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Welcome to our latest regular newsletter to our neighbours in the Olympia area.

Olympia weekday District Line service cancelled

As you may be aware, Transport for London announced this week that they are cancelling the District Line weekday service to Olympia from December 2011. While the TFL media release indicates "plans to operate special services to serve major weekday events at the Olympia exhibition centre", we have been given no indication of what kind of service it envisages. We have requested a meeting with TFL to clarify this and to make the case for keeping a regular tube link to Olympia. As there has been no consultation with either the Olympia business or local residents ahead of this decision, we would welcome your views and feedback on this issue. Please contact us at Olympiaresidents@eco.co.uk or by writing to me at the above address.

We believe that stopping a doorstep connection to Olympia will have a major impact on our local economy, put strain on the wider public transport network and could encourage more people to visit Olympia by car. Each year, 1.1 million people visit Olympia Exhibition Centre. We look forward to discussing with Transport for London how they propose to manage this movement of people in the absence of the tube link. We also intend to consult other local businesses and residents' groups to ensure their voices are heard. We will keep you informed of any progress.

Construction works update

Following planning approval from Hammersmith and Fulham Council last October, EC&O Venues is currently redeveloping our West Hall behind the restored façade and reconfiguring Olympia 2 to provide more efficient servicing arrangements and improved connectivity with the

rest of the facility. We will also be improving the public realm around Olympia with new pavements and trees.

Our contractor, Sir Robert McAlpine, and I are pleased to report that the works continue to run to schedule. Demolition works and piling (the construction of deep concrete foundations) are now complete and the construction of the new West Hall has begun. During April the plan is to install drains and complete the ground level foundations. We would also like to make you aware that a tower crane is going to be installed over the weekend of the 16 and 17 April to enable to Sir Robert McAlpine to move large materials. This will be on the site until the end of October.

We continue to monitor our activities for noise and air quality and to liaise with Hammersmith and Fulham Council as necessary, adopting the best practical means to control any potential nuisance to residents. The Olympia site is registered with the Considerate Builders Scheme and there are general information notices about the project around the perimeter of the site. You will also be able to find out more from our website www.eco.co.uk/olympia - or by signing up to receive regular e-newsletters about the project by emailing Olympiaresidents@eco.co.uk



Lee Hawkins, Sir Robert McAlpine's dedicated project manager for Olympia, is based on the site full time. Should you have any queries regarding the management of the site or the work schedule, please contact him by calling (0800) 0546396.

We continue to mitigate the impact of this by having quiet periods within the operations. The work is phased to allow the exhibition and conference business already operating at Olympia to continue throughout. Teams from EC&O and Sir Robert McAlpine hold regular meetings to discuss logistics and operations management for both forthcoming events and the building works so there is as little disruption to residents as possible. As Group Halls Director, I remain the main point of contact if you have any queries or questions about Olympia and its operations.

We remain committed to engaging with you. On behalf of EC&O Venues, thank you for your patience and continued support. I will be in touch again soon with a further update.

With best wishes,

Rachel

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P.S. To give your feedback about TFL's plan to cancel the Olympia District line tube link, please email olympiaresidents@eco.co.uk. We would welcome your views.