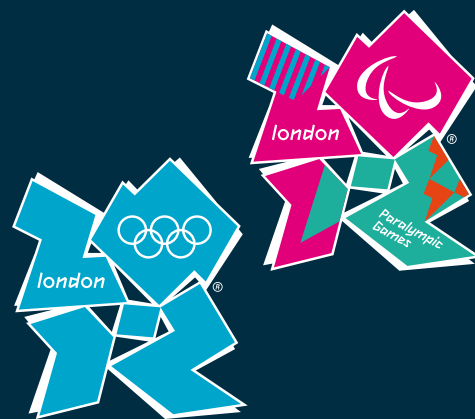


Engage



Local news for the Athletes' Village boundary
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Welcome

Welcome to the final issue of 'Engage'. On 27 July 2011 the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) celebrated the completion of the Olympic Park 'big build'. We have now handed over most of the major venues to the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

We would like to thank you for all your advice, patience, interest and support over the last five years. We do recognise the impact our works have had on you as our closest neighbours.

The ODA will now be passing the baton to LOCOG, who will continue to engage with you as they prepare to stage the Games in 2012. LOCOG's preparations for the Games are well underway and they will be communicating with you more regularly. In the autumn you will receive a newsletter from LOCOG called 'In your area'.

A lot of work still needs to be carried out on and around the Olympic Park and Athletes' Village site, including on Drapers Field. From 1 October 2011, LOCOG will also fund and manage the 24-hour Construction Hotline, on which the ODA has answered 6,000 calls since May 2007.

Public meetings to tell residents about work on and around the Olympic Park will be managed by partner organisations. The ODA will attend, as and when required.

The next Chandos Community Centre meeting will be on 5 October 2011. Invitations will be sent out in advance.

The Olympic Park Engagement Network (OPEN), which brings together community representatives from around the Olympic Park, is being hosted by the ODA for the last time in September 2011. The Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) will take on OPEN and ensure members continue to be involved in the development of the Park through to the Games, and beyond.

Dates of meetings, as well as details of works in your area, will still be available on the community webpage: www.london2012.com/community.

The ODA Education Programme has also concluded, having offered opportunities

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Please call the free Construction Hotline for more information on the construction programme or if you have any questions or concerns.

to all 450 schools in the five Host Boroughs. As a legacy of our work with young people, we have launched ODA education resources focused on the construction of the Olympic Park.

These are now available to schools nationwide via the Get Set website: www.london2012.com/getset.

We have very much enjoyed working with you and wish you all the best for the future.

**Community Relations team
Olympic Delivery Authority**



Local residents and schoolchildren joined us at the Aquatics Centre to watch Tom Daley perform the first dive. The Aquatics Centre was the last of the six main Olympic Park venues to be finished.

Progress on site

The Athletes' Village remains firmly on track to be completed in early 2012.

Residential plots

The 2,818 homes at the Athletes' Village are making excellent progress in preparation for the 17,500 athletes and officials they will accommodate in 2012. By the end of August 2011, almost half of the residential plots were complete, with others in the final stages of being fitted internally and courtyard spaces being landscaped.

Chobham Academy

The Chobham Academy is now nearing completion, with the final finishing touches being applied and commissioning well underway. The landscaping surrounding the school has also begun.

The health and multi-use community facility

Construction of the health and multi-

use community facility, is also nearing completion. Internal work to the facility is well underway and the final external brick work is being added. Special walls are now in place to allow the building to be used during the Games, which will then be removed and the building adapted for use after the Games.

Car park

In November 2010, the 850-space multi-storey car park for rail passengers was the first structure to be completed at the Athletes' Village. This was a hugely important milestone for the project and was completed on time, within budget and with an excellent safety record.

Parklands and the waterglades

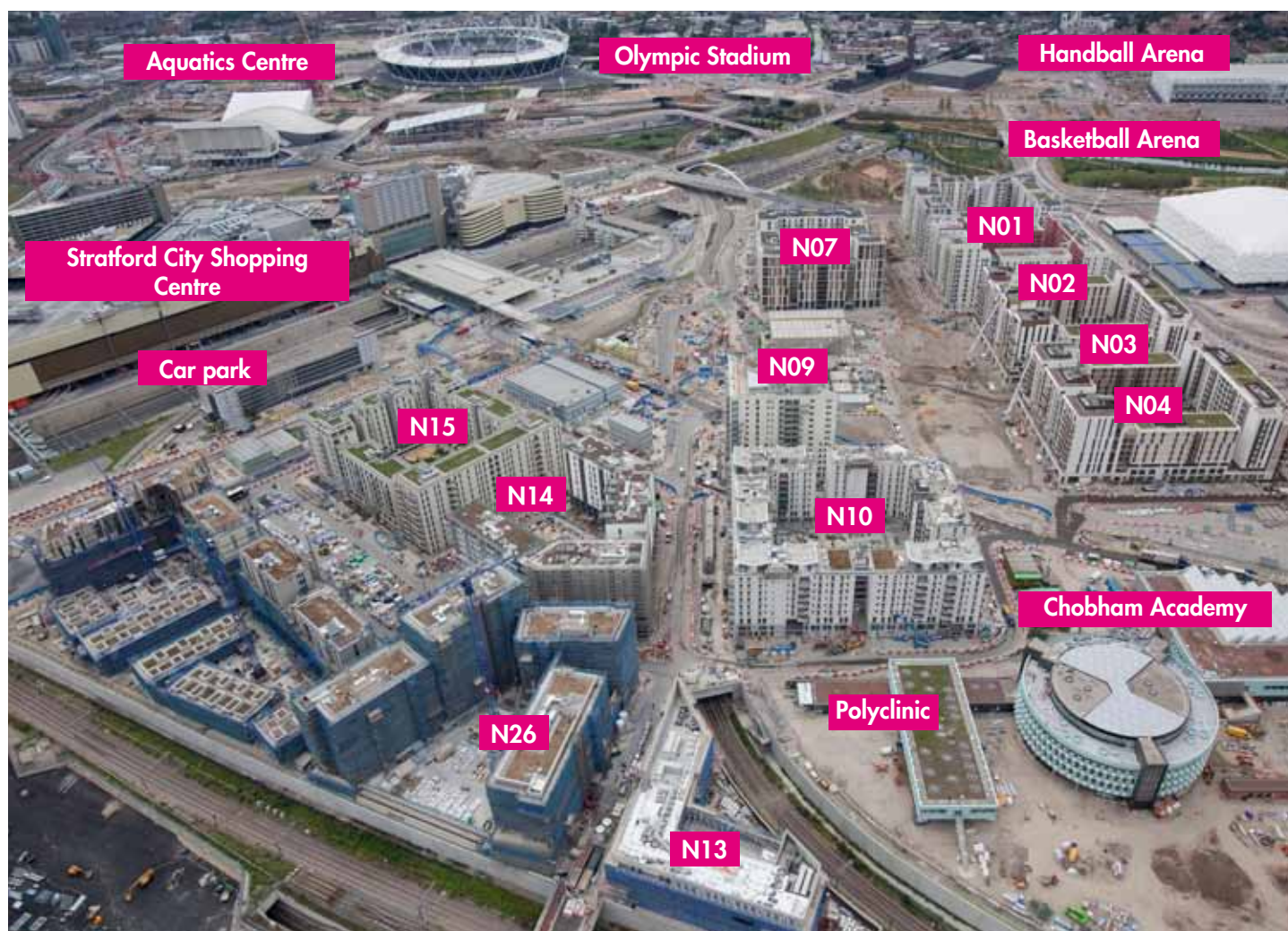
The 10 hectares of parklands and

open space at the Athletes' Village is seeing significant change. Three thousand species of trees, plants and flora are currently being planted.

The waterglades are almost complete. This space will be enjoyed for many years to come by those living at the Village as well as local communities and people visiting the area.



An aerial view of the parklands



An aerial of the Olympic Park showing the Athletes' Village and major venues



Local residents and schoolchildren enjoy the first 'picnic in the Olympic Park' in June 2011



An aerial view of the Chobham Academy in the Athletes' Village in July 2011



Local residents visit the Athletes' Village in July 2011



The first of the 11 residential plots on the Athletes' Village was completed in March 2011

Athletes' Village Operations Support Area: Drapers Field

During the London 2012 Games, Drapers Field will be used as an Athletes' Village Operations Support Area, which provides back-of-house facilities for the Olympic and Paralympic Villages.

It is vital for providing services such as catering and cleaning to the thousands of athletes competing in London 2012.

The London Borough of Waltham Forest has given the ODA permission to start work on Drapers Field.

London 2012 requires the site from the start of September 2011 until December 2012, before Waltham Forest improvement works to the field start in 2013.

ODA funding will provide an improved all-weather, floodlit playing pitch for Drapers Field, along with a grass pitch, informal sports facilities, new landscaping, better access and site management.

The London Borough of Waltham Forest has assisted users of Drapers Field to find suitable alternative facilities nearby for the closure period.

Working hours are 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

The ODA work will include erecting a fence to close and secure the site, removing the artificial playing surfaces and floodlights.

Once we have completed this work, we will construct a new temporary surface and lighting columns.

The ODA will then handover the site to LOCOG in December, to prepare it for use in 2012.

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Questions and answers

Q: Half of the Village is affordable housing in legacy, what about the other half?

A: The other half has recently been sold on the private market to a joint venture of Delancey and Qatari Diar, who will own and manage the housing long-term.

They will work alongside Triathlon Homes who will manage the affordable housing in the Village.

Delancey and Qatari Diar will continue to work with the ODA, to finish the apartments ready for the first residents to move into by early 2014.

Q: Where can I get tickets for test events and the Paralympic Games?

A: For information on the London Prepares series or to book tickets please visit: www.londonprepareseries.com

Alternatively call 0844 248 5079 to book your tickets.

You can apply for tickets to the London 2012 Paralympic Games between 9 September and 26 September 2011.

Sign up now at: www.tickets.london2012.com and make sure you are among the first to receive ticketing information and hear about other exciting events and offers.

Q: What is latest on the Alma Street Security Plaza?

A: A key priority for London 2012 is to deliver a safe and secure Games. The vehicle screening plazas are part of the security measures around the boundary of the Park.

They are designed to deter and detect people who may want to cause harm to the Olympic Park or Stratford City shopping centre through the use of

vehicles, in the run-up to and during the Games.

The eastern vehicle screening plaza on Alma Street will be used to search and screen vehicles accessing Penny Brookes Street before they enter the Olympic Park or Stratford City shopping centre.

The Penny Brookes Street route has always been planned as the access route for public traffic and buses to reach the Stratford City Development.

This plaza will be used from the opening of Stratford City shopping centre on 13 September 2011 through to the end of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

All plazas will be decommissioned and removed in September 2012

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