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King's Cross Central Proposals

The long-awaited outline planning applications for the King's Cross Central development were submitted on May 28th 2004. Details of the various consultation events being held in both Camden and Islington are found on page 2.



Computer image from the developers of how King's Cross Central **could** look in the future.

Applications and processes explained

The developers Argent St George Ltd, London Continental Railways Ltd and Exel plc have submitted a series of planning applications for the 27 hectare site to the north of St Pancras and King's Cross railway stations – known locally as the railway lands. The applications

refer to both the Main Site (Camden) and the Triangle Site (which lies in both Camden and Islington). The two councils are working together on the public consultation. The developers have submitted what are called *outline applications*, this means that they are only providing proposals for different types of uses,

floor areas and locations within the site. There are some illustrations describing how the development **could** look on page 2. More detailed proposals for building design etc, will follow throughout the coming years if the outline applications are approved.

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Area Action Plans Update

Alongside the King's Cross Central developments, the King's Cross team is busy producing and consulting on local Area Action Plans (AAPs) for the neighbourhoods (see previous issue of Exchange). The AAPs are linked to the major developments in King's Cross and are tools for forward planning and action. They are designed to identify areas in need of improvement and

anticipate future needs. It is intended that the benefits from King's Cross Central and other developments can be channelled to local communities through the projects identified in the plans. The AAPs will enable better management of change that will come with Kings Cross Central and other developments.

So far the King's Cross team have consulted on 6 out of 9 AAPs. The

team is now focusing on drawing up an AAP for the main roads in the area (including York Way) looking at how to connect the proposed development and Islington. Once we have finished the consultations, all AAPs will be consolidated into one document. This will then be taken to the West Area Committee in October 2004 to have them approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).



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This illustration shows how the area around Regent's Canal and the Granary could look.

You can find this picture and more at www.argentstgeorge.co.uk

Remember — the last day for comments to be received is **Friday 8 October 2004**



The Triangle Site beside York Way and Randells Road could be developed this way.



This is an artist's impression of the proposed 'Station Square' showing the German Gym.

In addition to the applications there are a number of *supporting documents*, for example the *Urban Design Statement*. These documents provide further details and background information to the proposals.

It is not possible at this stage to say how long it will take to determine the applications; it depends on the outcome of the consultation and the quality of the proposals. If approved, construction could start in 2007.

For more information:
For Islington - see back of this newsletter.

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Consultation Period Extended !!

Islington and Camden are working together to consult the local community on the King's Cross Central proposals. The consultation period has been extended by two weeks and is now running for 16 weeks from **18 June to 8 October 2004**.

You can view the applications at either council (see details below):

Contact Islington
222 Upper Street
Islington
London N1 1YA
Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm.
You can book out a copy of the applications or a CD-ROM from the reception.

Or

5th Floor Environment Reception
Camden Town Hall
Argyle Street
King's Cross
London WC1H 8EQ
Opening hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, (Thursday

evenings until 7pm). The applications can also be viewed at **West Library**, Bridgeman Road, Islington N1 1BD
Phone: 020 7527 7920

If you have access to the internet, you can also view and download the applications and the supporting documents on the developers' website:

www.argentstgeorge.co.uk.

You can also contact either King's Cross Team and ask to be sent a CD-Rom containing all the applications and supporting documents. Please allow a few days for delivery as the demand is great and we need to order the CDs from the developers.

How to comment
You can use the on-line comment form, which is available at:

www.islington.gov.uk/kingscrossteam

or
www.camden.gov.uk/kingscross

You can also send your comments to us:
King's Cross Central Proposals
FREEPOST NAT 17263
Town Hall
Argyle Street
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Both King's Cross Teams are there to help! We will be available over the coming months to help local communities examine the proposals and understand what they could mean for King's Cross. The Islington King's Cross Team is available on Tuesdays between 10am—noon and on Thursdays between 2pm—4pm. At other times you need to call for an appointment.

All comments made on the proposals must be received by **Friday 8 October 2004** at the latest!

Get involved, have your say...

The **King's Cross Development Forum (KXDF)**, was set up by Camden Council in December 2002, but is independent from the council. The forum is open to all community and business groups and individuals in the King's Cross area. The forum now has representatives from around 160 community groups in the King's Cross area.

The forum has set up a number of topic study events held on Thursday evenings during the consultation period. Each event will focus on one part of the applications. You can come along to any of

these events:

Thursday 2 September *Environment*
7-9pm, venue TBC

Thursday 9 September *Management, Community Involvement, Community Safety*
7-9pm, Camden Town Hall

Saturday 11 September Full meeting
10.30am-3pm, venue TBC

Thursday 16 September *Jobs and Training* (if required) 7-9pm, Camden Town Hall

Camden and Islington councils will of course help the forum through-

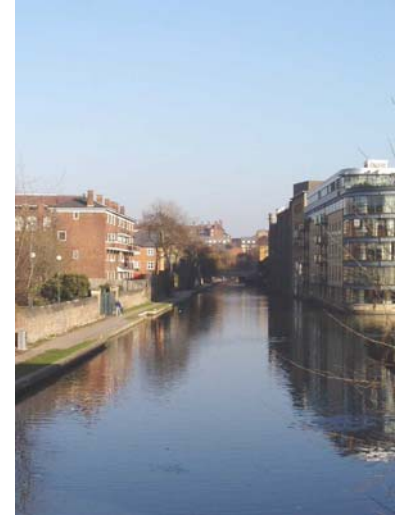
out the consultation period and are present at all forum meetings.

Planning Aid for London, an independent organisation, will also provide extra help and workshop sessions during August and September.

You can read more about the forum and their meetings on-line:

www.camden.gov.uk/kingscross.

To join or for information about the Forum contact Camden Council on 020 7974 6024/2565, or e-mail: **kxteam@camden.gov.uk**



Regent's Canal and its wildlife are important elements of the of the King's Cross Central proposals.

King's Cross Culture

The emergence of King's Cross as a hub for creative industries received a double boost recently. The London Development Agency (LDA) announced a multi-million pound package exploring the possibility of identifying and developing key sites to provide flexible and affordable workspace - a commodity hard to find in much of London. King's Cross could be a perfect site for this type of development.

The second boost was the recent launch of the business network 'create KX' at The

Place WC1 in May 2004. The event was held to highlight the work of the development network for creative and cultural industries in Kings Cross. It aims to help them work together in this fast expanding commercial sector.

The King's Cross team is already promoting the thriving cultural and creative industries that exist in the area. The councils formally designated King's Cross as a Creative Industries Quarter and this is supported in Area Action Plan 1, (see article on front

page). The King's Cross team hope to continue to attract additional businesses to this well connected, creative hub over the next few years. The approval of "King's Place" (see more on last page), an office, arts and concert venue by Battlebridge Basin will be one key anchor development in the new Creative Industries Quarter.

To learn more about the above please contact us (see details on the back page).



There are already numerous creative industries and cultural institutions in King's Cross. We want to see more!



King's Cross Projects Update

Regent Quarter

The first phases of the construction of this new urban quarter have been completed. The Tesco Metro on Caledonian Road is due to open in August 2004. The Premier Lodge hotel on York Way with 277 beds is already open for business and will be the flagship hotel in the Premier Lodge chain. Construction of the remaining blocks in Islington continues apace. We will keep you posted of any new development.

is being finalised and construction is due to start later in the year.

Kings Place

The application for Kings Place went to the West Area planning sub-committee 1st July 2004 for decision. The scheme was approved by members in Islington and is now referred to the Government Office for London for their approval before the final go-ahead can be given. The 8-storey building will accommodate offices, restaurants, cafes and concert hall and conference facilities. The scheme will also offer public access to both Battlebridge Basin and a part of Regent's Canal.

Courtyard Theatre

10 York Way, King's Cross. *King's X Music Festival: 20, 21, 22 August*. This is a three-day open air event featuring live music and visuals by over 25 British and international artists across a wide range of musical styles and genres, from singer-songwriters, bands, pop, African, jazz to indie. *All day entry only £8!!*

Also, the result for *King's Cross Award for New Writing 2004* has been announced. The winning play 'Proving Mr Jennings' will open on 31st August 2004.

For further information or a full festival listing contact Tim Gill:
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Or visit - www.courtyard.org.uk

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Bingfield Park

The application for the revamp of Bingfield Park, with an improved Crumbles Castle and a new kick-about area, was approved in March 2004. Detailed design for railings and fencing

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If you wish to discuss a particular project or issue in person, please visit us at: **Contact Islington, 222 Upper Street from 10 am—12 noon on Tuesday and 2 pm—4 pm Thursdays**, when one of the team should be available to meet you. At other times an appointment may be needed.

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For more information on all of the above visit:
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