

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## SITE ACTIVITY UPDATE

August saw strong progress across the site, with finishing works in the residential towers and public realm paving now over halfway complete. Alongside construction, community life is thriving – from local young people gaining hands-on experience through work placements, to preparations for Hotel Elephant's new Saturday Art & Design Club launching this autumn. With the Urban Elephant Festival bringing colour and energy back to Castle Square this month, we're busy building both place and community. Read on for all the details!

Paving is now 50% complete across the new public realm



## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The development team, including contractor Multiplex, will continue to hold online Neighbourhood Information Forums. During these forums, we will provide you with an update on the project and inform you of all planned works for the upcoming couple of months.

**The next virtual Neighbourhood Information Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 7 October at 18:30**

To register your interest, please email [info@elephantandcastletowncentre.co.uk](mailto:info@elephantandcastletowncentre.co.uk) and a meeting link will be sent in advance

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- The new London College of Communication building is being fitted out at pace, with lighting now fully installed throughout the building. All utilities, gas, power, communications & water connections are now complete externally, and finishing touches are being applied to works on the roof. Screeding works to prepare for flooring installation in the ground floor retail units are also almost complete, and mechanical pipework is being installed.
- On tower 1 (34-storey residential tower), internal wall installation is now complete throughout the building, as are all major electrical and plumbing installations. Painting and decorating is complete up to level 31.
- On tower 2 (20-storey residential tower) and tower 3 (22 storey residential tower), apartments have been 'white-boxed' meaning the walls, ceilings, and basic finishes are complete, ready for final touches. Kitchens have now been installed, and Final decorating works are also complete up to level 18 in both towers.
- The dedicated retail, leisure and workspace 'podium' structure is continuing to take shape. All areas are now watertight, and façade installation is currently 90% complete. Drylining is now complete, with finishing touches being applied ahead of final room inspections. Screeding works to prepare for flooring installation are now complete, paving the way to the escalator which has been installed and will give future users access to external walkways which link all buildings.
- E4 (retail units) structural steel installation is complete with all floor slabs poured, inclusive of stair cores. External façade installation has commenced and escalators have started to be delivered.
- Public realm works are well under way, with concrete slabs and paving complete along the station route and around all buildings. Paving is now 50% complete, and cycle ramps and hoops are currently being installed. Tree pits are complete and awaiting tree planting season at the end of summer. Deep drainage works are also now complete.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

### SEGREGATION OF WASTE

Construction is responsible for roughly 32% of all waste sent to landfill. The Multiplex team works hard to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill. Segregating waste into individual waste streams on site maximises the opportunities for recovery and recycling, reducing landfill waste.

This helps to avoid environmental harm as incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste can cause water pollution and damage. For example, mixing plasterboard waste with other waste types produces toxic hydrogen sulphide gas. So far, Multiplex has successfully diverted 99.98% of the construction waste produced on the project from landfill.

## TICKET HALL SITE HANDOVER TO TFL

From late September 2025 onwards, final work is underway to enable the transfer of the new Northern line Ticket Hall site at Elephant and Castle Station to Transport for London (TfL). Work will then continue with TfL's contractor, Dragados, to carry out the tunnelling works as part of the ongoing station capacity upgrade.

TfL will continue to use the existing construction site for the new ticket hall. Site signage and hoardings will be updated, and a new welfare facility will be installed to service the site.

Trial holes will also be dug outside the station across two weeks, including weekends, to check how deep the water connections are. In October, the cycle path around the peninsula will temporarily close for sewer connection works. Some pedestrian diversions will also be in place while the welfare cabins are being lifted into place – all clearly signposted, with disruption kept to a minimum.

TfL is working closely with Southwark and other key stakeholders to minimise the impacts of these works, and will separately contact any passengers or residents impacted.

If you would like to know more about TfL's project at Elephant & Castle, please visit: <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/elephant-and-castlestation>

Should you have any questions or concerns about the work, please contact the team via <https://tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us-about-tube-and-rail> or by telephone on 0343 222 1234\*.

*\*Service and network charges may apply. See [tfl.gov.uk/terms](https://tfl.gov.uk/terms) for details.*

## SOCIAL VALUE UPDATE

A social value work experience placement has been spending time with Multiplex for the past five weeks to learn more about Multiplex's approach to social value and how it is implemented at The Elephant. Further work experience opportunities will be explored when school term time resumes this month.

The Multiplex team is in the process of organizing its 2025 charity fundraiser. More information will be shared in due course.



## URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL RETURNS TO ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

On Saturday, 20th September from 12pm - 9pm Castle Square will play host to the summer edition of Urban Elephant: an all-inclusive, community-bonding, family-oriented festival. Combining the best in urban culture with art, music and dance.

This year's event will see Castle Square as the main stage (3pm - 9pm) with street-based pitches on Walworth Square (12pm - 6pm) and Sayer Street (12pm - 6pm).

The festival will later return to the square on 20th March for a Spring iteration, so keep an eye out!



## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE

This September, Toby Hulse directs Shakespeare's joyful comedy in a fast, funny, and magical new production. With tickets from £10 and free school matinees for local pupils, it's theatre for everyone.

**Venue:** Southwark Playhouse Borough

**Price:** from £10  
Family tickets available

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**Course Overview**

- 30 learning hours
- Mostly online delivery
- Key topics: team leading, planning, service, communication
- For all hospitality roles
- Pathway to ILM Level 3 or management roles
- Starts October 2025

Register before 1<sup>st</sup> September to guarantee your spot

Scan the QR code to register



## HOTELELEPHANT ART & DESIGN SATURDAY CLUB

Hotel Elephant launches a free Art & Design Saturday Club for local 13-16-year-olds

Starting in November 2025, Hotel Elephant will host a free Art & Design Saturday Club as part of the National Saturday Club network. Local young people can explore creativity, build skills, and discover careers in textiles and the creative industries.

Led by expert tutors at Hotel Elephant's St John's Walworth space, sessions will cover textiles, print, and upcycled garment/accessory design. The programme is part of a nationwide initiative offering free extracurricular education through 120+ clubs across the UK.