00am to 2.30pm and take part in a whole range of sports activities.

For further information contact:
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NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP MEETINGS

Freemasons Road Meeting
Tuesday 12 February 2008, 6.30pm
Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Offices,
20 Freemasons Road.

Launch of shipping container at Fords Park

Friday 22 February 11.00am to 2.30pm
By the games area in Fords Park,
Fords Park Road E16

Come along and take part in a whole range of sporting activities. Lots of food and entertainment too!

The shipping container will hold a range of sports equipment for use by local residents. Come along and see what it's all about.

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