

STREATHAM HUB DEVELOPMENT Newsletter

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Project Progress

We have continued to achieve good progress on the project, despite the unseasonable and unpredictable weather which has occurred while it is still coming out of the ground. Excavation is now virtually complete, and we are proud that we have directed 97% of the spoil away from landfill sites. Similarly, the demolition materials have largely been recycled and re-used on the project.

The next key project milestone coming shortly is the completion of the construction of the permanent TfL bus stand, which will be handed over on programme.

In the leisure centre, the slabs to the swimming pool and sports hall are being constructed and the perimeter walls and columns above are also underway, so all of us can begin to see the layout of the new building.

After a period where most of the works have been hidden from view, passers-by will shortly be able to see the erection of the structural steel frame to the retail store. This will continue for about two months, after which the residential blocks above will commence.

The transfer of TfL bus operations will allow us to bring the temporary stand back into the construction site. The foundations to the old bus garage in this area will be removed, and the piling and foundations for the new link building will then be constructed. At the same time, we will be able to complete the remedial and additional renovation works to Streatham United Reform Church, after the removal of the old Sunday school earlier this year.



TfL Bus Stand



The first section of the project to be handed over will occur in mid-August with the completion of the new TfL bus stand adjacent to the railway. TfL London Buses will relocate their operations from the temporary facility we have provided alongside the United Reform Church to the new stand. The new area includes a purpose-designed welfare facility for the staff and drivers, and 8 bus stands.

Initially TfL intend to use the new facility for parking of buses between journeys as with the old stand but when fully operational, passengers will be able to get on and alight from buses here.



Behind the Scenes

Although it is easy to concentrate on what can be seen happening on the site, this is the result of much effort behind the scenes preparing the designs. Although much of this is well advanced, VINCI and Spenhill are continuing to work closely with Lambeth and Greenwich Leisure fine tuning the design of the leisure centre.

Neighbourhood Issues



The second tower crane on the project will be erected in mid-August. This will be located in the centre of the area north of the United Reform Church and will remain in place for nearly a year. As with the tower crane to the leisure centre, the second crane will not oversail adjacent properties and will not lift any loads over public areas.

For those readers who are technically minded, the second tower crane will have a 'saddle-jib' (as the picture on the left), unlike the 'luffing jib' on the first tower crane. This means that the jib will remain horizontal and will not elevate.

The school holidays are just about to start and so it is worth remembering that children see construction sites such as Streatham Hub as exciting activity playgrounds. We make great efforts to make our hoardings as robust as we can, and we have permanent out of hours security. However, we would encourage all parents to ensure that their children are aware of the risks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you see anyone on this site outside normal working hours.

We would remind readers that we have two community notice boards on our site hoardings, which are available to advertise neighbourhood events. We have displayed posters for a number of events so far this year.



Local Employment and Training

As part of our initiative working with Lambeth to promote youth employment, we held a 'Budding Brunels' scheme in June. This was a scheme developed by the Construction Youth Trust to give 16-17 year olds experience in the construction industry. Our 3-day scheme was attended by nearly 30 local young people and included presentations from our site staff about the industry and their experience, and also a visit to the site. Subsequently, five of those attending have been selected for a week-long work experience this summer.

We are proposing to hold a further scheme in conjunction with the Prince's Trust later this year.



Following our participation at the Apprenticeship Open Day arranged by Lambeth and Streatham Job Centre Plus, we have arranged for one of those who attended to receive a two-month work experience programme with one of our plumbing subcontractors. Another of those who attended has an interview for an apprenticeship.

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 created around the Streatham United Reform Church.

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