

# STREATHAM HUB DEVELOPMENT Newsletter

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## Public Meeting

A Public Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012** where a presentation will be made to introduce and describe the detail and timetable for the development. There will then be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel, comprising representatives from London Borough of Lambeth, Tesco Stores Ltd and VINCI Construction UK Ltd.

The meeting will be held at The Hideaway, 2 Empire Mews, Stanthorpe Road, Streatham SW16 2ED. Doors open at 6.00pm for informal discussions with a presentation taking place at 7.00pm. This is your chance to find out about the project, and we would welcome all those who wish to attend.

## Progress on Site

The closure of the Streatham Ice Rink and the relocation of London Buses' operations, which were successfully transferred to the new Temporary Bus Hub alongside the United Reform Church in early-January, has allowed the final phases of demolition works to progress. The clearance of the existing buildings on site is now nearing completion and will be finished by the end of next month. The demolition of the old Go Kart building will be completed in a couple of weeks, with the Ice Rink and a few ancillary buildings following. We apologise to those of you who have been inconvenienced by the noise, vibration and dust as a result of these works. Unfortunately they were necessary to ensure the new development could be built and we thank you for your patience and understanding. The construction phase will be considerably less disruptive.

Construction of the bored piles for the foundations to the new buildings has commenced at the north end of the site adjacent to the railway. Two piling rigs have been working continually in this area since Christmas, and have completed the piles to the Permanent Bus Hub and Energy Centre. These rigs will now be relocated to the south end of the site to start constructing the piled foundations to the new Leisure Centre, before returning to the area of the old Ice Rink in a couple of months to construct the piles to the retail store and residential buildings.

Our groundworks subcontractor, Mitchellsons, has started to construct the substructure of the new Permanent Bus Hub, and they will continue to follow the sequence of the piling rigs, constructing the pilecaps and groundbeams over the bored piles.

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## Temporary Ice Rink

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The new temporary Ice Rink in Pope's Road, Brixton had just opened when we issued our last newsletter before Christmas, and we are pleased to see that it has been welcomed by those who have visited. VINCI Construction UK have no involvement in the facility, but it is good to know that ice skating has a safe and comfortable home until the new Streatham Leisure Centre opens in November 2013. Details can be found at [www.brixtonicerink.co.uk](http://www.brixtonicerink.co.uk).

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## 1926 Time Capsule Discovered below Streatham Baths

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While demolishing the old Streatham Swimming Baths, we were surprised to discover an unexpected time capsule that had lain below the foundation stone for 86 years. The time capsule was handed over to Lambeth's Archives for inspection and opened for the first time by Cllr Florence Nosegbe, Cllr Nigel Haselden and Local Studies Librarian Fiona Price.

Among the artefacts found inside were copies of contemporary local newspapers, the Streatham Times and Wandsworth Borough News. The capsule also contained detailed council papers documenting the minutes of meetings to decide upon the building of the Baths. The contents will now be stored at the Lambeth Archives.



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## Art Deco Panels to Streatham Ice Rink Safeguarded

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Less unexpected than the time capsule described above are the art deco flower panels which graced the façade of the Ice Rink. A number of local residents expressed concern that these would be lost to the neighbourhood, and so they were carefully removed before the demolition reached the front of the building.

One of these panels has been passed to the Streatham Society for safekeeping, while the remainder are being stored while it is decided how to include them in the new development.

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## Queries, Concerns or Suggestions

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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

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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 Bus Interchange 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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