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

1 CROWDFUNDING

Have you got an idea to make Ponders End an even better place? You could try raising money in the community by crowdfunding to see it happen. Enfield Council is supporting crowdfunding with its ‘Enfield Now’ fund, up to £5,000 to help your ideas get off the ground. Recently a community group raised over £10,000 for a community café in Enfield with support from the Enfield Now fund. Find out more on the website: www.spacehive.com/movement/enfieldnow

2 HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The re-paving work at Ponders End High Street was substantially completed at the end of December, with the new crossings and parking spaces now open for use. Some of the benefits of the improvements are listed overleaf.
HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS continued

Parking Bays
New angled parking bays have been introduced making the road layout more versatile by offering additional space for pedestrians when the bays are not occupied.

New Crossings
New crossings have been introduced that remind drivers to show courtesy to pedestrians. This means that pedestrians should not need to wait long before getting opportunities to cross the high street.

Bus Stops
New ‘bus boarders’ have been introduced to give cyclists the option of sharing the edge of the footway at bus stops, instead of needing to pull out into the main traffic lane. When bus passengers are boarding, the facility also provides useful extra space for pedestrians.

New road markings for cycle lanes and bus stops will complete the works. In response to enquiries from the community, additional signs are proposed to warn drivers to expect pedestrians crossing the road as they enter the block-paved section of the street. Traffic officers will be working with local representatives to find the best place for the signs. We will continue to monitor the operation of the new high street layout and make further adjustments if necessary. If you have specific enquiries please call 020 8379 3474.

BUILD ENFIELD

Build Enfield launched last year with the aim of creating a strong and sustainable workforce in the construction industry throughout the borough and beyond.

Already, Build Enfield is helping local people find jobs, apprenticeships and other construction related opportunities.

Enfield Council’s Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business, Cllr Alan Sitkin, said: “Build Enfield is one of the most innovative campaigns this Council has launched in recent years as it will foster a generation of workers who will literally build, regenerate and sustain our borough.”

“Our aim is to help people from all walks of life to learn about the construction industry - there are jobs for everyone whether you are a parent looking to get back into work or a recent graduate. Take a look at the new website and find out how you can help to Build Enfield.”

For those interested in finding out about working in the construction industry, an informative website has been created. Go to www.enfield.gov.uk/build to find out more about training, apprenticeships, building initiatives in the borough and information on our partners.
The first sales of houses at the Electric Quarter took place just before Christmas with some new residents moving into their brand-new houses in time to welcome in the New Year. Further completions will continue throughout January and February with new residents moving into the houses during that time. The first few homes have also successfully been connected to Enfield’s local sustainable energy company, Energetik, which will be supplying heat and hot water to all completed homes in the scheme.

Work on the remainder of phase A is continuing at pace with affordable flats due for completion in May. Over 50% of the private houses have now been sold, reserved or on hold by buyers. If you are interested in discussing the purchase of a property or would like to view a show home contact Lovell’s Marketing Suite on 020 3131 4865.

Work on College Court car park is nearly complete and we would like to take this opportunity thank the community for being patient while the work continues. It is expected that the new improved car park will be reopened at the end of February. Further improvements have also been made to the footpath immediately in front of the library. The existing library will remain on site until the summer. After then a temporary library will be re-provided in the immediate locality for an interim period until the new library is opened as part of the next phase of the scheme.
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL QUARTER

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Team has submitted a bid for the GLA’s Good Growth Fund to deliver an enhanced Cultural and community hub in the Electric Quarter scheme in Ponders End. This will seek to include a multi-use arts venue, library, community space and a civic square as part of Phase B. An announcement of the successful bids will be on the 5th March 2018.

WORD SEARCH

How many parks in Enfield can you find in the word search?

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