

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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SITE ACTIVITY UPDATE

October has seen strong progress across The Elephant, with apartment inspections now underway in all three towers, the podium structure nearing completion, and public realm works around 70% finished. Alongside these milestones, this edition also highlights our busy calendar of community activity - from the Urban Elephant Festival, which drew over 5,000 visitors earlier this month, to a host of events still to come this autumn.



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 2 December at 18:30

To register your interest, please email info@elephantandcastletowncentre.co.uk and a meeting link will be sent in advance

First inspections have begun across all residential areas

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- 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), flooring kitchen and joinery works are complete up to level 33. First inspections of finished apartments are complete up to level 30, with second inspections complete up to level 19.
- 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. First inspections are complete up to levels 18 and 20 respectively.
- The dedicated retail, leisure and workspace 'podium' structure is continuing to take shape, with façade installation now 95% 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, as is floor tiling in the reception lobby areas. Wall tiling has now commenced and timber doors have been installed in the first two floors. Terraces areas on levels 1,4, and 6 are progressing well with completion due in early October.
- E4 (retail units) structural steel installation is complete with all floor slabs poured, inclusive of stair cores. External façade installation has commenced and escalators are now installed. Internal drylining has also commenced, and scaffolding works continue.
- Public realm works are well under way, with concrete slabs and paving complete along the station route and around all buildings. Paving is now 70% complete, and cycle ramps and hoops are currently being installed. Deep drainage works are also now complete.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE STATION UPGRADE PROJECT - TfL

Following the Transport for London (TfL) takeover of the part of the site which contains the new Elephant & Castle Underground Station, work is underway to prepare for construction to start on the new passenger tunnels that will connect the new Northern line Ticket Hall to the current Southbound and Northbound platforms.

You may have noticed that the hoardings around this part of the site have changed. These are placed around the works to minimise any impacts on the public, including noise and vibration. Coming soon is a project noticeboard with information about the project and the latest updates, so do look out for that!

Recent works have included digging trial holes outside of the Northern Line station entrance. Once completed, Bus Stop P will reopen and you will be able to board your bus from here again.

Works will continue within the worksite to establish site power and services. Further details about these temporary works will be shared with local stakeholders nearer the time.

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 for details.

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SOCIAL VALUE UPDATE

Following schools returning after the summer break, opportunities for engagement and volunteering are available with Construction Youth Trust. These opportunities have been shared across the team.

The Multiplex team hosted their 2025 charity fundraiser at The Grove on 2nd September. The golf tournament was a huge success, raising a total of £24,559. All proceeds were donated to our charity, Chickenshed.

Two new entrants (job starts) have begun working on the project with Multiplex's MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) supply chain partner, Borough Engineering.

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT MELANIN HEALTH & WELLNESS!

Are you a performer ready to get on stage? On Friday 24 October, come along to Melanin Health & Wellness' Open Mic Night competition and show off your talents! Whether you're a vocalist, spoken word artist or a poet, we'd love to see (and hear) you on stage later this month! The best part – the winner receives a free recording session!

Date: Friday 24 October

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Melanin Health & Wellness 1 Bodley Way London, SE17 1FN

Use the QR code to sign up and email info@melaninhealthwellness.org to find out more!



THE SOON LIFE AT SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE

Her waters aren't the only thing breaking. A heavily pregnant, thirty-something woman is in labour. Too scared to go to the hospital in lockdown London, she's decided to have the 'perfect' home birth with nothing but a birthing ball and a boxset to get her through it.

The Soon Life delivers a funny, gripping, fly-on-the-wall portrait of a woman on the cusp of change. Come along to the Southwark Playhouse Borough to see this timely and touching production this October! All matinees are relaxed showing – including babes-in-arms!

Date: 1-18 October

Time: Matinees 3pm / Evening shows 7:30pm

Venue: Southwark Playhouse Borough 77-85 Newington Causeway London, SE1 6BD

tickets: <https://southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/productions/the-soon-life/>



URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL RETURNS TO CASTLE SQUARE

On Saturday 20th September, Castle Square became the vibrant heart of Elephant & Castle as thousands came together for the latest edition of the Urban Elephant Festival. Across three stages – Castle Square, Sayer Street and Walworth Town Hall Square – more than 5,000 visitors enjoyed a packed programme of art, music and dance that celebrated the area's rich cultural diversity.

The day was not only a showcase of local creativity but also a boost for the neighbourhood, with businesses reporting a welcome uplift in trade during what is usually a quieter period. Building on the success of September's festival, the Urban Elephant will return in March for its spring edition – another opportunity for the community to gather, celebrate and support local enterprise.