

Coopers Lane Newsletter

Winter 2023

Seasons greetings and welcome to your Winter Newsletter, sharing news and updates on Council projects and activity in Somers Town.

There has been good progress with construction of the new homes being built at Plots 5&6 on Purchase Street/Hampton close, which are on schedule to complete at the end of 2024. The new year will also see work start on the landscaping around Brill Place tower and Purchase St open space. Read on for more detail on this and the range of other news and activities happening in Somers Town.

PURCHASE STREET OPEN SPACE UPDATE

The Council's Green Space Team will start the landscape improvement works at Purchase Street Open Space in January 2024. This is later than originally anticipated, due to the ongoing delays on the Brill Place Tower construction that is now mostly completed.

The landscape design was originally approved as part of the Central Somers Town masterplan in 2016.*

The landscape designs, as well as other project information, will be displayed on the red brick wall at Purchase Street/Brill Place, as well as on the construction hoarding line on Brill Place once the landscape works start.

The whole of Purchase Street Open Space will be closed for the duration of the landscape works. This is expected to be January 2024 to August 2024. We will work with residents and the Coopers Lane TRA to reduce the impact on the southern access to Coopers Lane Estate from Brill Place. This entrance will remain open for the majority of the construction works. We will only close this entrance when absolutely necessary, and it will be for the shortest time possible.

Indicative Timeline (subject to change):

- Landscape contractor starts January 2024
- 6 months construction
- All works completed August 2024



TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We understand that anti-social behaviour can be disruptive and upsetting for local residents and we're working with local organisations to address these issues across the borough.

On 15th November 2023 the Council obtained a Closure Order on a property in Seymour House, Churchway NW1. This was due to persistent anti-social behaviour (ASB) by the tenant and the tenant's visitors in the address and communal areas, including loud music and threatening behaviour. This means that no one, including the tenant, is allowed inside the flat without the police being present.

This was the culmination of close multi-agency work between Community Safety, Housing, Mental Health services and the Police. The order expires in 3 months and during this time Housing will seek possession of the property on the grounds of ASB.

HOW TO REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Reporting ASB incidents as they are happening

- Call 999 to report a crime that is taking place or about to take place
- The police number for non-emergencies is 101 (24 hours) or www.met.police.uk/report
- Crime Stoppers – anonymous crime reporting - 0800 555111
- Responsive Security Patrol (including CCTV) – operates every day and can witness activity, intervene, or contact the police and report back to the Housing Officer on 020 7974 4444 between the hours of 4pm and 4am
- If you find homeless people at this or any location, please call the Routes off the Street Team on 0808 800 0005 or report via the Safer Streets App www.CamdenRTS.co.uk

Other useful contacts

- Camden Safety Net the Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advisory Service offers information, support and practical safety interventions to people experiencing domestic and/or sexual abuse and can be contacted on 020 7974 2526
- Victim Support, www.victimsupport.org.uk or Freephone 0808 168 911

Reporting ASB incidents after they have happened

- Community Safety & Emergency Management Service to report issues around antisocial behaviour and to request advice and assistance on 020 7974 4444 or www.camden.gov.uk/community-safety1
- Your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team can be contacted on SNTEK-St. Pancras&SomersTown@met.police.uk or 020 8721 2810
- Local Ward Housing Office on 020 7974 4444 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (Camden Council tenants & leaseholders).

TENANT AND RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS (TRAs)

Do you have ideas about things that could improve your estate? Would you like to help plan or develop community activities on your estate? Have you thought about joining your estate TRA or if you don't have one, why not set one up?

Training courses and workshops are available, support and grants are available to help with running costs. For more information about setting up a TRA or joining an existing one, email the Tenant Participation Team, tp@camden.gov.uk, or your neighbourhood housing officer for advice, or visit the Camden Council website.

COMMUNITY SNOW CLEARING

Every winter, we grit key roads and footpaths in Camden. If you're able to, you can also help keep your local pavements clear from snow and ice for your community. With our partner Veolia we can provide Camden residents and community groups snow shovels and bags of grit salt for this.



Supporting safe community snow clearing

- Every winter we grit key roads and footpaths in Camden
- If you're able to, you can also help keep your local pavements clear from snow and ice for your community
- Find out more and request free snow shovels and grit salt: camden.gov.uk/winter-weather

CONTACT CAMDEN

Our customer services team, Contact Camden, will be closed for general enquiries on the following days:

- Sunday, 24 December
- Monday, 25 December (Christmas Day)
- Tuesday, 26 December (Bank Holiday)
- Sunday, 31 December (New Year's Day)
- Monday, 1 January (Bank Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day)

Essential services will continue as usual over Christmas and New Year. In an emergency, please call 020 7974 4444 (24 hours a day).

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

When you've finished celebrating the festive season, you can still enjoy your tree with a living tree in a pot, which can be planted in your garden or be reused next year.

You can also take your old tree to Regis Road Reuse and Recycling Centre, or one of the other collection points - check the Camden Council website for more details. Your tree can also be collected as part of the garden waste subscription service, or as part of bulky waste collection (charges may apply).

Please remember, its illegal to dump Christmas trees or decorations on the street or on your estate, you could receive an on-the-spot fine or £400 for fly-tipping.

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

We want to make sure you are safe and if there is an emergency situation, residents and the emergency services need to have safe and clear communal areas within a block.

Fire Risk Assessments have been carried out over the past few weeks on properties with shared communal areas, to ensure that appropriate fire safety measures are in place or need to be implemented.

All communal areas must be kept clear and pink stickers will be placed on all flammable items or objects that should not be in communal areas. These items must be removed by the date shown on the sticker, any remaining items will be removed and dispose of.

If you have any queries or would like more information regarding the programme, contact Camden's Fire Safety Team by email: FireSafety.admin@camden.gov.uk.

***Central Somers Town** is a long-term Camden development project, designed to deliver on the priorities set by Somers Town residents. The development has already delivered a new building for Edith Neville Primary school, built new premises for Plot 10 after school club and Scene and Heard community theatre project, created an additional 10 new council homes, and provides continuing improvements to the public realm, green and open spaces in Somers Town. See <https://cip.camden.gov.uk>

SUCCESSFUL DRUG SWEEP IN SOMERS TOWN

Community Presence Officers in Camden have been actively monitoring and gathering information on drug-related activities in the area. Their efforts recently resulted in a successful drug and weapon sweep, leading to the discovery and seizure of a substantial amount of class A drugs. These seized drugs have an estimated street value of £1500 - £2000.

For several months, the Community Presence Officers and Community Safety have collected and analysed intelligence reports from the public, local businesses, and the police. This comprehensive process involves utilising CCTV assets, conducting extensive patrols, and closely observing the behaviors and patterns of both known individuals involved in drug activities and the general street population.

On November 9th, they strategically targeted Oakshott Court, disrupting ongoing activities and preventing immediate escape by surprising the culprits.

The car park has been a cause for concern, as it has been observed that young men gather there to use recreational class B drugs, consume alcohol, and potentially operate as a base for drug dealing.

Community Presence Officers will continue to patrol the ward, gather and share intelligence with partners to disrupt drug-related activity, which is a major concern for the residents of Somers Town. The partnership will continue between CPO's and Met Police to make Camden safer.

MORGAN SINDALL'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In recent months, Morgan Sindall have been actively committed to community engagement in Camden. They partnered up with "The Little Spoon", an earth friendly ice cream supplier, and treated local residents to some delicious free ice-cream. Kids from local schools joined in with the fun and were clearly excited.

They have also been volunteering at Castlehaven Community Centre where they spruced up the local park and contributed to the local food bank. They have also organised a Charity run in aid of The Single Homeless Project, they have



8 hostels in the borough of Camden that help with homelessness. Our initial goal was to raise £500, but thanks to the incredible support and generosity of our participants and donors, they raised £800!

Morgan Sindall is also investing in the future, with over 22 students from local colleges participating in valuable work experience on our Camden projects. They have various apprenticeships to offer in Electrical, Mechanical, Brickwork, Carpentry and more to our local residents who are interested in kick starting a career in construction.

Morgan Sindall welcome all local residents to explore the various opportunities they have to offer!



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