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Welcome to Exchange and hello from the Kings Cross Team...!

Welcome to the first edition of **EXCHANGE**. A newsletter from Islington's Kings Cross Team designed to help keep you informed about the major planning and regeneration proposals that are going on in your area. We will publish at least four issues of Exchange each year. The newsletter is designed to help let you know of up and coming consultation events in your area, how plans are progressing & report back on projects or



Excuse the mess we've got the builders in!

consultation already underway. More on this approach below. The Team has been set up to help manage

changes to the local area. The major influence will be the opening of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) in 2007 & development of Kings Cross Central. Other major developments are proposed surrounding the main site & a key role of the Kings Cross Team is to ensure good development and to maximise local benefits for the area from all the construction and development work taking place.

Hello? Are You Engaged?

The King's Cross team is committed to consulting the whole community in the area.

To help get the consultation right the team have developed a **Community Engagement Statement (CES)**. This sets out standards for consultation, letting local communities know what they can expect from the

Team and what different types of consultation are likely to be carried out for the various planning and development projects in the area.

The idea is to create a clear link between the complexity of a project and the proposed scale and range of consultation. The Kings Cross Team will also try and outline well in advance what

consultation will be taking place and roughly when, so people have a better awareness of proposed development. *If you would like to help improve the area and have your say on future proposals then please join the 'CES' mailing list.. please contact any member of the Kings Cross Team. Further details on the back page.*

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The present state of the "Islington Triangle"

"Kings Cross will become a major international transit hub and port of entry into the UK. By 2006 over 40 million people per year will travel through Kings Cross!"



Local shops providing some colour on the Cally!

Consultation Update

From September 22nd to October 20th the Kings Cross Team will be consulting on the revised Planning Brief for the site known as the Islington Triangle. The site lies to the east of York Way, just north west of Randells Road & Rufford Street. The site is likely to be developed along with the larger 'Railway Lands' which will form the Kings Cross

Central development and is mainly in Camden. Letters are being sent to local residents and the consultation will take place in line with the agreed Community Engagement Statement (see front page). *Copies of the Triangle brief are available by calling the Kings Cross Team on: 020 7527 2619 or you can view it on line and send comments*

via email or post them to us. The draft brief will also be available at the West Library. Camden is consulting on its part of the Railway Lands from September 10th to 22nd October. Copies of Camden's planning brief are available by calling: 020 7974 2565. It is hoped a joint brief for the entire railways lands site will be agreed in due course.

A Plan for the Cally

Since October 2001 a local group supported by Hyde Northside and involving local residents, ward councillors, police, Islington Council, local doctors and representatives from the faith communities, youth service providers and many others have been working on a plan for the area.

The "Caledonian Road Neighbourhood's Plan" is about the people who live here and the effect issues such as Crime, Employment, Business, Health, Housing, Traffic and Leisure have on everyone's daily lives. From improving access to employment, more activities & services for children, young people and the rest of the community

to improving the environment such as local parks and making the streets cleaner, improving local housing and in particular making the area feel safer. The plan shows what the priorities are for the area and seeks support from people like the Kings Cross Team and other organisations working in the area to take these priorities forward.

The area covered by the Caledonian Road Neighbourhood's Plan runs from York Way to Liverpool Road and Pentonville Road up to Holloway and Camden Roads.

The area includes a number of large developments – Market Estate, the Regents Quarter (P&O) and

one of the Arsenal redevelopments at Lough Road. In addition the Channel Tunnel Rail Link has had an impact on the area for some time and will bring huge changes to Kings Cross as will the development of Kings Cross Central. The Plan seeks to help influence how funding is spent in the area by making better use of current resources and looking at where there are gaps that need us to work together to bring about these changes. If you would like to know more about the Plan then call: *Gail Weston on 020 7527 6818 or email on callyroad@hyde-housing.co.uk*



Free Training Available Now!

Living in the Kings Cross area you will have noticed the substantial building activity on the Railway lands, Kings Cross Station and on the P&O sites. This and other major construction projects means that there is a big demand for people to work in the construction industry. It takes some time to train and the work can be very rewarding and due to the amount of construction projects is reasonably secure. LBI Regenera-

tion Team have secured funding so that from September 2003 Islington will be running new, free, construction training courses and will also "buy" other courses to meet individuals' needs.

If you have previously taken some training but not completed a qualification and perhaps need a refresher course, that's fine as well.

Even if you are not sure what you would like or need to get a career in construction, give us a call to chat

through some options.

**Call Albena:
020 7527 3027**

Courses cover everything from: drawing & drafting, road and bridge engineering, gas fitting, paving, office/ business support, to carpentry, plumbing, bricklaying, electrical engineering, and painting and decorating.

For general careers & training advice and helping finding work contact :

'Tracks'
260 Pentonville Road
London
020 7878 2500

Say Cheese!! A snapshot of Kings Cross!

A key part of the KX Team's work is to find out as much about the area as possible and bring together the work that has already taken place. We will be writing the **Local Context Appraisal (LCA)** - this will provide a snapshot of the area.

It will cover a large variety of topics, including Housing, Health, Crime, Open Space, Employment, to Tourism and Culture. It will draw on existing reports and work. Of particu-

lar relevance is the *Caledonian Road Neighbourhoods Plan* (see opposite article). This report will be used by the Kings Cross Team to provide a clear picture of the state of the area and help identify how planning and regeneration can improve it. We will then draft up a list of locally identified priorities for the area. The LCA will also take into account other activities such as community projects, neighbourhood management and other agencies

that work in the area. The aim is to ensure planning and redevelopment complement other comprehensive work in King's Cross, and help deliver regeneration. The local list of priorities will form a new type of planning document called an **Area Action Plan**. Eventually these will be used by the Council when making decisions on development and regeneration in Kings Cross.



Free training is available for those wanting a career in local construction



Cranes towering over even York Central, as the Regents Quarter emerges along York Way



New improved 'All Saints' Playground gardens

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Kings Cross Projects Update

The P&O 'Regents Quarter' development along York Way continues a pace with the main structure of the *Premier Lodge* hotel now firmly established with the atrium visible from York Way and scaffolding masking much of the site.

The Kings Cross Team is still working closely with P&O to finalise details including public art and landscaping.

Negotiations are taking place with supermarkets operators with a view to opening a small store within the

"Focus Point" building at the end of Balfe Street and Caledonian Street. P&O have confirmed that they are moving their offices to Jahn Court in Albion Yard at the very centre of the scheme.

Also on P&O - a major facelift to **All Saints playground on the Caledonian Road** by the Regents Canal has been completed. Using a £10,000 contribution awarded by the council from the P&O contributions towards local environmental improvement projects. The new scheme designed by Groundwork Cam-

den/Islington has new play areas, seating, raised planting beds and ornamental arches and gates.

The **Argent St George** planning application to develop the railway lands is still expected to be submitted in December to both Camden & Islington Council's. During this period draft planning briefs that both Council's will be producing will be going out to consultation. This will start in mid September with a target for approval of the planning briefs by the end of the year.

Comments, complaints, ideas....CONTACT US:

The Community Engagement Database will be used to improve consultation, once on the free database you will receive relevant information about events, future consultation and new proposals.

Please note that to avoid waste, future issues of EXCHANGE will only be sent to those who want to receive it. If you join the free database & mailing list you will automatically receive future copies of EXCHANGE. To join our mailing list please contact:

Alan Mace on 020 7527 2619 or kingscrossteam@islington.gov.uk.

Naturally we will continue to distribute copies of the newsletter to local facilities, shops, GPs & at Islington Council's Area Committees (for information on times, location, agenda items that will be discussed at Committee and also information about how u can attend please call :

Colin Stubbs on 020 7527 3308 or colin.stubbs@islington.gov.uk)

If you wish to discuss a particular project or issue in person, please visit us at : 222 Upper Street from 10 am -12 noon Tuesday and 2 pm - 4 pm

For more information on all of the above visit:
www.islington.gov.uk/kingscrossteam



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