

## ISSUE 2 AUTUMN 2005

### DEMOLITION – CHANGE OF CONTRACTOR

The contractor initially appointed by English Partnerships to carry out the demolition of the old Greenwich District Hospital, Controlled Demolition, have unfortunately gone into receivership due to the withdrawal of one of their financial backers. This has happened despite English Partnerships carrying out all appropriate legal and financial checks on the company.

English Partnerships has therefore appointed new demolition contractors, **Squibb & Davies**, who have taken over the demolition contract with immediate effect; you may have noticed that Squibb & Davies have erected signage and already have a presence on site.

Squibb & Davies have taken control of the site and have made an immediate start on the demolition Programme, and will begin stripping out the building over the next week. Squibb & Davies have given an undertaking to English Partnerships to implement the same safeguards as secured from the previous contractor at the public meetings relating to working hours, routes of lorries, monitoring of works and other aspects of the demolition works. Contractor's car parking will be contained within the site.

Squibb & Davies are also equally committed to public relations and community liaison and will attend all future liaison group meetings with English Partnerships, the Council and the community representatives.

### DEMOLITION TIMETABLE

Unfortunately the need to change the contractor does mean that the demolition programme has fallen behind schedule by a couple of months. With that exception, the contract will continue on the same terms and conditions as the previous arrangement and you should not notice any difference in the type of activities on site.

English Partnerships and the Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience or concern this may have caused local residents. We are taking all steps to move the project forward and honour the commitments given to the local community at the previous meetings.

**We would also like to assure you that the delay in the demolition contract will in no way impact on the overall development timetable.**

The revised programme for the demolition is now anticipated as follows:

#### **Weeks 1-2 - October**

- Mobilisation and Surveys

#### **Weeks 3-12 - November to January**

- Internal works and asbestos removal from inside building

#### **Weeks 13-29 - January to April**

- Demolition of structure

#### **Weeks 30-32 - May**

- Site reprofiling

### SECURITY

Throughout this process the security measures have been, and will continue to be kept in place. The site has now been fully hoarded and security officers are on-site. Squibb & Davies have taken possession of the site and are fully responsible for maintaining security.

The Emergency Numbers to call in the event that you have concerns or see something that causes concern is:

**Danny O'Leary – 07736 018 451**

#### **Out of Hours**

**Paul Blanks - 07973 460 849**

**Westley Squibb - 07770 238 317**

## MOSAIC

Greenwich Council have now agreed to relocate the mosaic to a new home on Glenister Green, not far from its existing position at the hospital. The demolition contractor will be responsible for dismantling the mosaic and delivering it to its new location. This means that the mosaic will not have to go into storage and will be continually on display to the public after its move.



## THE FUTURE

The Council and English Partnerships are working closely together to consider the future redevelopment of the Heart of East Greenwich area. This includes producing a brief for exemplary, modern public leisure, library and healthcare facilities, all under one roof and all within easy access existing and new communities.

A team of consultants have now been appointed to produce development briefs for the Hospital site and a number of council-owned sites in the immediate vicinity, including the Arches Leisure Centre, the Library and sites on the Blackwall Lane.

The consultant team includes urban designers/architects Rick Mather Associates, who may be familiar to some of you through their work at the Greenwich World Heritage site and the Maritime Museum. The team also includes specialist highway engineers, cost managers, property consultants and an ecologist.

The production of development briefs will involve looking at the possible uses on the sites as well as considering their development capacity and character. Only when the community has had input into the process will be development briefs be finalised. The briefs will then establish the foundation upon which a development partner will be procured to help deliver the project.

A public meeting and exhibition will be held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** and will be followed by a meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at which the English Partnerships and the design team will be giving feedback on the design process to date. Both events will be held at the Dome Marketing Suite and will start at **7pm.**

## TRANSPORT

EP and the council have been working together to consider the transport issues around the area, particularly as they have been raised as an issue at the previous public meetings, and have recently made a bid to the Dept. for Transport for funding to help deal with the issues.

## CUT OUT AND KEEP CONTACTS LIST

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