

# heartof eastgreenwich

## English Partnerships announces next public consultation meeting

**When: THURSDAY  
20<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

**Where: The Forum  
@ Greenwich**

The next public meeting to discuss the future development of the former District Hospital site will be held at the Forum in East Greenwich, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, at 7pm.



Following English Partnerships successful launch of their search for a development partner to deliver the Heart of East Greenwich project, residents are now invited to come along and meet the three shortlisted developers who will be bidding to become the preferred development partner.

A short presentation will be given by each of the three developers outlining their commitment to the project and residents will then be given the opportunity to ask them questions or raise issues.

The three developers will spend the summer drawing up their proposals for the site and then submit them to English Partnerships in September.

English Partnerships, and Greenwich Council will then judge which of the development teams is the most suitable to deliver the project.

The three proposals, which will include visual images of how the site might look in the future, will then form part of a public exhibition to be held in late September.

Local residents will therefore have another opportunity to have their say and make comments on the different schemes. These comments will then be taken into account the final selection of the preferred development partner.

## A new heart for East Greenwich

The new development is being delivered in partnership with Greenwich Council and will develop a brand new East Greenwich Centre including a Leisure Centre, Library and council offices all under one roof.

It is also proposed that a new health centre will be included in the development as a replacement for the existing Vanbrugh Hill surgery.

The scheme will bring new homes to the area, including affordable and key worker accommodation as

well as a small number of new shops. The development will be centred around a new public square and will bring a landmark scheme for East Greenwich.

Once a preferred developer has been selected a full planning application will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and it is hoped the development could start on site by autumn 2007.

## Demolition update

The final stages of the demolition process began with the felling by controlled explosives of the hospital chimney.



  
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The National Regeneration Agency

  
**Greenwich Council**

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## Going...going

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June was just a regular, peaceful sunny Sunday morning in East Greenwich, until the last major part of the old hospital building, the boiler-house chimney was brought crashing to the ground signifying the end of one era and the start of a new one for the community in East Greenwich.

Local people turned out in large numbers and cheered as the 200ft concrete chimney came crashing to earth. Demolition contractors Squibb and Davies felled the chimney using controlled explosives and carried out the work under the supervision of Greenwich Council and the Local Police.

A number of local residents had to

be evacuated from their homes for a short time as a safety precaution and were treated to a Sunday breakfast, before watching the chimney fall.

Speaking after the demolition English Partnerships Senior Regeneration Manager Philip Dibsdale said, "This site has always been of key importance to East Greenwich. We welcome this opportunity to regenerate this area and create a development of equal importance and relevance to the community."

Cllr Chris Roberts, Greenwich Council said, "I am pleased that this milestone in the redevelopment of the site went well and am now looking forward to working with the local community and English Partnerships so that we can create

a vibrant new heart for east Greenwich that meets all our needs including a new library and leisure centre."

The site will now be cleared of all remaining debris and made safe, ready for redevelopment. Security will be in place until the start of the redevelopment.

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