

STREATHAM HUB DEVELOPMENT Newsletter

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First Milestone Achieved Ahead of Programme

The Streatham Hub project achieved its first major milestone in mid-August by handing over the new bus facility. Completed a week ahead of schedule, the bus stand and welfare centre is now under the ownership of Transport for London (TfL).

TfL commended the team for delivering a week ahead of schedule, particularly at a time when there is a blanket embargo on handovers due to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Gary Cinamon, Project Manager for the store and residential works, thanked everyone responsible: *"It is tremendous credit to the skill and professionalism of my team that we handed over this key phase of the project on time. I am confident we will continue this good work throughout the rest of the project."*



Streatham High Road



Works will commence on Streatham High Road at the beginning of October to introduce a new central reservation and other safety enhancements, as well as creating the new road junction providing access into the car park for the leisure centre and retail store. The carriageway will be widened and alterations made to the bus lanes and stops.

The method for undertaking the works have been developed and agreed in conjunction with TfL. The works will be phased and the hours of work limited in order to minimise the impact on traffic flow on this busy main road. As a result, they are scheduled to be completed in May 2013.

We apologise in advance for any congestion that may occur whilst making these improvements.

Progress with the Ice Rink

The superstructure to the new leisure centre has started to rise above the hoardings alongside Natal Road and become visible to passers-by. The lower slabs forming the swimming pool and learner pool, sports hall and health and fitness suite have been constructed together with the various ancillary areas such as changing rooms.

The construction of the first floor slab forming the ice rink has now commenced. This is carried out by working off an 8 metre high temporary framework shown here. The first areas of this slab have been concreted and this will continue over the next couple of months. The floor slab has a complex design and is being constructed to a high specification to make sure that a perfectly flat surface of ice is formed.



For those readers interested in the technical aspects of the project, the slab to the ice rink is actually two slabs with an insulation layer between, to separate the cold atmosphere of the ice rink from the warmer swimming pool below. Each slab is 'post-tensioned', which means that the steel reinforcement within the concrete is tensioned after it has been cast. This results in a slab that is thinner and flatter than conventional floors but just as strong.

Within the completed areas of the building, the 16-tonne main refrigeration machinery that will produce the ice for the 1750m² skating rink has been installed in the plant room. This has been manufactured in Canada by our specialist subcontractor, Cimco, the industry leader in ice rink technologies who supply equipment to the Winter Olympics. Similarly, the first items of machinery for the swimming pool plant room have also been delivered.

Visit by Local MP

Chuka Umunna, MP for Streatham, visited the project in late-August to inspect the progress that has been made. As well as being shown how the development was progressing, he was able to visit Streatham Hub Childrens' Centre to understand the close liaison being undertaken between the centre staff and development team. He was joined on his tour by Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Deputy Leader of Lambeth Council. They can be seen being briefed by Andrew Boyle, Tesco Development Project Manager and Steve Diggins, VINCI Construction UK Project Director.



Commendable Safety Record



The Streatham Hub project has delivered on its promise to attain a flawless safety record. It is more than a year since construction works started on the project, and over 300,000 hours have been worked without a single reportable accident.

The positive results have been attributed to the team's commitment to the principle of 'safety first without compromise', and helps maintain VINCI Construction UK's status as an industry leader in health and safety.

Local Employment and Training



Following our 'Budding Brunels' scheme reported in the last newsletter, the five selected students have been receiving their week-long work experience placements on the project during the summer months. They have carried out a variety of tasks, including learning how to use surveying instruments and carry out environmental checks.

All were very interested to see how a complex construction project is undertaken. As one of the students remarked "*this has definitely improved my employability and technical skills, giving me a head start in a working environment*".

Some of the students were able to meet with local MP, Chuka Umunna, when he visited the project (left).

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 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 space will be created around the Streatham United Reform Church.

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