

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE REGENERATION, LEND LEASE



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

Lend Lease is working in partnership with Southwark Council to deliver a £1.5 billion regeneration project in Elephant & Castle. There has already been a significant amount of positive change in Elephant & Castle, with construction on our first two developments in the regeneration, One The Elephant and Trafalgar Place, almost half way through. The demolition of the former Heygate estate will be complete later this year, making way for the first of the five phases of our Elephant Park development.

Over the next ten years, we will build nearly 3,000 new homes, over 50 shops and restaurants, and central London's largest new park for over 70 years in the heart of Elephant & Castle.

Our ambition is to create a place full of life in Central London's new green heart, retaining many of the existing trees and planting 1,200 new trees in and around the development, improving the air quality in Elephant & Castle and also increase the biodiversity of the area. A vibrant, established neighbourhood, where everybody loves to belong.

Our plans will deliver:

- Up to 2,988 new homes
- Over 600 new affordable homes
- At least 50 new shops and restaurants
- Central London's largest new park for 70 years
- 1,200 new trees
- Over 6,000 new jobs
- £30million investment in transport improvements
- £1.5million investment in local schools.

Fact box

Company name:
Lend Lease

Project name:
Elephant and Castle
Regeneration

Location:
Elephant and Castle, London

Biodiversity enhancement:

- Community engagement
- Insect hotels

Size:
N/A

Cost:
N/A

Tips:

- Conjoin innovation with the aspirations of the company and the participants to create lasting impact
- Helping develop new skills for young people in the community.

Year completed:
2014

Categories:

- Small scale permanent
- Community engagement

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW (cont.)

Totem and Spoon Carving workshops: Using recycled silver birch and London plane, trees from the Trafalgar Place site with community partner 'Art in the Park' involved reusing felled trees from site to enhance the local communities' vocational skills (spoon carving); and to create lasting legacies in the finished development (the totem poles).

Success story: People that had special educational needs benefited from this, for example a local NEET (Not in education, employment or training) carved a spoon and enjoyed it so much that they recently completed a diploma in Tree Re-use and Craftsmanship as a result of the workshop.

Insect Hotels: As part of a Lend Lease Community Day they had the opportunity to give back to the communities in which we live and work – the Elephant & Castle team worked with a local community garden to provide the materials and expertise to build "insect hotels" that will attract new types of wildlife into the area.

Pictures of the enhancements



If you would like to sign up for the BIG Challenge, please contact CIRIA by email at customer.services@ciria.org



**the BIG
Challenge**
do one thing

