



Local news for the Broxbourne White Water Canoe Centre
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Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of 'Engage'. This is the newsletter for some of our closest neighbours – the community living around the new Broxbourne White Water Canoe Centre (BWWCC) site.

It has been a busy period since the start of construction in summer 2009 with the contractor making good progress on forming the course for the London 2012 Olympic Games. This year there will be many exciting milestones for the project as we work towards its completion in the autumn. Please see inside for details about our forthcoming programme.

A large part of the work achieved so far has been the transportation of soil needed to build the foundations of the course. As it's a man-made course and requires a height of up to 5.5m between the start and finish pool, approximately 150,000 cubic metres of soil is required to build the course – enough soil to fill Royal Albert Hall.

A number of measures have been put in place to decrease the impact of all deliveries. To minimise the amount of dirt and dust leaving the site, all lorries either pass through a wheel wash bath to remove excess dirt or a high pressure spray. A second road sweeper is used to clean the route our lorries travel from the exit of our site heading east towards the Abbey View roundabout.

The piling work finished ahead of schedule late last year with more than 500 piles now in place for construction of the facility building to commence this month.

Now we are in the new year the construction programme will move towards the concreting phase for the courses and the lake. This will mean lorries will continue to enter and exit the site but the numbers will be less than those you may have noticed last year during the earthworks phase.

We may have met some of you at the various events we attended last autumn including the Broxbourne Housing Association Annual Resident Day and the Epping Forest Safer Communities Conference. If you would like the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to attend or present at your community events or if you have any concerns or questions about the construction of these facilities – or the construction programme in general – then please call our free Construction Hotline on 08000 722 110.

Community Relations team, ODA

Key milestones

Spring 2010

– Course structures complete

Summer 2010

– Slalom courses running and facility building complete
– Lake complete and filled

Autumn 2010

– Slalom courses commissioned and external landscaping complete

Spring 2011

– Centre opens to public

Summer 2012

– Centre closes to public for the Olympic Games

Spring 2013

– Centre re-opens to the public

The Olympic Delivery Authority and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority speak with Cllr Brian Rolfe at the recent Epping Forest Safer Communities Conference. Photo supplied by Epping Forest District Council.



Our work on the Broxbourne White Water Canoe Centre

This information map describes the construction work we expect to carry out on the course from January to March 2010 and where it will be taking place.

1 Facilities building

With the foundations now in place for the facilities building, work will start shortly to construct the first and second storeys of the building. The exterior brickwork for the first floor will start in the first few months of the year. Work to the interior will start following the exterior work and is made up of three separate areas: changing rooms and reception, offices and administration area, and the plant room to house the mechanical and electrical equipment to run the facility.

At the beginning of spring 2010, the brickwork will be complete and work will start on the cedar cladding to the exterior which covers the second storey of the building.

2 Earthworks

The Olympic course area has been filled with soil. It currently has additional soil placed on top of the course to provide a dead weight that causes the area to settle quickly, a process that would occur naturally over time. Following this period the final major earthworks movement will take place to form a flat area for use during the Games by the media.

3 Olympic course

The BWWCC design includes a 300m Olympic course that travels along the western side of the site and finishes in the lake. Earthworks to form this course will be finished early in the year with concreting to follow. The course will be completed in summer 2010.

4 Intermediate course

The 160m intermediate or training course has already been formed and concreting will start early this year, with completion expected in summer 2010.

5 The lake

Construction of the lake will start shortly and is due to finish in summer 2010. The lake structure will consist of a concrete bed and banks formed by using concrete-filled sandbags.

6 Car park

There will be no works to the roads and car park until after the concrete works have been completed to avoid any damage to the road surface.



Canoe Slalom Olympic pictogram

We would like to introduce you to the London 2012 Olympic pictogram for the Canoe Slalom events that will be held at the Broxbourne White Water Canoe Centre. The pictograms are dynamic and are a true representation of the sport.

They come in two different formats. A silhouette version (right) will be used for tickets, at venues and on directional signs helping spectators find their way around during the Games. And a 'dynamic' version (on front cover), inspired by the London Underground map, will be used on merchandise, posters and signposts.



What is Canoe Slalom?

Canoeing at the Olympic Games

The first Olympic Canoe Slalom was at the Munich Games in 1972. It came back into the Olympic programme in Barcelona in 1992 and has stayed in since.

How the competition runs

The slalom competition is a timed run down a white water course with up to 25 gates to negotiate. Touching a gate adds a two second time penalty to the run and missing a gate incurs a fifty second penalty – a disaster. Slalom is a time trial and there is a new racer starting as soon as one has finished.

Facts about the Centre?

- The Broxbourne White Water Canoe Centre is being built in the heart of the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre Lee Valley Regional Park.
- The Lee Valley Park Regional Authority will own, fund and manage the White Water Canoe Centre in legacy.
- It is the only brand new London 2012 venue to open before the Games and will welcome visitors from Spring 2011.



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