Welcome

to the first edition of the Ive Farm Sports Ground Newsletter.

Through this newsletter we hope to be able to keep you fully up to speed with all the developments at Ive Farm.

We’re also keen to hear from you as the project develops – details of how you can contact us and get involved are on page 2.

What’s happening?

Work is underway to provide state of the art sporting facilities for residents to use and enjoy.

Ive Farm has been derelict for several years and whilst a range of proposals have been considered over the years, the current project will ensure that residents, schools and local sports clubs will be able to make use of a range of first class facilities, including a 60-metre running track, two floodlit all-weather sports pitches, fitness trail, four beach volleyball courts and a pavilion with a cafe, changing facilities, flexible community space and an office.

The redevelopment of Ive Farm is an important part of the wider regeneration taking place in Leyton and Lea Bridge. Re-providing some of the sporting facilities currently located at the Score Centre in Oliver Road will pave the way to provide many much-needed homes and a range of additional first-class facilities for residents.

A Brief History of Ive Farm

It is believed Ive Farm became a sports ground during the 1920s having previously been used for agricultural purposes.

The west side of the site suffered during World War II, as bomb strikes targeted the nearby railway lines, causing extensive damage to many buildings in the area.

Ive Farm ceased to be used formally as a sports ground when Leyton Orient stopped using it as their training ground in the 1980s, however some local schools continued to make use of the space for games and PE lessons.

The pavilion at the track was used by the African Caribbean Centre until 1999, following which it soon fell into disrepair and was removed during the Summer of 2017, as part of the current redevelopment project.
Meet Willmott Dixon

Willmott Dixon are the Council’s contractor for the project. The site team are led by Ed Bryant, Build Manager and he is keen to ensure good relations with nearby residents, by minimising disruption. Ed told us ‘We’re fully committed to working with the Council and local residents to ensure the project team deliver the best possible service. Willmott Dixon are members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme and we have registered the project with the scheme, which ensures we will operate within the agreed codes of conduct and working practises.’

To enable you to meet with the site team and gain a better understanding of what’s happening, Willmott Dixon and Council staff will be hosting an open day and site tour on **Wednesday 22 November between 3pm–5pm.** No need to book, just meet at the site entrance on Ive Farm Lane. Refreshments will be provided.

To contact the site team, please email G00651.IveFarmSportsDevelopment@willmottdixon.co.uk or telephone 07855 008933.

Site working hours

General working hours will be Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

We will aim to ensure that construction activities are confined to these hours throughout the construction period.

Parking in Ive Farm Lane

Following concerns raised by residents about parking, and potential damage to cars from construction traffic in Ive Farm Lane, the Council’s Highways team have responded to provide a single yellow line parking restriction. This has been installed on one side of Ive Farm Lane restricting parking from 8am–4pm Monday to Friday. This is to relieve congestion from site traffic and minimise the inconvenience to local residents.

Double yellow lines will remain on both sides where Ive Farm Lane narrows (near the site entrance). This is essential to maintain access for emergency vehicles. Your co-operation in maintaining access would be appreciated.

In response to the broader issue of local parking, the Council is planning a joint meeting in the near future with L & Q to see what can be done to improve parking in the Villiers Close and Simmonds Road area. This could include provision of additional spaces and consideration of a Controlled Parking Zone. Date will be advised. Any proposals on Controlled Parking Zone will be subject to separate consultation.

Community Engagement & Consultation

Throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2016, The Council undertook consultation and engagement with local residents. This included a public exhibition, articles in Waltham Forest News and local flyers plus a dedicated project website. Over 200 individuals got involved and shared their views about the early design proposals which helped to shape the project prior to the planning application being submitted.

Even though the works have commenced, we still want to hear from you. If you’d like to get in touch, you can email us at: creativechoice@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 020 8496 6735 to discuss any aspect of the project.

We’ll also be holding a second open day early in 2018 so you can see how the project is developing.

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