



Waltham Forest

**Sure Start Children's Centre
Higham Hill
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Children's Centre vision statement



- Sure Start is a Government funded project aimed at helping children and parents
- The remodelled building at 313 Billet Rd aims to bring together health, community, children & older persons services
- The Children's Centre will be a community landmark building welcoming and open to the local community with new services identified as necessary to the ward

Objectives

- The Council & Sure Start are committed to delivering better services in Higham Hill.
- The Children's Centre will be developed by the Council on land currently used by the Community Services directorate
- Plans of the building are on show at the reception at 313 Billet Rd

Current Position

- The following points set out progress so far & what remains to be done
- Phase 1 will see the Children's Centre built on the site, new entrances and reception services provided for the Morley Day Care Centre which is already at the site

Current Position

- This will involve minor demolition, a new two storey building & new vehicular entrance. Landscaping and some internal works to the existing building will follow on. This scheme causes minimum disruption to the building occupants.

Current Position

- Phase 2: The Council refurbishes & remodels the original building to provide a new entrance with the possibility of an enhanced reception area and new community space. The Council is investigating if there is an internet café facility provider interested in providing a service at this site.

Consultation

- The Council is committed to consulting with users & service groups
- Regular meetings with Community Services staff, management team & with Morley Day Care Centre user group
- Regular contact & meetings with Higham Hill Community Association
- Leaflets & public exhibitions for local residents informing & consulting

Consultation

- Phase 2 consultation will be a more detailed consultation achieved through structured stakeholder meetings, public meetings & newsletters
- The Sure Start scheme is being tendered and a planning application has been submitted

Conclusion

- Phase 1 is due for completion April 2006
- Phase 2 is due for completion January 2007
- The successful completion of both phases will result in a Community Centre in Higham Hill ward for the benefit of local residents