

# A better Roehampton!

The council's executive member for regeneration James Cousins has repeated his call for Roehampton to get extra help and investment in areas like employment, education, housing and community safety

Speaking at a well attended public meeting on the future of Roehampton held in The Cornerstone on 4th July he said: "The council is determined to work with residents to give them greater choice and better facilities".

*Right: A computer generated image of the new Recreation Centre (see over).*



## The council's vision for regenerating Roehampton provides for:

- a better mix of quality housing
- more local jobs for local people
- better leisure, recreation and shopping
- environmental improvements
- greater accessibility for all
- a safer Roehampton to live, work and play in

# Danebury Avenue

Since the last Newsletter - in April - the council has continued to look at possible redevelopment options for the sites around Danebury and Holybourne Avenues. These schemes are all based on residents responses to last year's public consultations. The main options were summarised in that Newsletter.

This work has involved detailed discussions with the Roehampton Business Forum (an independent organisation representing local businesses), and others. This is important so that all views and opinions are fully considered. A revised set of proposals, taking into account all the comments received, will be ready in the autumn.

## Parking

This was a lively topic at the 4th July meeting. The council has agreed to contact all residents in the area bounded by Clarence Lane, Richmond Park, Roehampton Vale/Kingston Road and Roehampton Lane during September to ask if they want a Controlled Parking Zone for their area. There will also be an opportunity to let us have any other comments - good or bad! - on parking matters.

## Recreation Centre

Work on the major improvements at the centre in Laverstoke Gardens is well under way. These will provide a new reception area, new changing rooms, a children's play area, multi-purpose room, a dance studio, fitness suite and an improved sports hall. Work on the £1.8m project should be complete in December with a grand reopening planned in January.

## Local jobs for local people

A very successful "Employment Fair", aimed at securing 'local jobs for local people', was held on 15th June at Whitelands College. Forty employers attended and gave details of their employment and career opportunities to some 250 local people who came to see what was on offer. It is hoped to hold another fair next year.

## More police

Many local residents are concerned about crime and security so the news that the Police office - next to the Housing Office - is now the base for an increased Police presence in the area is very welcome. Proposals for a "Community Hub", which will develop a varied programme of activities for older residents, are taking shape and we will bring you more news on this exciting proposal in our next Newsletter. If you require more information please call Emma Haselden on (020) 8871 7371.

## Who lives in Roehampton?

The council is working with Roehampton University and GLE OneLondon (an organisation that provides business advice) to find out who lives in the area, what they do and what their aspirations are. If you are interested in participating please contact Geoff Hollett on 07894 255778 for more details.

## Next issue

The next issue of this newsletter will be published in September. It will also contain summaries of redevelopment options on which you can comment. You can send your comments to [gmacniven@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:gmacniven@wandsworth.gov.uk).

**For more information on the council's plans for regenerating Roehampton call Gordon Macniven on (020) 8871 7595, email [gmacniven@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:gmacniven@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton).**

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