

Welcome

2013 will be a very exciting year at Kings Hill and will see the completion of many new amenities for the development, including the Control Tower, sports pavilion and pitches, more car parking and new public WCs. We have also finished looking at the feedback from the public consultation we held last year and for which so many of you kindly took the time to give us your views on future development here. The results are outlined below and we have also produced a separate, longer document which is being sent out to give you more information.



Andrew Blevins
Managing Director, Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd.

Feedback from public consultation



A few months ago we invited people living and working at Kings Hill to a public consultation to share their views on future development here.

This was because we are applying to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to vary our planning consent to change land earmarked - and with planning permission - for office space and make it available for housing. This is in order to better respond to

the demand for housing and commercial development going forward.

Many of you took the time to give us your views and, having taken them all into consideration, we have incorporated as many as possible into a revised masterplan for the development.

A separate publication is being circulated to give the details and is also online at www.kings-hill.com.



Name chosen for Kings Hill church

Following a public vote, the Kings Hill church now has a name - 'St Gabriel's Church, Kings Hill'.

Last year Kings Hill residents were asked to help choose a name and, said Rev Patricia Dickin, one of the two local clergy responsible for Kings Hill, Gabriel was shortlisted

because of Kings Hill's past.

"Because of the airfield, we thought about some names that might help us to look to the skies and the angels started to figure prominently in our thoughts," she said. "Gabriel is often God's messenger, bringing good news, which seemed

very appropriate."

The church meets each Sunday in the Kings Hill Community Centre at 9.30am. On Sunday 17 March, the Bishop of Rochester will be hosting a special service at Kings Hill to formally inaugurate the new name.

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Control Tower update

Construction work on the Control Tower is scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

The coffee shop operator is working on plans for its ground floor café and contractors have started on the hard and soft landscaping and new car parking area, all of which should be ready by mid-summer. A rose garden will be included which is already being planted with varieties chosen to complement the art deco period of the building.

The installation of the wayfinding and supporting artworks, for which the Control Tower was the catalyst and central to the cultural strategy for Liberty Square, is also underway. Watch this space for news on plans for the opening.



Computer generated image of the Control Tower



Almost there! Original photo taken by local resident and photographer Jane Bradford and retouched by Liberty

Art project inspires poetic Kings Hill pupils

Children at Kings Hill School and The Discovery School have been exploring the power of words and more about where they live as part of a project designed to bring the history and culture of Kings Hill to life for future generations.

They took part in a Haiku workshop organised by Deal-based Future Creative, which is undertaking community engagement for the Kings Hill Wayfinding project, a series of art commissions that will complement the refurbished Control Tower.

Traditional Japanese Haiku poems consist of seventeen syllables in three lines of five, seven and five and, having heard more about the history of Kings Hill and the men and women who manned and flew from the air station, children from the schools were encouraged to



Children working on their poems

write their own Haiku-inspired poems informed by what they had learned.

Andrew Blevins said: "Our community engagement team has harvested a wealth of wonderful memories and stories from the people of Kings Hill and its environs which we look forward to sharing this with the community.

"There is more to placemaking than developing buildings, and tapping into Kings Hill's past can only add to its appeal."

A website is being set up to invite people to find out about the Wayfinding project, take a look at recent activities in the community, and share their own stories with the creative practitioner team who have been

carrying out the community engagement project.

It includes examples of creative writing by members of the community, photographs taken at events and individual memories and will become an archive of the work carried out over the last three months.

Some of the Haiku-inspired poems composed by pupils at Kings Hill school included:

**on a cloud roller coaster
in a big red balloon,
I'm off on a mission**

by Hannah Graham-Parker

**breeze rushes through your hair,
stars are like sequins on a black
dress dancing on the disco floor**

by Sophie Gardiner

**planes do tricks and turns
an owl flies past the moon
locusts swoop over the land**

by Ava Hazelhurst

New sports amenities to open in August



The artificial pitch under construction

Work is progressing well on the new sports pavilion and 3G artificial grass pitch and both will be ready for the local community to use from late August 2013.

Last November, Kent based Jenner Contractors started building the pavilion, which will provide changing rooms for six teams, dedicated facilities for officials, a social

area, office and toilet facilities for spectators. Kings Hill allotment holders will also have access to the WCs.

Preparation of the new artificial grass sports pitch is also underway, with the sub base laid and the drainage system installed and connected. Work continues on the base and

on the installation of the fencing system that will enclose the pitch.

Kings Hill FC and other local sports teams will be able to use the new amenities from August 2013. If you are interested in using these new facilities, please contact Kings Hill Parish Council on 01732 870382.



Work underway on the new sports pavilion



Spring at Kings Hill

Housing update

Kings Hill is a popular place to live and homeowners should be pleased with recently released figures.

Statistics from the Land Registry show that house prices during the last quarter of 2012 were higher than the sales prices achieved 12 months earlier and sales at Kings Hill were just over 40% of the total sales in the Tonbridge & Malling Borough during the last 3 months of 2012.

It is encouraging for Kings Hill homeowners to see that the average price of homes at Kings Hill is increasing steadily. The market is demonstrating that homebuyers recognise the extra value a Kings Hill home achieves because of its carefully masterplanned context and quality aftercare. Residents also report that their sense of security is greater than they have experienced elsewhere.

New WCs

The new WCs for Liberty Square are almost complete and we hope to be able to open these new facilities and demolish the old facility during Spring 2013. Located next to the estate agents, the design was inspired by the art deco influence of the Control Tower. As with the existing WCs, the new WCs will be managed and maintained by ASDA.

Car parking

Liberty would like to apologise to those of you who have been frustrated by the slow progress with the new, 77 space, car park that will be built on Queen Street. The construction of this area was unfortunately temporarily suspended whilst necessary land transfers were completed.

However, we are pleased to report that the work required to complete the new parking areas has restarted and we expect to make this car parking available to Liberty Square visitors during Spring 2013.

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Life at Kings Hill to be immortalised by art students



Photography student Jane Sellman rolling a six foot silver ball from Kings Hill to Mereworth Castle during Phase 1 of the project

A group of students from the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) are spending time at Kings Hill so that they can create a series of ideas for artworks chronicling everyday life here. Some of the ideas may be selected for commissions.

They are exploring how people live, work, play, shop, visit and inhabit the development and translating their findings into a series of

mediums, including environmental design such as signage; print making in various forms and screen-based design, such as website, app creation and time based media.

The project – called Kings Hill Sense of Place Documentary – is a collaboration between Liberty, the University for the Creative Arts and placemaking consultancy Futurecity and is being

delivered in three phases – this being the second.

The first phase of the project involved film and video students from UCA chatting to people living and working at Kings Hill and filming various events. This has already been completed and the third phase, scheduled for the summer, will see the students' work developed and possibly commissioned.

One of the features that sets Kings Hill apart from other developments is the quality and maintenance of the environment, which is the responsibility of the Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREMC). It is run by Liberty but has two residents as directors, John West (john@kingshillrentals.com) and Sarah Barker (sarah.barker-khrem@hotmail.co.uk).

Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company Ltd can be contacted on 01732 870375 or kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com

Kings Hill Estate Management Company Ltd, which is run on a similar not-for-profit basis to KHREMC, looks after the commercial business park within Kings Hill.

Log on for latest news

Our website www.kings-hill.com has information on all aspects of the development – maps; the masterplan showing the scale of the development; latest news; links to the Kings Hill amenities such as shops, restaurants, surgery etc; public transport timetables and information on matters that affect those living and working at Kings Hill.

