

STREATHAM HUB DEVELOPMENT Newsletter

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Topping Out of Leisure Centre



Four time world champion Diane Towler-Green and Chuka Umunna MP, the Shadow Business Secretary and local MP for Streatham, attended the topping out ceremony for the new leisure centre in March.

The ceremony was performed by Councillor Lib Peck, leader of Lambeth Council, and Diane Towler-Green who taught for 26 years at the former Streatham Ice Arena and won the World Championships in 1966 to 1969 with partner Bernard Ford. They filled a small area of a concrete slab above the ice rink and each received a ceremonial, engraved silver trowel to commemorate the event.

"It's fantastic to see the Streatham Hub taking shape. In less than a year from now, top-class sports facilities will be coming back to Streatham," said Cllr Peck. "It all adds up to the biggest expansion of leisure facilities in the borough's history."

A topping out ceremony is held to mark the completion of the structure of a building. The exact origin is obscure, but many believe that it comes from Scandanavian folklore, protecting the building and users from angry or bad spirits. Alternative rituals include hanging laurel wreaths from a chimney or placing evergreen branches atop the building to symbolise growth and bringing luck

Progress

Good progress has been made on the project during recent months and the Leisure Centre and Tesco store remain on programme to open as intended on 4th November 2013.

The façade of the Leisure Centre is nearing completion, with the render cladding being exposed as the scaffolding is removed. Inside the building, construction of finishes and installation of services is well underway, for example we have started fixing the tiling to the new swimming pool. The next notable milestone will be the laying of the ice pad to the new rink, which will commence early next month.



Similarly the construction of the envelope to the retail store is continuing. Curtain walling and cladding are being installed behind the sheeted scaffolding that will start to be removed shortly. The structures to the residential buildings have been constructed above the retail store and behind the United Reform Church, and the cladding to these buildings is well underway. The installation of the primary mechanical and electrical supplies has commenced, as well as erecting internal partitions to the apartments.

Works to the basement car park and access ramp down from Streatham High Road is continuing with high level services, drainage and surfacing underway. At the rear of the bus stand, the roof canopy to the Service Yard has been completed and the main plant to the Energy Centre is being connected to the services infrastructure. The sewer diversion below the project has progressed well, and Hopton Road has reopened following completion of the works at the east end of the new sewer.

Streatham High Road

The works to widen Streatham High Road are now nearing completion and should be finished by the end of June. The final phases involve realigning the central reservation followed by resurfacing of the carriageway. TfL required that these activities are undertaken at night to avoid the inevitable disruption that often occurs from daytime works. We are undertaking this work wherever possible in a manner to minimise disruption to local residents. However, unfortunately some noise is inevitable until they are completed. We would like to thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience while these works are being carried out.

Ellora Road

The gas main network in the neighbourhood has to be upgraded in order to provide the supply to the development. This requires new gas pipework to be installed along Ellora Road. These works will be undertaken by contractors working for the utility company and will be carried out during a few days at the end of June. The utility company will contact any residents whose supplies may be interrupted for a short time when the supplies are changed over. We apologise for any disruption that may be caused by these works.

Residential Apartments



We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries regarding the apartments that are being constructed as part of this development. There will be 250 apartments on the development, split into 1- and 2-bedroom units, with a mix of private sale, shared-ownership and affordable units. They will be completed in Spring 2014, with a show flat available in later this year.

When details become available, they will be advertised on the site hoardings, in the local press and on our project website. This is likely to be in early-Autumn of this year. However, potential buyers may register their interest by sending an e-mail to streathamhub.public@vinciconstruction.co.uk with their details.

New Time Capsule for Leisure Centre

Regular readers will recall that a time capsule was discovered during the demolition of the old Streatham Baths on the site. This was opened by Lambeth's Archives and was found to include a set of council meeting notes from the year the baths were constructed and contemporary local newspapers.

A new time capsule will be buried in the new leisure centre to mark the construction of the new facilities. We are keen to hear what the local community believes should be included. Please send any good ideas to the e-mail address below.



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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