



## SITE ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Elephant continues to move into its final stages, with buildings complete and finishing works, testing and inspections now under way across the site. Public-realm improvements are continuing in phases, opening up streets and pedestrian routes as areas are completed. This edition also looks ahead to what's coming up locally - from spring theatre productions at Southwark Playhouse Borough to community celebrations marking 10 years of Castle Leisure Centre, as well as the return of the Urban Elephant Festival.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- The new London College of Communication campus (E1) is approaching completion, with the main structure finished and internal fit-out works continuing. All utilities (gas, electricity, communications and water) are now fully connected. Roof services are nearing completion, permanent power is now available, and testing and commissioning has begun. Installation of solar panels on the roof is due to complete by the end of January.
- On tower 1 (34-storey residential tower), all apartments are now complete, with first and second inspections finished in full. Final corridor decoration works are progressing up to level 24.
- On tower 2 (20-storey residential tower), all apartments are complete, with first and second inspections finished in full. Corridor inspections are complete up to level 14.
- On tower 3 (22-storey residential tower), all apartments are complete, with first and second inspections finished in full. Final corridor decoration works are progressing up to level 17.
- The retail, leisure and workspace podium structure is now fully enclosed, with external cladding complete. Retail units are finished and awaiting client inspections. Air quality testing is largely complete, with no issues identified. Internal walls and flooring are finished, with final decorative works under way ahead of room inspections.
- Fit-out works are complete on levels 2 and 3 and progressing well on levels 4 to 6. Tiling to reception, lift and lobby areas is complete, all internal doors are installed, and the level 2 and level 6 terraces are finished, including planting.
- External public realm works continue alongside phased changes to site hoardings. Pavement and road improvement works to the north of the site on New Kent Road are due to complete by the end of January, with works on the west side of Newington Butts now finished. To the south, works around the pedestrian crossing are being completed in stages, with the final area next to the railway viaduct due to complete by the end of January.
- Internal public realm works are progressing well, with most paving due to be completed by the end of January. Installation of external lighting has started, and external signage will begin to be installed before the end of the month.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The Elephant is monitoring carbon emissions generated during construction, including emissions from the production and transport of materials, energy used on site, and the handling of construction waste.

Tracking this information helps the project team understand where emissions are coming from and identify practical ways to reduce the environmental impact of the development.

## POSITIVE LOCAL IMPACT UPDATE

Throughout the project to date, Multiplex and its supply chain have supported 59 new job starts and 38 apprenticeships on the main development.

As part of the UAL fit-out a further 5 job starts and 17 apprenticeships have been delivered. This brings the total across the project to 64 job starts and 55 apprenticeships.

The project team continues to engage with local schools and colleges. As part of the UAL fit-out programme, a school assembly has been scheduled with Notre Dame Girls' Academy on Monday 26 January 2026, introducing students to the construction industry and the range of careers available. Members of the project team will be supporting the session.

Further opportunities for engagement are also being explored through Construction Youth Trust and other local education providers.



## URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE!

The Urban Elephant Festival is back for 2026! Come along to Elephant & Castle on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March for a day full of culture and fun - and watch this space for more details!



## CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE TURNS 10!

In 2026, Castle Leisure Centre celebrates 10 years of supporting the health, wellbeing and happiness of the Elephant & Castle community! Since opening in April 2016, everyone who uses the gym, pool, classes, sports and social activities has played a part in its story.

With a gym, swimming pool, sports hall and fitness studios offering 60+ weekly classes, Castle Leisure Centre welcomes all ages, from toddlers to SilverFit members.

To mark the milestone, a series of 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Community Events will take place throughout Spring 2026, featuring sport and fitness, music and dance, art, children's activities and more.

To get involved in the 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, email Andy at [andykiddmarketing@gmail.com](mailto:andykiddmarketing@gmail.com)



## IT WALKS AROUND THE HOUSE AT NIGHT

4<sup>th</sup> March - 28<sup>th</sup> March

Award-winning theatre company ThickSkin return to London following a sold-out tour with this chilling new play by Bruntwood Prize-winner Tim Foley.

Showing from 4<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March at Southwark Playhouse Borough, this darkly comic show follows a struggling actor in a new job at a remote countryside manor. Part ghost story, part psychological.

Tickets for this chilling new show are [here](#) - don't miss out!



## CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT

11<sup>th</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April | Southwark Playhouse Borough

[southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/productions/children-of-the-night](https://southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/productions/children-of-the-night)

You are invited on the night out of the millennium! Be prepared to be transported back to the chaos of the 90s as we join Lindsay Jenkins, a young lass born and bred in Doncaster with an A in English and a thirst for hedonism.

As Lindsay pulsates her way through nights at Doncaster's infamous club Karisma, she has to navigate hard-hitting issues of sexual health, addiction, grief and classism - all of which she encounters on the relentless dancefloor.

Children of the Night is a love letter to the working-class cultural pulse of the North, mixing kitchen-sink drama with dance-floor euphoria.

Get your tickets to Mad Friday Productions' heart-beating new theatre production at Southwark Playhouse Borough from 11<sup>th</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April.