

POPLAR BATHS REGENERATION

Welcome to the second issue of the Poplar Baths regeneration project newsletter.

The Poplar Baths and Dame Colet House Development in the Tower Hamlets achieved financial close.

Poplar Baths and Haileybury Youth Centre and Dame Colet Scheme achieved financial close on 26 June, 2014. The £36 million scheme will be delivered by Guildmore Ltd in partnership with Tower Hamlets Council. The regenerated Poplar Baths will give residents a new leisure centre with a swimming pool, sports hall, cafe, gym and other leisure facilities, and an additional 60 new council homes.

The scheme includes the development of Dame Colet House - a former housing block which is no longer in use - and nearby Haileybury Youth Centre in Stepney. At this site, 40 new council homes and a state of the art youth centre, with a café, IT suite, sound-proof music studio, fitness centre and outdoor games area will be created.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "We are committed to ensuring that Tower Hamlets residents have access to excellent housing and community facilities. This fantastic development will also see a beautiful building restored back to its former glory."

Cllr Rabina Khan: Cabinet Member for Housing and Development, said: "For over 25 years, this building has been empty and unused. I am delighted that under our administration the campaigning and wishes of local residents can finally be realised, and this fantastic building will once more play its vital role in the heart of our borough."

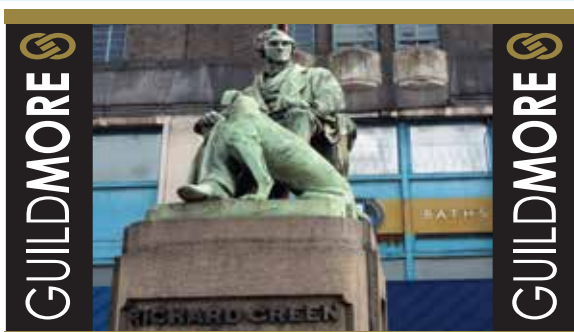
Engin Ertosun: Managing Director, Guildmore Ltd, said "We are delighted and excited to be building and managing this flagship project for the residents of Tower Hamlets. We are committed to working closely with the local community and the council to make this an outstanding project and to continue our journey in helping to revitalise Tower Hamlets."

You Asked -The Council Listened

Guildmore Ltd and Tower Hamlets Council carried out extensive consultation campaign at the beginning of the project's development. The council listened to the wishes of the public and it was decided at July's committee meeting that a new learners' pool would be developed at the Poplar Baths site.



The New Pool



Hoarding on the Site and Demolition

Flags and new hoarding have been erected on the Poplar Baths site, which showcases the winning pictures from the Hoarding Art Competition. We have removed all asbestos from the site and the demolition of the Poplar Baths began in July 2014. To protect the health and welfare of our community, we are using all possible measures to keep the dust and noise levels to a minimum. Demolition materials will be recycled where possible.

Poplar Baths hoardings display: local Children's artwork from our poster design contest

Local primary and secondary school children from Tower Hamlets have participated in a Hoarding Art Competition for the Poplar Baths, Dame Colet and Haileybury Youth Centre Regeneration project.

We contacted local schools in early April 2013 and received an overwhelming response to the invitation to join the competition. Prizes were presented to the winners at a ceremony on 17 December 2013 by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets Council, Lutfur Rahman.



Mayor Lutfur Rahman (LBTH), Engin Ertosun, Managing Director of Guildmore and winning students from Caley Primary School



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Local Recruitment and Apprenticeship

Guildmore Ltd and Tower Hamlets Council is committed to recruiting local subcontractors and residents through apprenticeships and work experience opportunities as part of the development. Please contact Roma Muccio, email; roma.muccio@guildmore.com for our latest job opportunities.

Our Community Liaison Officer is creating links with local schools, colleges, social enterprises and the local community to publicise the project vacancies on offer. To contact our community Liaison Officer, Hazera Ali, please email hazera.ali@guildmore.com.

Resident Meetings on St Mathias Estate

We arrange to meet with the residents on St Matthias Estate along with council officers every other month. The date of the next meeting is 31/7/2014 at 4.30pm. Please contact Hazera Ali (hazera.ali@guildmore.com) if you would like to attend or if you want to see copies of the agenda and reports. At the last meeting, we discussed the planned Under 5s Play Space at the front of Storey House and free organised use of the Multi Usage Game Area (MUGA) at the new Poplar Baths building. We really do want to hear what you have to say about this proposal, so please attend the meeting or contact us with your views.

Community Engagement Charter

This is Guildmore's promise to the community during construction works:

1. Respect the Community

- We will give utmost consideration to the impact of our construction on neighbours and the public
- We will always inform, respect and show courtesy to those affected by the work
- We will minimise the impact of deliveries, parking and work on neighbouring properties
- Equality and diversity will be at the top of our agenda

2. Will protect the Environment:

- Always seeking sustainable solutions, and minimising waste, the carbon footprint and resources
- Identifying, managing and promoting environmental issues
- Minimising the impact of vibration, air, light and noise pollution
- Protecting the ecology, landscape, wildlife, vegetation and water courses

3. Ensure everyone's safety:

- Having systems that care for the safety of the public, visitors and the workforce
- Each of our sites will have a Community Engagement Plan, available from the Project Manager
- Always encouraging, listening and responding to all comments and complaints

Next stages

Stage 1. Construction works will start on site in July, 2014

Stage 2. Construction works are expected to finish in June, 2016

We will produce regular newsletters over the coming months to keep residents updated about the development's progress

Site Contact Details

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