Welcome to the Battersea Power Station community newsletter. So much has happened since our last update in June, but before we get started, here’s a snapshot of what is yet to come.

- The main construction phase on Phase One will begin in October
- Wilkinson Eyre and Purcell, the architects for Phase Two, are undertaking the detailed design of the Power Station
- Public consultation and exhibition 5th - 10th November
- Meeting of Building Battersea Neighbourhood Group 29th October

On the 4th July Prime Minister David Cameron, Mayor of London Boris Johnson and the Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, visited Battersea Power Station to celebrate the long awaited, and anticipated ground breaking, 30 years after the Power Station was decommissioned.

The exciting ceremony marked the beginning of a seven phase masterplan that will see Battersea Power Station become home to a thriving and vibrant community, served by a new underground station and river bus services, making it one of the most accessible new destinations in London.

Leader of Wandsworth Council Ravi Govindia commented:

“We are now watching this part of Battersea transform from London’s logistics centre to a brand new residential and businesses district with a revived Power Station at its heart. Battersea has an incredibly exciting future”.

The groundbreaking process is integral as it provides much needed enabling works to allow Phase One to commence under the instruction of award winning British construction company, Carillion.

The redevelopment of the 39-acre Battersea Power Station site will lead to the creation of 15,000 jobs, 3,500 new homes, shops, cafés, restaurants and offices, set amongst a new 6 acre riverside park and with the fully restored Grade II* listed Power Station at its heart and open to the public.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

We will be holding a public consultation to display the plans of Phase Two (The Power Station) from Tuesday 5th - Sunday 10th November at The View, Battersea Power Station. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along to view the plans for the detailed design of the Power Station. The entrance is Gate 2, 188 Kirtling Street, SW8 5BN please see www.batterseapowerstation.co.uk for full details.
RESTORATION BEGINS

The long awaited restoration work to the Power Station will start in October 2013 – and marks the 30 year anniversary since the power was turned off and the Power Station closed.

The initial programme of repair works to the exterior of the Power Station building and chimneys is expected to complete in 2016. The first stage will involve repairs to the external brickwork and we have been fortunate in finding the original source of the bricks used to build the Power Station in the 1930’s and 40’s. Sample panels of brick-work and pointing have been made up, and in consultation with English Heritage, the authentic colour match has been identified. International consultancy and construction company, Mace, has been appointed as Construction Manager for the Battersea Power Station Preliminary Works.

Building on the existing Rafael Vinoly masterplan for the site, the development team is now focusing on finalising the detailed design of the interior of the Power Station and a number of specialists have been appointed including world renowned architecture practice Wilkinson Eyre Architects who have recently worked on the refurbishment of Gilbert Scott’s 1940s New Bodleian Library in Oxford.

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EDUCATING BATTERSEA

In August the Power Station opened its doors to children between the ages of 8 and 11 from Chesterton Primary School, Sir James Barrie Primary School, and Herbert Morrison Primary for a history themed open day.

Throughout the day the children were able to ask lots of questions on the history of the Power Station. As they walked through it’s grounds they were interested to know when the Power Station was built, how tall the chimneys are and how many bricks make up the building.

Do you know the answers? (answers below)

1. When was the Power Station built?
2. How tall are the chimneys?
3. How many bricks are in the building?

A BIRD’S EYE VIEW

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Work on Phase One moves up a gear in October 2013 under British contractor Carillion, and it’s important to us to ensure that all our neighbours in the immediate area are kept informed about what is happening with regards to the works on site.

We have established the Building Battersea Neighbourhood Group which will provide a regular opportunity for our neighbours to receive information about the plans and to ask questions of the contractors. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th October at Battersea Power Station Project Offices.

If you are interested in joining the Building Battersea Neighbourhood Group, please email buildingbattersea@bpsdc.co.uk to register your interest.

We will have also set up a dedicated telephone number for residents who may have calls relating to construction and activities on the site. For further information please keep an eye on our website. http://www.batterseapowerstation.co.uk/

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September Battersea Power Station participated in the London Open House event and hosted thousands of people on site and inside the Power Station building. This was the first time that we were able to participate in Open House. Over 40,000 visitors came into the Pop Up Park, into the Boiler House venue and through turbine hall B - the BPS home team and consultants met with visitors and answered questions over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.
On Tuesday 3 September Battersea Power Station and blu-3 hosted a Cycle HGV Awareness Safety Day which was attended by over 80 cyclists young and old.

In partnership with the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, Havebike and Wandsworth cycling proficiency team, the day offered demonstrations on safety, security marking for bikes, MOTs and services for minor repairs – all free of charge!

There was also the opportunity to sit in the driver’s seat of a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) to get a better understanding of what the driver can and can’t see. This is especially critical with regards to cyclists on the nearside and directly in front of the vehicle. With all the construction about to take place in Nine Elms, Battersea Power Station, in partnership with their contractors intends to roll out a regular programme of these events.

Bridget is a sixth form student from Burntwood School who is currently studying a business course. She has recently enjoyed two weeks work experience with Carillion, the main contractor on Phase One of Battersea Power Station. The experience she has gained will greatly help her studies. For further information on school work placements please contact Ellie Boorer at Wandsworth BEST, Tel: (020) 8871 8633, email: eboorer@wandsworth.gov.uk

Hundreds of jobs, apprenticeship and training opportunities will be available for local residents in the years ahead and will be available through the new jobs brokerage service, delivered by the two local council brokerages, Lambeth Working and Wandsworth Workmatch. This streamlined jobs brokerage service, specifically for local Wandsworth and Lambeth residents, provides a single point of contact for job opportunities within Nine Elms on the South Bank. Email: jobs@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com

In the meantime if you need support to re train and become job ready:

Wandsworth residents can get in contact via the below details:

Telephone: 020 8871 5191
Email: wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk

Lambeth residents can get in contact via the below details:

Telephone: 020 7926 3311
Email: lambethworking@lambeth.gov.uk

For further information please contact us by email at info@batterseapowerstation.co.uk or visit our website at www.batterseapowerstation.co.uk.