PONDERS END HIGH STREET

The Council have started work on improving Ponders End High Street. They will improve the High Street by introducing new paving and greenery; provide better facilities for walking and cycling; ease pedestrian crossing movements; and smooth traffic flow through the Derby Road junction. The works will be underway until November 2017. Council officers are working closely together with all the construction teams to lessen any disturbance caused and to ensure that traffic can continue to flow along the high street. Please be aware that the junction of South Street, Derby Road, Lincoln Road with the High street will be closed to all vehicles during August.

To compliment the major works being undertaken on the High Street and wider regeneration of Ponders End, we are investigating the introduction of a range of improvements that will beautify and upgrade the overall feel of the street. This may include the introduction of greenery or even the enhancement of shop fronts. To date we have undertaken an analysis of the High Street to help determine where these changes would be best placed. Our next step will be to carry out some consultation with the local businesses to see if this is something they would support. If you have any suggestions to help improve the look and feel of the High Street please let us know by contacting us at neighbourhoodregeneration@enfield.gov.uk or keep in touch with all the construction work at by searching for Ponders End on www.enfield.gov.uk
As you will have seen, construction at the Electric Quarter development is well underway. 61 new homes will be completed by December 2017, 40 of which will be three and four bedroom houses with off-street parking with the rest being 21 rented affordable flats. College Court Car Park will be improved as part of this phase and as a result the car park will fully close from 3rd May 2017 through to November 2017. The work to the car park will be co-ordinated with work along the high street to minimise disruption.

The developer, Lovell, is currently preparing a sales and show home which will be completed in May/June and provide people with an opportunity to see what the completed houses and apartments will look like ahead of build completion. If you are interested in discussing the purchase of a property, Lovell’s currently have a sales agent located in Lanes Estate Agents in Enfield. For further information contact sales.london@lovell.co.uk

While construction is underway the High Street is open for business as usual and in line with this the Council are busy finalising plans to run an exciting pop up street market at the High Street entrance to Ponders End Park. The market will be held on Sundays over the Spring and Summer months of 2017.

The market will complement works being done to the High Street and adding vibrancy to the park entrance, and creating a new entertainment and shopping experience for the local community and visitors to the area. More details about the market will be promoted in the coming month.

We will be encouraging local traders to get involved so if you are a local trader and would be interested in selling produce at the markets contact neighbourhoodregeneration@enfield.gov.uk to find out what opportunities to get involved there may be available.
The Qube threw open its doors in March to local people for the ‘Love Ponders End’ community open days. A group of local people with the help of Ponders End Development Trust (PECDT) put on a two day event to reach out to Ponders End residents to see what their thoughts about the area were.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness around community planning and the possibility of forming a local forum to influence the planning of the area, giving local people more say on how their area develops.

A display of the changes and the improvements planned for the area, helped locals get a clearer idea of what to expect over the coming years. Visitors were asked to pin where they live on a map of Ponders End and on another write their likes and dislikes.

Feedback from the day showed the events to be a great success with 75% of respondents wishing to be more involved.

There are further events planned and anyone wishing to know more should contact PECDT on 020 8443 3858 or email mariapecdtt@btconnect.com

What is now known as the Ponders End Partnership (PEP) started in 2001, when an interested group of local people gathered to articulate a vision of how Ponders End could improve. The Council built on this work by gathering a wider range of community stakeholders to think about their visions for Ponders End. The stakeholders include, local schools, the police, CONEL, housing associations and the business retail association.

“As many of the projects are about to begin construction, the PEP is on the verge of another stage in its evolution and Ponders End regeneration. Development now includes the design for the regeneration of the High Street. The PEP will now work with the Ponders End Ward Forum to enable a wider cross section of our public to become involved with this new and exciting stage in the transformation of Ponders End.”

Cllr Don McGowan
Chair – Ponders End Partnership

The 38, architecture award shortlisted, Dujardin Mews properties are now complete and they have welcomed the first council tenants. Leaseholders will begin to move in shortly.

The state-of-the-art homes are built to a very high standard with most having either gardens or a raised terrace and some of the homes have external courtyards. The properties also have efficient heating and water systems which together with solar panels will create energy, cause less damage to the environment and are more economical to run.
ALMA ESTATE

Phase 1
Demolition of Kestrel House is now being progressed by Countryside Properties as part of the first phase of the development. To be completed by the end of the year.

Construction of new homes in Phase 1 are scheduled to begin in late Summer 2017 and be completed in phases late 2019/early 2020.

A public inquiry into the compulsory purchase (CPO) of property and land at the Alma Estate development is scheduled to take place in July 2017. This will help secure the regeneration of the Alma Estate.

Construction Hoarding Art Work
Students and pupils from Alma Primary School, St Matthew's C of E Primary School and Oasis Academy Hadley have worked together with Enfield Council and Countryside Properties to produce artwork which has been added to the hoardings for Phase 1, helping to brighten the area during construction. The pupils were invited to draw a past, present and future representation of the Alma Estate, acting as inspiration for all and a welcome artistic addition to the community.

UPDATE ON CROSSRAIL 2
Crossrail 2 is an ambitious transport project that proposes a route that will run from Hertfordshire down to Surrey. The route will provide an additional service to help reduce the persistent overcrowding across other lines. At the last consultation, a new station at Ponders End was identified. This will provide a much improved frequency of trains into central London from 2 to 3 trains per hour to 12 to 14 trains per hour. Look out for further updates in this newsletter on its progress or log in to get further updates on its progress: http://crossrail2.co.uk/stations/ponders-end/

SPOTLIGHT ON ENTERPRISE ENFIELD
Thinking of Starting a Business?
Starting a business can be risky and challenging, so it’s important that you start out on the correct footing with the right information so you can avoid costly mistakes and build a successful and sustainable business. Enterprise Enfield, offers a wide range of advice, guidance and support services for start-ups including a free introductory ‘Get the New Biz Know How’ seminar. Advisers can also guide you through the whole process of setting up – helping with areas such as business planning, marketing, managing accounts and raising finance. The first one hour advice sessions are free for Enfield residents.

Enterprise Enfield also provides hot desks, mailing address facilities, networking and meeting room hire through its Let’s Go! Business Hub based at Enfield Business Centre, 201 Hertford Road, Enfield EN3 5JH. For more information about how to access support to get your business idea off the ground visit www.enterpriseenfield.org or call 020 8443 5457.