Ponders End continues its transformation over the next few months. Find out more about what we are doing in this newsletter.

1 PONDERS END LIBRARY

As part of the £50million Electric Quarter regeneration programme a fantastic new library is being built which will open in 2021. A temporary library is opening at Swan Annexe, 219 – 221 High Street, EN3 4DX from Friday 31 May.

In addition to the thousands of books there will be eight PCs, perfect for accessing the huge range of e-books, audiobooks, publications etc that are part of the Enfield virtual library. There will also be a scanner and staff to assist.

The opening hours of the temporary library will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am-5pm; Wednesday 9am-7pm; Thursday 9am-1pm; Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm.

Visit the temporary library to give us your views on what you would like to see in the new permanent library when it is built.

The wider regeneration programme will see new homes, new shops and new community facilities making the area a better place to live, work and visit.
The construction of Phase 1 is progressing well. The blocks are more visible as the scaffolding has started to come down. It is anticipated that the first secure tenant handovers will take place in May / June 2019.

The demolition of Cormorant and Merlin towers (Phase 2A) is anticipated to start in mid 2020 following the existing tenants moving into their new homes in Phase 1 by February 2020.

Construction has started on Phase2Ai (Railway Pub and Silver Birch Court site) where 82 new homes will be built for private sale. On the ground floor there will be a health centre, along with an energy centre which will provide heat and hot water for the entire new development.

The Qube has now been relocated as works continue to ensure we rejuvenate and revitalise the High Street. The community space which had been residing on the High Street since 2016 is now temporarily located in Eagle House Surgery Car Park (291 High Street, Ponders End, EN3 4DN). The Qube will continue to welcome the community to a variety of activities including meditation sessions, fitness classes and more. It will remain a convenient and affordable space for the community to hire and host private functions.
January saw the first new tenants moving into the affordable units within the Electric Quarter, the innovative five-acre development sitting at the heart of the regeneration of Ponders End High Street.

The Council is working with Lovell Partnerships Ltd, who completed and handed over the first of the social rented units to the registered provider – North London Muslim Housing Association - in December 2018.

**The first phase** of the development is complete and has seen the construction of 40 town houses for private sale alongside the 21 affordable rental homes. On top of the apartments sits a communal play area. All the homes are highly energy efficient with heat and hot water provided by Energetik, the Council’s wholly owned energy company.

**The second phase** of the development, which has already begun, will deliver 106 new homes for sale and for rent, a nursery, a new community library and commercial units, which will all contribute to the thriving neighbourhood.

Lovell’s Construction Director, Chris Wallace, said: “We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of The Electric Quarter’s journey. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with Enfield Council and other partners to complete this exciting scheme and the high-quality, contemporary homes it provides to a wide variety of people.”

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**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019! SPACE CHASE**

Space Chase will take young readers on an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will help our super space family, The Rockets, as they track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As children read library books, they will collect special stickers for their colourful collector’s folder.

Space Chase will feature bespoke artwork from top children’s illustrator, Adam Stower, and will celebrate adventure, exploration, reading and fun! For more information visit Ponders End library - starts 13 July.

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July sees the return of the Ponders End Together Summer Festival, a day full of fun for all the family! Take a trip to Ponders End Park on Sunday 21 July to enjoy crafts, music, games, rides and much more. The free event will take place from midday to 5pm and is organised by the Ponders End Community Development Trust. Hopefully see you there!

Enfield Council has recently launched a series of 14 newsletters covering a range of topics that will provide residents with more easily accessible Council news and service updates.

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