

E16 NEWS



Welcome to the June E16 News.

Lots has happened in the past weeks: the Mayor and his Cabinet gave the go-ahead to sign the agreement with Countryside Properties, the developers for the Fife Road site; the refurbishment of Ferrier Point has been given planning approval; the demolition of the empty blocks in Silvertown Way has started; and London & Quadrant has begun building on six sites at the Butchers Road garages, Fords Park Road, Tarling Road, Vandome Close, Crediton Road and Rogers Road/Ruscoe Road.

We've asked the contractors to keep disruptions to a minimum but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any problems.

Consultations will begin on a refresh to the masterplan in July in different ways such as exhibitions and roadshows, which will give us an updated vision of how the regeneration area will look. We will also be seeking views on proposals for a new Rathbone Market. More information will be in the next E16 News.

We are keen to make sure young people's voices are heard. We held a walkabout with students from Royal Docks School, giving them the chance to tell us what they like and dislike about the area. Children and young people have also been involved in the plans for Keir Hardie Park, Fords Park and Ashburton Woodland.

As schools break up next month, why not start the holiday by coming to our summer fun day at Keir Hardie Park on Saturday 21 July? More details inside.

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Work starts on new homes

London & Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q) has started building work on

six out of eight sites across the regeneration area: Vandome Close, Fords Park Road, Butchers Road garages, 15-53 Tarling Road, Crediton Road and Rogers Road/Ruscoe Road. The work is due to be completed by July 2008.

The developments aim to create a range of new and modern homes for local people.



These six sites will provide a total of 147 new properties, ranging from one bedroom flats to five bedroom houses. It will include a mixture of private, shared ownership and social rented homes. In total, L&Q will build around 290 new homes on eight sites.

To view designs, come to the drop in sessions at the Regeneration Office at 20 Freemasons Road on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm.

Higgins Construction has been contracted to undertake the building work. The company is committed to minimising disruption on the site and in the surrounding area.

Anyone who experiences problems relating to the work can contact Helen Woolard on 020 8430 4564 or Sarah Braithwaite on 020 8430 4546 who will pass on any concerns to L&Q and Higgins.

A third of the new homes on the first six sites will be social rented properties. Tenants can register their interest in any of the homes with Cecile Duerinx on 020 8430 4605. Anyone who is interested in buying or part buying a home can contact Tower Homes on 020 8850 9686 or visit their website: www.towerhomes.org.uk



PFI scheme wins national excellence award



Regenter London City East Partnership (LCEP), in partnership with Newham Council, has won top honours for Best Local Government Operational Project at the Public Private Finance Awards 2007.

The prestigious award was achieved for the Canning Town PFI scheme, which involves refurbishing and maintaining 1,000 local authority and 200 leaseholder homes to the Decent Homes Standard and beyond.

The award was presented at a gala dinner held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

Equipe is carrying out the initial refurbishment and is also responsible for maintenance. Pinnacle psg is responsible for housing management, estate services and customer services for the 30 year contract.

School walkathon raises funds

St Joachim's School in Shipman Road took part in last month's Walk to School Week.

The school was one of 42 in Newham that used the week to look at alternative ways to get to and from school and find out how to reduce pollution by walking, cycling or using public transport.

The schoolchildren, staff and parents took part in a sponsored walkathon at Cundy Park in Prince Regent Lane/Victoria Dock Road.

Healthy Schools manager, Claire Stewart said: "Walking helps to reduce pollution and keeps you healthy. The theme for Walk to School Week is 'Going Green'. This is closely linked with Arts Week where the children will be learning about the natural world.

"The school is raising money for St Anne's Catholic Church in Berwick Road. We have raised over £500 and the money is still coming in."



The Summer holiday starts here



Free fun activities for all ages

Saturday 21 July, 12 noon till 6pm
Keir Hardie Park

- Get a team together for a human table football match
- Experience countryside life with a horse and cart ride
- Test your head for heights on the climbing wall
- Get active with a 3km walk and get a health MOT
- Relax with an Indian head massage



Plus

- Football tournament
- Taster sports sessions
- Bouncy castle, face painting and craft workshop
- Henna tattoos, body and nail art

Keir Hardie Park is by Appleby Road, Radland Road and Tarling Road

Organised by Newham Council's Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, in partnership with Regenter-LCEP, Early Start, Reed in Partnership and Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team

Demolition starts in Silvertown Way

Demolition of the empty block in 4-64 Silvertown Way will start in the next few weeks. The work is expected to take about 12 weeks.

Hoarding has been erected around the site which will help to make the site safe and secure. There will still be pedestrian access to and from Silvertown Way. Please be careful when crossing the area.



KCP Demolition is the company contracted to demolish the block. They will take measures to minimise disruptions such as noise and dust while carrying out the work.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Sarah Braithwaite on 020 8430 4546.

If you see any anti-social behaviour in the area, you can report it to the 24-hour hotline on 0800 7313 3300. In an emergency, dial 999.

Have your say on the way services are provided

If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about crime and anti-social behaviour, street cleansing or the environment, then come to your **neighbourhood group**. You can also find out about community projects that are happening in your area.

Keir Hardie Park
Tuesday July 3, 6.30pm
Hallsville Primary School, Radland Road

Fife Road
Tuesday July 10, 6.30pm
Keir Hardie Church, Fife Road

Canning Town Centre
Tuesday July 17, 6.30pm
River Christian Centre, Vincent Street

Freemasons Road
Tuesday July 24, 6.30pm
Regeneration Project office, 20 Freemasons Road

For more information, contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450 or email: sam.clark@newham.gov.uk. You can also speak to Sam if you need transport or childcare arrangements.

Schools get new heads

Two new head teachers have joined schools in Canning Town and Custom House.

James Allen took up his position at St Joachim's School in Shipman Road. James said: "It is fantastic to have been appointed as headteacher of St Joachim's.

"I believe I am beginning my appointment at a time when there are some very exciting developments and opportunities ahead for the borough and for Custom House. I am looking forward to leading the school towards an exciting and prosperous future."

Marion Rosen joined Keir Hardie Primary School in April. She was previously head teacher of Star Primary School in Star Lane.

A new look for Keir Hardie Park

A masterplan for Keir Hardie Park has been produced, following consultations with residents and young people in the area.

The proposals include a new multi-use games area especially designed for children and young people to play sports such as basketball and football, better play area for toddlers and young children, exercise track, avenue of trees, improved routes, safer and bigger entrances, fence and park building improvements and new plants.



The first phase of the improvements will include the installation of the multi-use games area.

Further details will be available at the Canning Town and Custom House summer fun day on Saturday July 21.

Copies of the proposals are available to view at the regeneration drop in sessions, which are held every Thursday from 10am to 4pm at 20 Freemasons Road.

For more information, contact Richard Sharp on 8430 3261 or Newham's parks service on 8430 2000.

Fun at the Cundy

Cundy Community Centre runs a number of regular activities for older people including bingo, which takes place every Monday at 12.30pm to 4pm and line dancing lessons from 7.30pm.

There are also special outings, dinners and themed events. The next event will be a day trip to Southend on Sunday August 5.



The Cundy Community Centre is located at Hartington Road, Custom House.

For more information contact Carol Weedon on 020 7474 6056 or 020 7474 8859.

Did you know that the dog population in the United Kingdom produces about 100 tonnes of faeces every day?



Dog fouling is a serious public nuisance and a potential threat to health. It is a concern that is often raised at neighbourhood group meetings.

Toxocara is a roundworm that lives in dog faeces. Infection from this can lead to people contracting the disease toxocariasis, which can lead to serious eye infections. Other symptoms include nausea and dizziness. More than 16,000 people are infected every year.

The disease can be caught by contact with dog faeces or contaminated soil. Objects such as children's toys and the soles of shoes can carry the parasite inside the house. It particularly affects

children between the ages of 18 months and five years.

The eggs of this parasite are only infectious after two to three weeks by which time you may not be able to see the faeces after it has been mixed with soil.

The best way to minimise the risk of infection is by clearing up after your dog.

- If you have a garden, encourage the dog to go there. You can then bury the mess or clean it up and bin it.
- If you walk your dog, always carry a plastic bag or you can buy poop scoops from a pet shop. Keep a bag or poop scoop next to the dog lead as a reminder.
- Every time your dog fouls, bag it and bin it. There are dog litter

bins in the parks or you can take the poop scoop home and dispose of it there. Remember that rain does not wash the problem away.

- Never let your dog out alone to go to the loo.

It is every dog owner's duty to clean up after their dog.

Pet owners who let their dog foul on public land risk a fixed penalty charge of £25. The offence carries a penalty of a fine up to £1,000 if prosecuted through the court.

If you know someone is letting their dog foul your street, park or other public place, you can report it to Newham Council on 020 8430 2000.

Woodland Green Fun Day a big success



More than 50 children won plants as prizes.

There was also a bouncy castle and a face painter at Rosetta Primary School.

Extensive improvements have been made to Ashburton Woodland by Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project, in partnership with the council's parks service, Pinnacle psg and Groundwork East London.



More than 160 people of all ages went to the Ashburton Woodland Green Fun Day, despite the unpredictable weather.

Visitors to the woodland on Freemasons Road listened to a talk by wildlife experts from Groundwork East London about what is growing in the woods, explored the woodland and helped to clear the area.

Anyone who was unable to attend the event and would like to make suggestions for the woodland can contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450 or email: sam.clark@newham.gov.uk

Young people go walkabout

Students from Royal Docks Community School took part in a walkabout of the regeneration area, accompanied by their teachers, representatives from the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project and the council's public realm team to find out what they wanted to see in the area and to identify issues that they are concerned about.

The issues they raised will be followed up by the Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams and the council and there will be a meeting with the young people to feed back what actions have been taken.

Councillor Conor McAuley, chair of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project Board and a governor at the school, said: "This is the first walkabout that we have organised involving children and young people. We will be having more similar activities including consultations on parks and open spaces."

After the walkabout, the young people gave their comments, which included:



"I was quite disgusted to see how some people treat the community that they live in, with graffiti on walls and rubbish dumped on the streets."

"It was good to see how the area is developing and to be able to have a say in what happens."

"I like to know what is happening in my area and it is important for young people to be involved in planning the parks. I am looking forward to that."



what's on

Pinnacle estate walkabouts and inspections

Every Friday, 2pm – Nelson Street Studios, Nelson Street

Free careers and training advice

Every Thursday, 2pm to 4pm

Early Start

5-9 Freemasons Road
June 21

Regeneration Project office

20 Freemasons Road
June 28

No appointment necessary
Contact Elite on
020 7055 3570

Walking groups

Keir Hardie walking group
Every Wednesday, 1pm
Keir Hardie Methodist Church
Fife Road

Custom House walking group
Every Friday, 10.30am
Ascension Church,
Baxter Road

Contact Bob Bicheno
07950 186137

Keep Fit for Over 40s

Every Saturday,
9.30am to 10.30am
Keir Hardie Methodist
Church, Fife Road

Contact Alan Partridge
on 020 8472 2805

Area Tenant Liaison Committee

Thursday July 5
6.30pm to 9pm
Cundy Centre
Hartington Road

Free Canning Town and Custom House summer fun day

Human table football, horse and cart ride and more

Saturday 21 July,
12 noon to 6pm
Keir Hardie Park

See inside for more details

Activities for older people

Every Monday

Bingo at 12.30pm to 4pm

Line dancing lessons
from 7.30pm

Cundy Community Centre
Hartington Road

Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration drop-in sessions

Every Thursday, 10am-4pm
Canning Town and Custom House
Regeneration Project, 20 Freemasons Road

FREE LEGAL ADVICE ON EMPLOYMENT AND CONSUMER ISSUES

Every Wednesday, 6.30pm to 8pm
Community Links, 105 Barking Road

Free football coaching

If you're aged eight to 18, simply turn up and join in. Sessions are from 5pm to 7pm.

Every Wednesday
Canning Town Rec. Ground, Freemasons Road

Every Thursday
Scud Park ball cage, Tant Avenue

Every Friday
Fords Park ball cage, Fords Park Road

Contact Sham on 020 8556 5973.

Free dance classes for the over 60s

Every Wednesday
11.30am to 12.30pm

Keir Hardie Methodist
Church, Fife Road



Neighbourhood Group meetings

Keir Hardie Park
Tuesday July 3, 6.30pm
Hallsville Primary School,
Radland Road

Fife Road
Tuesday July 10, 6.30pm
Keir Hardie Church,
Fife Road

Canning Town Centre
Tuesday July 17, 6.30pm
River Christian Centre,
Vincent Street

Freemasons Road
Tuesday July 24, 6.30pm
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office,
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Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm



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