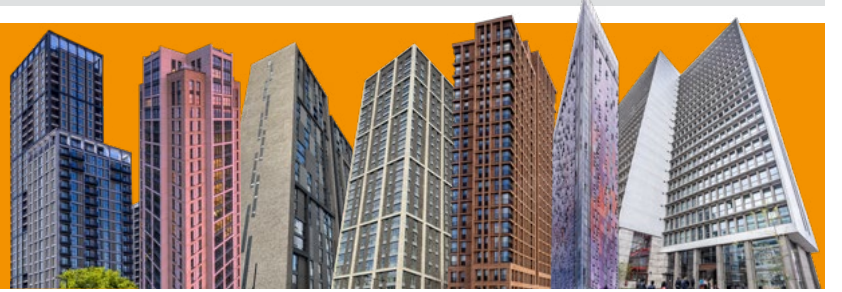


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# A NEW LIFE FOR CROYDON'S TOWN CENTRE

**Consultation begins on the Masterplan Framework to shape future of Centrale, Whitgift and Allders site.**

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW), owner of the Centrale and Whitgift centres, Allders and neighbouring buildings that make up the council's identified 'North End Quarter' is beginning consultation on their future.

The new plans focus on creating a mixed-use development to revitalise the area, bringing together homes, shops, leisure and public spaces to secure a bold future for the town centre which puts the borough firmly back on the map as south London's most vibrant destination.

Scott Parsons, Chief Operating Officer, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield said in a statement: "Our vision for the North End Quarter will drive major positive change, establishing a thriving heart of Croydon that is inclusive and welcoming for all. We know there is a strong desire from residents, businesses and stakeholders to see progress in the town and our goal is to harness Croydon's creativity, youth and connectivity to develop a scheme that leverages

its strengths with a diverse economy across retail, finance, community and the arts."

Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon, added: "The regeneration of Croydon town centre remains a top priority, and we have been working closely with URW so that our vision for the future of Croydon is aligned with the plans they are consulting on. We welcome this important next step in the preparation of their masterplan for the North End area – to create a vibrant place for people to live, work and visit."

Developed by URW, the Masterplan Framework outlines the vision and objectives for the transformation of the site, which includes the iconic Allders building, the Whitgift Centre, Centrale shopping centre and linked car parks and office buildings. Allies and Morrison has been appointed as the lead architect to develop the masterplan scheme.

The Masterplan Framework has been prepared in collaboration



with Croydon Council. It intends to deliver a more sustainable and better-connected town centre through a network of public spaces, green areas and pedestrian friendly streets while also responding to urgent local housing need through the creation of new homes across a range of different tenures

encompassing market sale, build-to-rent, student, co-living, and supported housing, designed to cater to varied demographics and cultivate a multi-generational community.

This initial phase of consultation is open until 29 November 2024 and is the first of a series of public consultation activities

on the Masterplan which will run throughout 2025. Members of the community can visit a consultation event at the Croydon Urban Room or view the materials online and complete an online survey. To learn more and take part, visit [URWCroydon.com](http://URWCroydon.com). The website also holds opportunities to sign up

for the mailing list and the NextGen panel – which includes opportunities open to people between the ages of 16-25 to learn more about the development process and help shape the proposals.

For more information on current proposals for the town centre, see page 2.

# Chair’s Foreword

As we approach the end of another year, it can only mean one thing – another Develop Croydon Conference! We’ve hosted the summit now for 15 consecutive years and are proud to say it’s still as relevant as ever. The event – entitled Fresh Perspectives for 2024 – sets the agenda for the year ahead and looks back on the previous 12 months. And what a year 2024 has been!

There’s a real buzz around Bart & Taylor’s new bar, Trickle, in Dingwall Road and Rocket Padel’s emerging leisure destination near East Croydon station, featuring padel courts, café, bar and a food hall.

It’s also been hugely exciting to see tenants moving into completed developments, enjoying the quality lifestyle of these highly innovative projects.

Enclave: Croydon, the co-living scheme on College Road, has been shortlisted

in the Housing category in the NLA (New London Architecture) Awards 2024. The development is trailblazing in providing 30 amenity spaces, from a green screen studio and sky garden to a games room and poker room, across seven floors, for occupants of its 817 homes.

More than 5,000 civil servants from the Government Property Agency moved into their new home at 2 Ruskin Square this year while the tenants of London Square Croydon’s 240 homes have a new public square, shops and cafes right next to historic Grade I Listed St Michael and All Angels Church.

Morello Quarter has delivered nearly 1000 new and affordable homes already and the Morello Car Park, offering safe and secure underground parking, also opened this year.

Looking to the future and with demolition work now complete at One Lansdowne Road, Greystar

is moving forward with its plans for 800 homes and co-working space in 50 and 31 storey buildings. Meanwhile, Delta Properties is seeking planning consent for its 775-home, residential-led, mixed-use development in College Green, at the heart of Croydon’s Cultural Quarter. We look forward to seeing these projects progress in 2025.

In keeping with the theme of Fresh Perspectives, there is hope for a revival of the Westfield plan albeit in a different format. The retail giant’s UK chief operating officer Scott Parsons said a development would be brought forward in Croydon, taking in residential, office, hotel and student housing, not just shopping, for we have “a great destination with a lot of potential.”

Finally, we turn to a review of our own Develop Croydon Forum activities in 2024. We had tremendous interest in our investor tour



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and astounding success with our Careers Fair for young people, held in partnership with Feldberg Capital. We helped push the Croydon regeneration programme forward through our own Office Market Round Table and by supporting the Gatwick Diamond at UKREIIF. Our members enjoyed socialising together, too, at a Forum-sponsored drinks reception while presenting the borough’s opportunities to potential London investors.

If you’d like to hear more about our activity and news in Croydon, please visit [www.developcroydon.com](http://www.developcroydon.com) or email: [info@developcroydon.com](mailto:info@developcroydon.com)

## Planning permission granted to revitalise Allders



Developer and operator Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) has been granted planning permission by Croydon Council to revitalise the frontage of Croydon’s historic department store Allders with several new food offers, shops and services for the community.

The North End frontage will be sensitively refurbished with minimal alterations. The new units are set to include five shops, ranging from 450 to 1,300 sq. ft each, and two

food and drink units at 450 sq. ft each.

Penny Cameron, Head of Development UK at Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield, said:

“This is the first step of many in our plan to revive this much-loved Croydon landmark, bringing Allders back into use as a space the community can enjoy, while preserving its heritage. We look forward to working with the council to deliver these new shops, services and food outlets for Croydon.”

Allders was founded as an independent department store in 1862 by Joshua Allder and developed into a chain of department stores across England and Wales. The chain was sold after it went into administration in 2005, although the original Croydon flagship continued operating until its official closure in 2013.

The legendary department store has served as a Croydon landmark for over 150 years, and these revitalisation plans mark the first phase of improvements towards bringing this much loved space back to life for the community.



and independents, and today’s news is testament to ongoing confidence in Croydon as a retail destination.”

## New homes and an NHS facility for town centre site

Croydon Council’s planning department gave the go-ahead for a 199 home development to be built at 17-21 Dingwall Road. The site has been empty for several years and aims to help regenerate the area near East Croydon railway station.

Bellway Homes plans to include 20 affordable homes, 19 three-bedroom family homes, a children’s play area, greenery, as well as disabled car parking spaces and cycle parking.

It will also have space for an NHS facility and ambulance bay which – alongside safeguarded land for future



tram expansion – will benefit the community and help to make sure that town centre housing growth is supported by the right infrastructure.

Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon said: “I’m delighted this vacant brownfield site will be transformed... [The homes will help] meet the housing needs of our borough.”

## New proposal for bus shelters to be rolled out across Croydon

A proposal for Transport for London (TfL) to provide, install, maintain, and clean the new bus shelters across Croydon has been submitted to the council’s cabinet.

The new agreement aims to encourage even more people to use the bus network, providing a boost to the economy as well as making the transport network cleaner and more sustainable.

## TfL to improve bus services in Bromley, Croydon and Greenwich



Two bus services have increased in frequency in Croydon.

Route 289 will operate every 20 minute early Sunday morning and every 15 minutes during Sunday daytime. In addition, route 314 will operate every 20 minutes on Sunday, and during early mornings on Saturday and Sunday.

## Croydon invests over £12 million into highways



Executive Mayor Jason Perry has approved a £12.573 million highways capital programme for the borough’s highway infrastructure for 2024/25, as well as a new five-year Highway Asset Management Strategy.

## New TfL trams set to come to Croydon



24 new and improved trams are set to replace the oldest London Trams, once TfL settles on a manufacturer.

Aiming to provide customers with a more comfortable service, new features include real-time travel information, redesigned interiors and air-conditioning.

## Sustainability advancements at London Gatwick with Head of Sustainability

Develop Croydon recently hosted an exclusive interview with Mark Edwards, Head of Sustainability at London Gatwick focussed on the airport’s sustainability aims and achievements.

### Q: What sustainability achievements has London Gatwick made in 2024?

This year, we’ve made significant progress across our ‘Decade of Change’ sustainability strategy, focusing on the areas that matter most to our business: people and communities, net zero, and the local environment. We partnered with Airbus, easyJet, and Air Products to launch the London Gatwick Hydrogen Hub, a collaborative exploring hydrogen infrastructure to support zero-carbon flights. We’ve transitioned our diesel fleet

to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil and celebrated the first anniversary of our STEM Centre, our onsite facility aimed to inspire the next generation to pursue STEM subjects and potentially related careers.

### Q: How does London Gatwick collaborate with local businesses to advance sustainability efforts?

Earlier this year, we signed an Economic Growth Charter with Croydon Council, establishing a collaborative framework to drive economic growth, improve skills, and create new job opportunities for local residents. We value Croydon’s dynamic business landscape and recognise the importance of working together for a sustainable future. We encourage SMEs in Croydon to express their interest in becoming our suppliers, prioritising

responsible resourcing throughout our supply chains.

### Q: What are the key sustainability priorities at London Gatwick?

Under our ‘Decade of Change’, we have set 10 sustainability goals that align with various UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), themes and targets. One of our most ambitious aims is to become a net-zero airport by 2030 for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions (emissions the airport controls directly), which is two decades ahead of UK’s commitment to be Net Zero by 2050. This demonstrates our commitment to taking action on climate change mitigation and positions us as a leader in sustainability among the larger airports.

### Q: How will London Gatwick contribute to the future of low-carbon



### aviation?

The aviation industry is on the brink of exciting developments through technological innovation. Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), hydrogen, and electric, are key technologies in the reduction of aviation’s carbon footprint. Aviation’s low-carbon future can only be achieved through collaboration across the industry. We will continue to work with industry leaders, airlines and technology companies – including through our new London Gatwick Hydrogen Hub – to drive progress and ensure a better future.

## London Gatwick campaign launched

London Gatwick launched a campaign to promote the airport as a seamless travel hub and encourage potential passengers to choose to fly from Gatwick.

The campaign, named “Sorry for the Convenience,” emphasises the diversity and speed of transport modes to and from the airport. Passengers can travel from London Gatwick to central London in just half an hour, with a train leaving every four minutes.

The campaign also highlights London Gatwick’s speedy security and choice of airlines and destinations. Once at the airport, 95% of passengers on average fly through security in less than five minutes, then have the opportunity to experience great retail and food and beverage offerings.

## North End to get over £6m investment as part of town centre regeneration

Croydon’s North End is to benefit from a package of improvement measures in agreement with developers Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW).

The upcoming changes will focus on improving safety, security and cleaning.

The plans details the £6m package of measures delivered through a combination of development activities and funding payments to the Council, to compensate for the delay in the planned redevelopment of the shopping centre.

The areas of focus are

- **North End activities:** pop-ups, installations and performances to create a vibrant and varied shopping and leisure experience in the town centre.



- **Allders:** URW will revitalise elements of Croydon’s historic department store with new food offers and shops. (See Allders story above).
- **Safety, security and cleaning:** a programme of initiatives aimed at reducing crime and antisocial behaviour.

- **Public engagement:** the lease of the space in the Whitgift Centre to Croydon Urban Room
- **Connectivity:** a contribution towards the design and build of a level crossing across Wellesley Road, near Lansdowne Road and the closure of the subway in this location.

## Premcor submits neighbourhood regeneration plans

Premcor Estates has submitted a planning application for the mixed-use regeneration of two housing estates in central Croydon.

Built across four buildings,

it plans to develop 445 homes, including 56 affordable homes and more than 19,000 sq. ft of ground-floor commercial and community space at Woburn and Bedford Court.

Premcor director Rob Lane said: the redevelopment aims to deliver a vibrant, mixed-use neighbourhood that promotes local employment, supports SMEs and serves as a community hub”

## Croydon boosted by wave of new retail signings

Croydon’s Centrale and Whitgift centres have signed seven new retailers and renewed 11 leases from existing brands in a move that will bolster the borough’s retail scene.

New brands joining its centres include clothing stores Dressmode, Mafiora and Rebel Clothing, homewares brand Stacks and Pinball Republic, a pinball club partnering with the local council, landlord Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) said.

Over 200,000 sq. ft of renewals have also been secured across both centres, including key brands House of Fraser, Sports Direct, Claire’s, Holland & Barrett, and Waterstones.

With URW acquiring the remaining 50% stake of the Croydon shopping centre redevelopment from Hammerson last year, they have been on a new mission of regeneration.

URW leasing director UK Kate Orwin said:

“We have such a wide variety of retailers and occupiers at the Centrale and Whitgift centres from major global brands to local

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## London Gatwick Hydrogen Hub – a first step toward zero-carbon flights



Airbus, easyJet, London Gatwick, and Air Products have formed the London Gatwick Hydrogen Hub and will work together to establish infrastructure to supply hydrogen across the airport in an important first step toward possible zero-carbon flights from London Gatwick.

Airbus’ ‘Hydrogen Hub at Airports’ programme will jumpstart research into

infrastructure requirements and low-carbon airport operations, serving as a prerequisite to support the widespread scale-up and adoption of zero emission hydrogen-powered aircraft. The aim is to bring them into commercial service from 2035.

London Gatwick is an ideal testbed for R&D as early hydrogen-powered aircraft will focus on short to medium haul routes.

## LSH secures Planet Mark Business certification for fourth year

LSH secured Planet Mark certification for a fourth year, demonstrating their commitment to continuous improvement in sustainability across business operations.

Highlights include:

- Improved data quality score from 13/20 in 2022 to 17/20 in 2023.



- 22% annual fall in emissions.

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# Greystar partners with Tide on One Lansdowne Road design

Greystar confirms the completion of demolition works for One Lansdowne Road and announces a collaboration with Tide Construction as design partner.

Greystar has spent the past few years reviewing the existing planning consent and working with the local community, council and other key stakeholders to develop revised proposals that better suit the needs of the area.

In July 2023 it submitted a planning application to the council and in January 2024 submitted updates to the design following further consultation. During this time, it also began preparatory works

to demolish the existing buildings.

Now that the demolition works are fully complete, the contractor Erith will be closing down the site. The hoardings will remain in place for safety and security as well as monitored CCTV and alarm systems. Subject to planning permission, Greystar aims to begin construction work next year.

Its next steps are to work with the council to refine the proposal ahead of a hopeful planning decision later this year. As part of this work, Greystar has taken the opportunity to bring Tide Construction on board to design the proposals to be modular built – just as Ten Degrees – to speed up



construction and minimise disruption.

Moving forward, the International real estate

developers will be working with the council to finalise the changes.

## LATEST NEWS RESIDENTIAL

### The Building Safety Act

*A commentary from calfordseaden*

The Building Safety Act (BSA) and 2023 Building Regulations Amendments states the importance of prioritising quality over cost in procurement. Jonathan Harris, calfordseaden Equity Partner, believes that a 'race to the bottom' pricing model is detrimental to project success. While tenders often split their criteria between qualitative requirements and a low pricing element, Jonathan emphasises that price shouldn't be prioritised over quality.

The new Gateway 2 process for Higher Risk Buildings highlights the need for thorough procurement strategies. Poor procurement methods, which focus on reducing costs, have caused an increase in building defects. The new regulations require Principal Designers and Contractors to ensure that their teams have the

required level of expertise and achieve full compliance with current standards. Comprehensive project information management is now a legal requirement, to meet Gateway and Golden Thread requirements.

Jonathan suggests clients consider a 'race to the middle', which promotes fair pricing while ensuring the hiring of expertise necessary to deliver safe projects. If one company offers the same level of staff, with the same attendance on site for a significantly lower price – that member of staff is either being over-worked, underpaid, or mis-sold. Jonathan advocates for a balanced approach, whereby removing the emphasis on cost savings can alleviate potential long-term expenses and risks. He hopes that this procurement strategy can provide value for money for clients, whilst preventing future tragedies.

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## LATEST NEWS INDUSTRIAL & BUSINESS

# Investing in Croydon's Digital Future

As the second most populous borough of London, Croydon's population is set to reach 445,000 by 2031. As a result, an ambitious £5.25 billion regeneration programme is underway to push the borough forward.

When it comes to business, Croydon is the third largest office market outside central London. The borough is home to more than 14,000 businesses and saw a 33% increase in businesses between 2013 and 2018.

Technology is a key part of this business community. Croydon is home to more than 2,000 tech firms, employing more than 7,500 people. The sector has consistently outpaced the borough-wide growth, and in 2018 Croydon Council founded Croydon Digital to lead the digital enhancement of the

borough.

But now the growth is being threatened, identified in Croydon's Economic Strategy "is a lack of access to fast digital connectivity".

At the core of this issue is the fact that – contrary to common thinking – parts of London have suffered from a lack of commercial investment in digital infrastructure. As a result, there are gaps in capability.

The Sub-Regional Digital Infrastructure Strategy from Local London and the South London Partnership has identified over 73,000 premises in the South London Partnership that cannot get a Gigabit capable broadband service. Over 29,000 premises sit in a 'not spot,' unable to receive even a 30 Mbps service.

The strategy notes that: "Particularly poorly served Boroughs include Croydon,



Newham, Greenwich and Waltham Forest."

Consequently, private sector investment in digital infrastructure is vital. This is where we come in, with our newly refurbished Croydon Data Centre.

Investment and change here have been guided by client-centric design aimed at boosting productivity and on-site efficiency. This is the first of our sites to undergo these redesigns

based on client feedback and user group insights, and we plan to roll this out to other sites in our national platformEDGETM network.

As a testbed for regional focused, customer-driven development of digital infrastructure, Croydon is an obvious choice. We look forward to contributing towards the continued growth of the Croydon economy in 2024 and beyond.

# GLi's CR1 will set new standards for cost efficiency

Construction is well underway at CR1 in Croydon, a best-in-class ultra-sustainable logistics warehouse being developed by GLi – a joint venture between KSP and PATRIZIA. CR1 will set a new benchmark for cost-efficiency in the south London logistics sector. According to research undertaken by CBRE, CR1 will offer the highest ratio of electric vehicle (EV) charge points per sq. ft. of any industrial development in the country. This commitment to 100% EV parking also underscores GLi's commitment to supporting the occupier transition to all-electric van fleets.

CR1 will boast 52,605 sq. ft. of cutting-edge logistics infrastructure strategically positioned in Croydon's established industrial

heartland. Its prime location will ensure unparalleled accessibility and convenience for businesses. With a skilled local labour pool tailor-made for the logistics industry, CR1 is expected to be a dynamic hub for growing enterprises. Additionally, CR1 will integrate state-of-the-art solar photovoltaic (PV) technology into its structure.

David Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, KSP, said: "We are delighted to be able to move forward on this industrial unit in such a key strategic location so close to Central London. Its construction will help support the local economy and job creation and the unit will provide future occupiers with an ultra-sustainable building adhering to strict energy efficiency targets, as well as present significant cost savings."

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## Luxury unveiled: new duplex penthouse show home at London Square

London Square Croydon is proud to unveil its new duplex penthouse show home, designed by Muchmore Interior Designers.

The space blends contemporary elegance with functionality.

The show home boasts a sleek kitchen, open

floor plan, three spacious double bedrooms, a WC, a family bathroom, two expansive terraces to take in the stunning views across Croydon and ample storage across both floors.

This is more than just a place to live; it's a chance to redefine luxury living.



## Residents invited to help shape plans for the Regina Road estate

Residents in South Norwood are being asked for their views to help shape the future of the Regina Road estate following Croydon being awarded £54m for the regeneration of the area. The housing grant from the Greater London Authority (GLA) will see the

area redeveloped to include an estimated 380 new high quality, energy efficient properties—a mixture of social and affordable homes and will maintain the current number of council homes. For more information, visit [www.croydon.gov.uk/ReginaRoad](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/ReginaRoad)

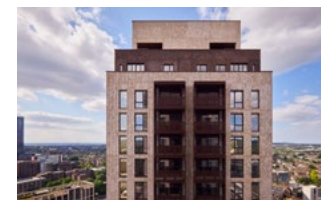
## Glamorgan pub might be transformed into 24 flats



White Rock Developments has applied to Croydon Council to demolish The Glamorgan Pub on Cherry Orchard Road and build an eight-storey residential building in its place, providing 24 flats, a roof terrace and a basement.

The Pub has stood in Croydon since the 1880s and closed down, remaining derelict, since 2016.

A spokesperson for White Rock Developments said: "It is considered to reflect the emerging character of the area and sit comfortably within the street scene."



## Prologis development sets new standard for logistics property excellence

Prologis UK is expanding its development in Croydon, South London. Working with leading main contractor, Winvic Construction, groundworks have been completed on four new market-leading units at Prologis Park Beddington. Ranging from 15,000 to 46,000 sq. ft, the latest expansion phase demonstrates design excellence, flexibility and sustainability.

Environmentally-conscious design is at the heart of the new units and integrated into their defining features. This includes the installation of air source heat pumps, rooftop solar PV and 15% rooflights, along with rainwater harvesting. These features will support Prologis' customers with their sustainability targets and reduce long-term

energy costs, with the solar PV alone expected to generate £12,000 of savings per annum on the smallest building, to £33,000 on the largest. Each of the units will be all electric with net-zero regulated energy use in line with an EPC A+ rating. Embodied carbon will be measured, reduced and mitigated in line with the UKGBC net zero carbon framework and the units are well on track to being awarded BREEM 'Excellent'.

Maximising flexibility has been a key design consideration at Prologis Park Beddington, demonstrated in the innovative approach to mezzanines. Available at two of the units, the additional space will allow for office areas to be expanded or configured to provide extra storage space,

benchmark, assembly or racking across the lifespan of the unit.

Simon Perks, Director in the Capital Deployment and Leasing team, Prologis UK, said:

"The expansion at Prologis Park Beddington sets a new standard for design and flexibility of logistics space in Croydon. With four differing sized units, the park's location is ideal for last mile logistics operators serving the capital, with ready-access to the local job market in South London.

"We've ensured that sustainability has been a major consideration throughout the design and construction of this development and have been encouraged by the positive reception from customers enquiring about the scheme."



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## DC Office Market Round Table

On Thursday, 16 May 2024, Develop Croydon welcomed a panel of experts to discuss the area's office market and its scope for growth to further boost the borough's reputation as a business hub. Scan the QR code below to read more.



## Over the past 15 years, Croydon town centre has undergone an impressive transformation.

It has evolved into a well-connected and vibrant urban hub reflecting Greater London's growth and diversity. With ambitious regeneration projects and innovative architectural landmarks reshaping its skyline, Croydon has created new opportunities for its community. Curated through a poll, here are Develop Croydon's top 15 town centre developments that have made the most significant impact on Croydon.



### New starters

A global leader in communications Sam Fulton (pictured above), has joined London Gatwick as the airport's new Director of Communications and External Affairs. ccha welcomes Maureen Adams (pictured left), who officially took up her position as Chair in April 2024.



### PPF marks one year of partnership with Lives Not Knives

Last year, the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) aimed to collaborate with local organisations to make a genuine community impact. They chose to support Lives Not Knives, a charity focused on preventing youth violence and school exclusions in Croydon and London through mentorship and advice. The charity's mission is to Engage, Educate, and Empower.



### Croydon BID wins award

Croydon Business Improvement District (BID) are proud to announce that they have been awarded the Town and City Management Best Marketing and Branding Award for their impactful "Croydon Stands Tall" campaign. The accolade, recognises the very best in communication strategies and campaigns that achieve clear objectives and prompt positive action among businesses and town centre users.

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# Handelsbanken moves to new Croydon premises

Handelsbanken has moved to a new premier office premises in central Croydon as part of its plans for growth in the area.

The local relationship bank, which offers individual, corporate and wealth management services to locally-based individuals and businesses in and around the London Borough of Croydon, moved to a 2800 sq. ft office in the recently refurbished Stephenson House, Cherry Orchard Road, on 16 September 2024. **The bank found the office space using the Croydon Commercial website (www.croydoncommercial.com),** which helped them identify

suitable spaces quickly.

Built on long-term sustainable values, and committed to delivering high levels of bespoke customer service, Handelsbanken has had a presence in the borough since 2008. The bank, which was founded in Sweden in 1871, has been in the UK since 1982. It continues to go from strength to strength thanks to a focus on forming lasting relationships with locally-based customers who share the bank's values.

At Handelsbanken, customers benefit from direct access to experienced teams who are empowered to make decisions locally. Handelsbanken does not

have any product or sales targets, helping to ensure customers' best interests remain central to all decision-making. It is this emphasis on the bank's core values that has seen it top independently verified customer satisfaction ratings for relationship banking every year since measurement began.

As well as being a more modern office with better space for customers and colleagues – and more meeting space to host networking events – the new branch is part of Handelsbanken's sustainability plans. Designed with the bank's 'Branch of the Future'

concept in mind, it will be part of its ambitions to meet net zero by 2040.

Steve Gutteridge Branch Manager, said: "It has always been an honour to work with customers here in Croydon and we consider ourselves to be very much part of the local community. At Handelsbanken, we aim to provide the very best possible service and we are delighted that our customers recognise this. We look forward to working with both our valued existing customers and new customers from our premises on the 3rd floor, Stephenson House, Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon.

"Our new branch premises



is also a clear statement of Handelsbanken's investment in Croydon. It has been chosen specifically to allow the branch to achieve its growth plans."



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# Lendlease to deliver revamp of Selhurst Park

Premier League football club Crystal Palace has appointed Australian construction and real estate company, Lendlease, as its construction partner for the redevelopment of Selhurst Park.

The Sydney-headquartered firm is set to deliver Palace's long-awaited project which will ultimately see Selhurst Park's capacity raised from around 26,000 to 34,000. The latest news comes after Palace's updated planning application for a new Main Stand at Selhurst Park was approved by local councillors in October 2022, paving the way for transformation of the stadium.

Croydon Council's planning committee first gave the application the green light four years previously, but it was delayed by COVID-19 and the club in August 2022 submitted minor adjustments to the scheme to adhere to new London Plan requirements.

This required fresh approval before planning permission could be granted and any work could begin, together with the signing of Section 106 agreements and approval from the Mayor of London's office.

Palace first revealed plans to increase Selhurst Park's capacity from around 26,000



to 34,000 back in December 2017, with the redevelopment of the stadium's Main Stand central to the project. It had been hoped that work on the project would begin at the end of the 2018-19 season, with a completion date having been set for 2021.

The Main Stand development intends to overhaul Selhurst Park, which has been the club's home since 1924, transforming the match-day experience and providing new year-round community facilities.

The new five-storey Main Stand, featuring an all-glass front, intends to be a tribute to the club's early days when it was based in the shadows of the original Crystal Palace on Sydenham Hill.

Under the original plans drawn up by KSS, the new stand's capacity will

increase from around 5,400 to 13,500, with more than 10,700 general admission seats. Improved access will also be provided for disabled supporters, while Selhurst Park's pitch will be expanded to make it compliant with UEFA regulations, deeming it eligible to host tournament football.

A new Tunnel Club will also be introduced, along with a club museum and community facilities. Supporters' views from the Arthur Wait Stand will also be improved, while the upper Whitehorse Lane Boxes will be renovated into mixed bar/box use.

Palace last month announced that preliminary building projects relating to the first steps of construction of the new Main Stand at Selhurst Park were underway

and progressing well, with a further range of steps being undertaken during the summer period.

As well as this enabling work, the club said it was in the process of "clearing a number of formal barriers" towards commencing construction. This included completing the purchase of six houses located in the local area. Palace said it had also reached an agreement with supermarket group Sainsbury's over the purchase of a piece of land in the car park, holding an option to acquire.

In tandem with the above construction, Palace said it was finalising the detailed construction drawings and going out to tender for every specific area, including steel, cladding, bricks and glass materials.

## LATEST NEWS DISTRICT CENTRES

# Vibrant mural unveiled at Goathouse Bridge



A colourful stencil mural [pictured above] now graces the walls of Goathouse Bridge in Penge Road, offering a warm welcome to the area.

Unveiled as part of Croydon Council's on-going work to revive and regenerate South Norwood, the stencil artwork was designed by Europa and CarverHaggard Architects, in collaboration with Year 9 students from Harris Academy South Norwood and Reaching Higher. Its creation was led by artist Tanguy Bertocchi from Varylab Studios.

The mural project is part of the council's £2.4 million South Norwood Regeneration Programme, funded by the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund and Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone, to revitalise and revive South Norwood High Street.

Justine Simons OBE, Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries at GLA, said: "The talent and creativity of Croydon's young people is on display with this vibrant mural [showing] how art can breathe life and energy into our public spaces."

# SHW facilitates strategic off-market acquisition in central Purley

On behalf of Ganco Assets, the SHW Development Consultancy team has successfully negotiated the 'off-market' acquisition of two adjoining vacant freehold offices in central Purley.

The two office buildings total 10,500 sq. ft and shall be refurbished to provide modern accommodation.

Richard Pillow, Director, SHW said: "This strategic acquisition brings positive



benefits to both our client and the local community by revitalising long-term vacant office space, injecting new economic activity, and creating employment opportunities in the area."

will focus on communities and place, local business support as well as people and skills.

They will include measures designed to prevent anti-social behaviour and improve or create green spaces and public realm, to increase the vitality of the centres. The council is working with ward members and local partners and communities to define the programme and involve them in the plans.

Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon, said: "I am determined to make improvements to our district centres and will continue the good work our borough has been doing to help businesses to thrive. "This funding is a welcome boost and we look forward

to working with the communities to enhance their communities and make residents feel proud to live and work here."

UKSPF funding is awarded nationwide to improve pride in place and increase life chances. The £83k awarded is part of a wider package of £2.6m for Croydon, with which the council has established a Young Entrepreneurs Academy, to support Croydon's next generation of entrepreneurs (aged 18-35).

This work supports the priorities set out in the Mayor's Business Plan 2022-2026 to make Croydon a great place for working, earning and learning, and where all children and young people can thrive, learn and fulfil their potential.

# Croydon welcomes funding to boost district centres and support businesses

Croydon Council is getting projects underway with £833k of funding secured from

the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), to transform five district centres, restore local pride, and help

businesses to thrive.

The five areas that will benefit are: London Road, West Croydon; New

Addington; Thornton Heath; Selsdon; Purley.

The projects, which will be delivered by March 2025,



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# New occupier secured for AMP House

SHW, on behalf of Schroders Capital, has let 6,200 sq. ft at AMP House to a confidential occupier. AMP House comprises approximately 100,000 sq. ft of office space, in the core East Croydon office market.

Located opposite Boxpark, and above national food & beverage operators such as Pret a Manger, Caffè Nero and Nandos, the building is ideally positioned by East Croydon Station which provides regular services to London, Gatwick and the

South Coast. Following this latest letting, SHW and joint letting agents BNP Paribas Real Estate are marketing a range of further business space options in the building from 861 sq. ft up to wings of c7,000 sq. ft and more.

# Croydon Office Market Q4 2024: The bold start of the year continues!

by Vanessa Clark, Managing Partner of Chase Sinclair Clark and a board member of Develop Croydon.

The beginning of 2024 started with strong activity as all vacant office space, plus a lease renewal was delivered in Renaissance when Mott MacDonald, in a measured move out of their former HQ, committed to the persuasions of being in one building with large floor plates; A coup for landlords RLAM and also for the engineering sector.

As the year races to the end, at the start of this quarter another major letting has been delivered, this time in the education sector by Fairfield School of Business (FSB) who have signed for circa 24,000 sq. ft on lower ground, ground, first and second floors in Freshwater Group's Simpson House on Cherry Orchard Road.

FSB are proof of the growing demand within the educational sector for space and the need to identify buildings capable of being re-purposed. The transactions provide the college with space adjacent to existing facilities for growth to accommodate their new linkages to universities including Bath Spa, Birmingham and Ravensbourne College of Communication.

FSB has committed to long leases of 15 years, market rents and improvements to the offices and common parts. Secured cycle storage is being added as part of the proposals.

Alongside the transactions above, there continues a slow but steady flow of take-up by way of both lease renewals and new lettings which means the statistics for 2024 will be higher than in the previous 4-5 years and it will easily exceed 100,000 sq. ft.

In another trend gathering momentum in the office market there has been a surge of office buildings coming to the market for sale. Much of this has been driven by a number of buildings with lease expires leaving fund managers to contemplate options as buildings are left vacant. In other instances, mergers have led to a need to rethink the inherited real estate and trim it and improve it at the same time, having regard to the work from home pressures which are not decreasing anytime soon.

In all, it is anticipated close to 1.5 m sq. ft will be removed from class E provision and sold by fund managers between now and 2026. The timing coincides with the new refreshed central government Permitted Development initiative. Amongst other impacts this will support rental growth and the need for more Grade A new stock.

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# Croydon College awarded ‘Good’ Ofsted grade

Croydon College has lifted its Ofsted grade to ‘good’ in all areas. The college, which has more than 2,700 students across two campuses, has taken “effective actions” to improve the quality of its education, behaviour and attendance, inspectors said. This has resulted in “notable improvements” and led to “increased and high achievement rates”, good behaviour and improved attendance. Croydon’s report said since the last inspection the college has also improved its personal development curriculum, previously described. Caireen Mitchell, principal and chief executive officer of Croydon College, said: “Our teachers do this job because they want to make

a difference to the lives of young people. They want them to succeed and do well in whatever career they choose, and I am extremely proud that this has been reflected in the Ofsted report.” Ofsted has now found that staff have set “high standards” for behaviour at both campuses, with learners presenting as “polite, courteous and respectful”. It added that Coudson’s achievement rates have “increased markedly” and its special educational needs and disabilities students “enjoy a much-improved curriculum”.



# Inaugural Innovation Summit focuses on opportunities for local and regional businesses



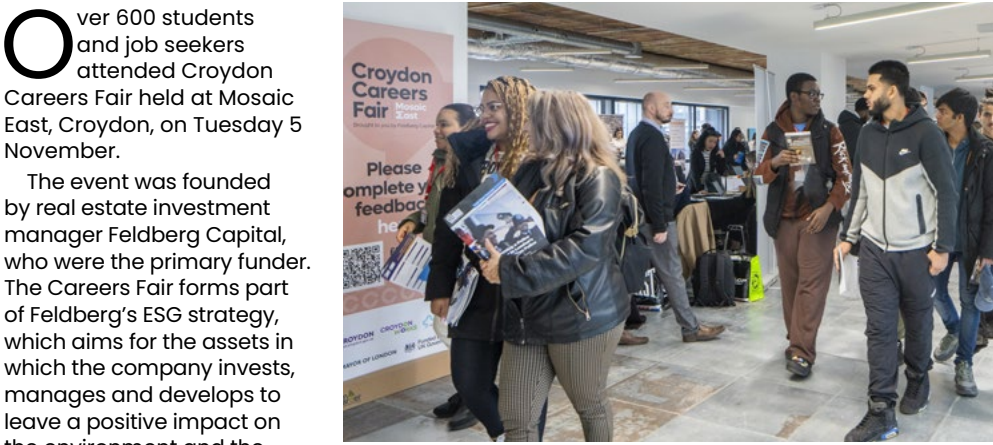
Local and regional businesses joined universities, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Innovate UK, Chambers of Commerce and global companies at London Gatwick’s recent inaugural Innovation Summit. Keynote speaker David Gregory, Nvidia’s Head of Smart Cities and Spaces, shared insights on emerging technologies. London Gatwick’s Head of Innovation, Abhi Chacko, discussed the airport’s approach to innovation, emphasising collaboration with airlines

and partners like VINCI, easyJet, and IAG to drive new ideas. Businesses across the region learnt about future opportunities to work with Gatwick as the airport explores ways to enhance the passenger experience and create opportunities within the aviation industry. Abhi Chacko, Head of Innovation, London Gatwick said: “The Innovation Summit proved a fantastic opportunity for London Gatwick to collaborate with airlines and other partners across the industry, sharing progress and exploring new ideas to shape the future of aviation. We have a strong reputation in the industry for our innovative solutions to improve operational efficiency and enhance passenger experience. “We were delighted to welcome such a broad range of organisations to the airport... and look forward to developing relationships to continue working together.”



## LATEST NEWS EDUCATION & SKILLS

# Over 500 job seekers attend Croydon Careers Fair 2024



Over 600 students and job seekers attended Croydon Careers Fair held at Mosaic East, Croydon, on Tuesday 5 November. The event was founded by real estate investment manager Feldberg Capital, who were the primary funder. The Careers Fair forms part of Feldberg’s ESG strategy, which aims for the assets in which the company invests, manages and develops to leave a positive impact on the environment and the wider society. London Borough of Croydon and Croydon Works were partners in the event, supported by the Mayor of London. The event was delivered by White Label. The Careers Fair was aimed at job seekers – both those looking for their first job or a place on an apprenticeship programme – as well as those looking to make a career move. The Fair comprised a day long programme of talks on career pathways, resilience and networking; workshops on CV writing and managing finances; and one-to-one sessions offering personalised career advice and interview practice. Over 40 businesses from a range of sectors had exhibition stands at the event, enabling job seekers to hear at first-hand about the opportunities available and make valuable contacts. Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon gave a keynote address at the event, highlighting Croydon’s entrepreneurial spirit, with 16,000 SMEs based in the borough. The Mayor also discussed the 12,000 public sector jobs in the borough in agencies such as the Home Office, HMRC, NHS and the Met Police, which are all based locally. The Mayor continued: “I envision a Croydon where every resident, young or experienced, has the support and resources to pursue a career that inspires them and makes a difference. “Today, as you connect with employers, attend workshops, and learn from industry experts, know that you are part of this vision. You are the future of Croydon and it is important we support you”. Croydon based entrepreneur, start-up advisor and business consultant Koby Yogaretnam gave a keynote address. Koby told the audience that he had secured his first job at a careers fair at the age of 16. In his speech, Koby emphasised resilience, urging the audience to view setbacks as learning opportunities. He stressed the importance of motivation in in difficult times, the power of contagious enthusiasm, and the value of lifelong curiosity. “Be bold, experiment, and don’t let fear hold you back from your dreams,” he advised. 16% of attendees reported securing a job or work-related opportunity at the event itself. Over half the attendees surveyed after the event said that they had found the Fair very useful, with 74% of attendees reporting they would be following up with the companies who exhibited at the Fair, with 70% specifying this would be for future work placements. Jon Cochrane, Feldberg Capital, said: “Job hunting can be daunting, especially for young people leaving education and looking for their first opportunity. We are delighted to have founded the Croydon Careers Fair and brought it back again this year. It’s an important community event which offers a wealth of practical advice in a supportive environment – all forming part of our commitment to ensure buildings we manage contribute to their local areas.”

# FSB expands educational horizons

FSB is delighted to announce the official opening of its second campus in Croydon, housed within the distinguished Simpson House, a building with excellent access owing to its convenient location directly outside East Croydon train, tram and bus stations. The expansion marks a significant chapter in FSB’s ongoing commitment to providing exceptional undergraduate and postgraduate degree opportunities, particularly within business, health, criminology, and psychology. Simpson House has been extensively renovated to provide a modern, inspiring learning environment with state-of-the-art classrooms and IT suites. These facilities are designed to enhance academic experience, boost employability, and foster enterprise among FSB students. Mr Mohammed Zaidi, CEO of FSB, articulated the significance of this development: “The inauguration of Simpson House is the culmination of several years of strategic planning and substantial investment. It is a landmark achievement that reflects our dedication to providing an environment that supports academic excellence, and prepares our graduate and post-graduate students for the complexities of the professional world.” The new campus embodies FSB’s mission to widen access to higher education, particularly in areas where students have previously found it difficult to obtain a university degree.



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## LATEST NEWS LEISURE

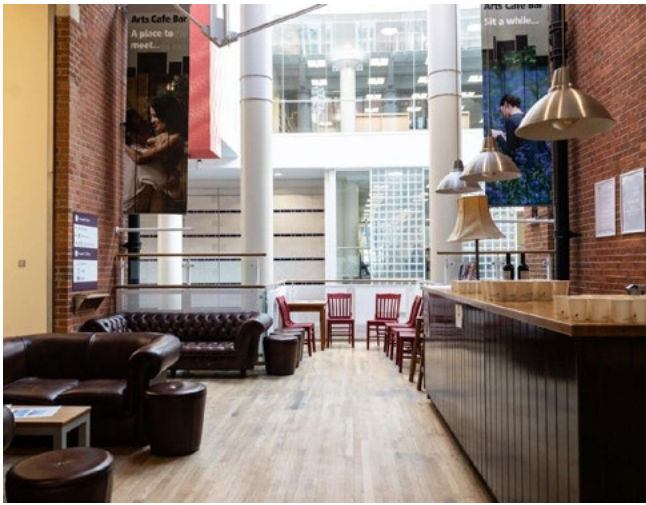
# Rocket Padel gets green light for East Croydon club

Rocket Padel has announced that they have officially received planning permission for a brand-new club in the vibrant and rapidly growing area of East Croydon, London. Their state-of-the-art club will feature 9 indoor courts, a spacious café and bar area, a retail shop, and a large food hall where they will showcase live sports events and host a variety of fun activities. Carl Heimdal, Co-founder of Rocket Padel, said: “We’re absolutely thrilled to have finally secured planning permission for this unique site in East Croydon. “It’s been a long and challenging process, but the result will be something truly special for the community. Not only will this new venue create a significant number of job opportunities in the area, but it will also introduce thousands of new players to the sport of padel. “We can’t wait to see this club become a vibrant hub for padel enthusiasts and a fantastic addition to London’s sports scene.” Rocket Padel is the Scandinavian-born brand creating a foundation for the growth of padel with premium indoor padel venues. Padel is a racquet sport that uses the same scoring conventions as lawn tennis but is played in doubles, on enclosed courts around a third smaller, and uses solid racquets.



# 10 Years of David Lean Cinema

The David Lean Cinema has marked a decade since its revival by a passionate group of local volunteers. This intimate, 68-seat venue, tucked away in the Croydon Clocktower, has been a hub for film lovers for nearly 30 years. Named after Croydon-born director Sir David Lean, whose legendary films like Lawrence of Arabia and Doctor Zhivago have left an indelible mark on cinema history. The David Lean Cinema originally opened in 1995. However, in 2011, the cinema faced closure due to funding cuts. That could have been the end of the story, but the local community wasn’t ready to let it go. A group of dedicated film enthusiasts and residents banded together to form the Save the David Lean Cinema Campaign (SDLCC), taking over the management of the cinema and reopening its doors in 2014. Today, the cinema is managed entirely by volunteers. This unique setup keeps the cinema closely tied to its community, allowing it to offer a diverse selection of films you won’t find at big multiplexes. The David Lean Cinema also has renowned British actress Joanna Scanlan as its patron. Joanna achieved critical acclaim and won a BAFTA Film Award and a British Independent Film Award for her powerful performance in the film After Love. Joanna Scanlan said: “As a young person, independent cinema changed the course of my life and continues to do so. Grassroots cinema clubs like David Lean provide a dynamic source of pleasure and enlightenment.” The David Lean Cinema also hosts several film clubs, including: Babes in Arms: designed



# Pinball Republic Opens

Pinball Republic has opened at Centrale Shopping Centre. Founded in 2017, Pinball Republic London started with a passionate group of pinball enthusiasts who wanted to create the ultimate pinball experience. They donated their own machines, and what began as a dream, quickly became a thriving hub for pinball lovers, featuring weekly tournaments and major events like the UK Open. Today, Pinball Republic remains a non-profit, volunteer-run club. The new location will offer a fantastic line-up of pinball machines, with options for monthly memberships and casual drop-ins.

## New Openings:

**Bricklane Bagel Co:** They bring the classic Hot Salt Beef and many other tasty fillings that you would find in BrickLane. Unit 17, BOXPARK

**CUPP:** This established boba tea brand is well known for their brown sugar boba series, fresh fruit teas and traditional taro, while offering a wide range of unique toppings. 32-34 High St, The Arcade



**Trickle London:** Bart & Taylor’s latest venue offers a modern, inviting space with a lively outdoor terrace. Live music events and bottomless brunches are on the horizon. 26 Dingwall Road



**Aera:** The new speciality coffee shop, blending Japanese and Scandinavian design philosophies, serves a variety of hot and iced drinks including variations of matcha. Ground floor of Enclave

**Crispy Dosa:** This restaurant offers an authentic South Indian experience with a 100% vegetarian menu. Diners can find an array of speciality dosas, dishes like Veg Biryani and street food favourites. 38-40 High Street



**BFT Fitness:** BFT East Croydon is BFT’s third studio in London. The global fitness company offers a variety of intensive 50 minute group training sessions focused on strength, cardio and core stability and more. The founder describes it as “more than just a fitness space – it’s a community hub.” Ground floor, AMP House

# LSBU awards honorary degree to Croydon community leader

Andrew Brown, a visionary, has been awarded a Honorary Fellowship from LSBU. As CEO of Croydon BME Forum, he works tirelessly to support Croydon’s black and minority ethnic voluntary and community sector to tackle social, cultural and health inequalities and provide a better quality of life for residents.

Under his leadership, the Forum has established two community centres to provide health and wellbeing resources to local people and led key campaigns aimed at tackling ethnic inequalities in health and social care, including a UK-first project to train South London barbershops to provide free, on-the-spot blood pressure checks.



# East Croydon McDonald’s reopens after major transformation

McDonald’s on George Street reopened after a “Convenience of the Future” redesign, aiming to deliver a better customer experience for all. The renovation programme will combine a new restaurant layout with the latest technology to ensure greater speed, efficiency and choice when ordering their food. Improvements have also been made for the restaurant crew with a redesign of the crew rooms which will create a more relaxing and comfortable space for them to take a well-deserved break. Ian Stephenson, who owns and operates 11 McDonald’s restaurants in south London, said: “I’m proud to reinvest in our East Croydon restaurant – especially as McDonald’s celebrates its 50th anniversary in the UK this year.” Customers can still walk into McDonald’s to order, but the chain is now upgrading its kitchens and dining areas to better integrate digital sales channels like the McDonald’s App. The redesign will improve the dining experience by making better use of space, with dedicated areas for different ordering methods and the removal of front counters. This will create a more efficient ordering process and provide customers with more room to enjoy their meals.



# Flip Out gets a refresh

Flip Out Croydon welcomes back thrill-seekers for an even bigger and better experience. One of the key highlights is the installation of brand-new trampolines, offering a fresh and exciting space to show off flips and tricks. There’s also something for the younger crowd, as Flip Out is introducing a new soft play area for kids aged 5 and under, perfect for fun days out with the little ones. The upgrades don’t stop there. The popular inflatable obstacle course is getting a major upgrade, with even bigger and better obstacles for kids and adults to race, bounce, and slide through. While there are plenty of new activities to enjoy, Flip Out fans can rest assured that their favourite attractions, including Drift Trikes, Mini Golf, Interactive Football, and Laser Quest, are here to stay.



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## Community project aims to restore hope for people facing homelessness

Local charities and community services have joined forces to deliver a multi-purpose drop-in event for people at risk of homelessness in Croydon.

Led by Councillor Dr Manju Shahul-Hameed's Foundation for Mental Health, the service offers food, clothing, counselling and employment support. It also delivers housing advice, provided by Evolve Housing + Support. Despite only starting this year the

project, taking place at West Croydon Methodist Church, has drawn large numbers of people. Many come for food and clothing, while others have joined for mental health support and housing assistance.

Gerard Kona, an Evolve Service Manager, said: "Preventing rough sleeping before it starts, and supporting people before they reach a point of crisis, is hugely important...times are undoubtedly tough, and rising living costs look



set to stay. As such, we are really pleased to be a part of this initiative, providing much needed support to the Croydon community."

Cllr Dr Shahul-Hameed said: "This initiative is about more than just meeting immediate needs; it's about restoring dignity and providing hope to people facing the harsh reality of

homelessness. By coming together as a community, we are offering practical support and a pathway to stability, ensuring that no one in Croydon faces these challenges alone."

"Coffee with a counsellor" takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30am to midday.

## TBXH @Sunley House: The Only Home Your Business Needs

TBXH@ Sunley House is setting the standard for a new kind of office working environment in Croydon – collaborative, community-focused, sustainable, supportive and fun.

The co-working and office space in Bedford Park evolved from the old Business Xchange Hub and is the first local workspace to lead the way by mixing a diverse range of businesses together to create a real community.

It offers co-working, serviced offices, virtual offices and social memberships. As well as an all-inclusive service (utilities, internet etc) all memberships include free tea, coffee, biscuits, Midweek breakfast buffet, Thirsty Thursdays, Pool League, regular social events, weekly

Food Trucks and there will shortly be an onsite café.

There's a strong focus on wellbeing with weekly Pilates sessions, discounted membership to MYPT Gym who support TBXH clients with 'Lunch & Learn' events to help with health and wellbeing, and regular social networking opportunities from celebrating National Donut Day to afternoon tea for all as part of National Afternoon Tea Week.

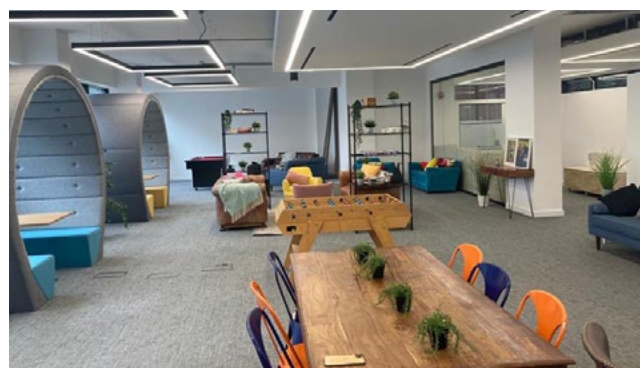
With 85% of its business coming through recommendations, it has 21000 sq. ft of office space already full and is currently refurbishing a further 10,000 sq. ft of which 65% are already sold. The new floor is launching in November. The TBXH offer also includes an additional 9000 sq. ft of dedicated meetings and event space, as well as a

podcasting suite, beauty therapy rooms, hairdressers and a dedicated community space.

As part of its CSR, it supports local charities and will be holding an abseil at Sunley House in early 2025 to support Croydon Commitment with their 20 4 20 campaign.

Its strong community and tenant welfare priorities are matched by its commitment

to sustainability to create a comfortable, efficient working environment essential for business. There are dedicated recycling areas on all floors while TBXH commits to using recycled materials wherever possible in its development and expansion. There is a three pipe VRF heating and cooling system which significantly increases energy efficiency.



**London Gatwick** has partnered with AccessAble to launch a series of bespoke Detailed Access Guides, helping passengers navigate more easily, safely and confidently through the airport.

**Croydon Council** is rolling out new grass cutting machinery across the borough as part of a £1.5m investment into new equipment. This will also benefit biodiversity.

**Croydon Council** announce overnight parking in a number of district centre car parks will now be free.

**Croydon Council** has successfully bid for £814,000 from the Greater London Authority (GLA), for the Amplifying Surrey Street project, allowing them to preserve and regenerate the historic Surrey Street.

**Croydon Council** proposes changes to its library services that would see nine libraries, open five days a week including Saturdays. There will also be more events, activities and a new outreach service.

**Croydon Council** has launched the Cleaner Croydon campaign – working with residents, businesses and partners to help keep our streets clean and restore pride.

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