

Teddington School

Building Schools for the Future

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Latest information

The first edition of the Teddington School project Construction Newsletter was issued on 19 March, stating a scheduled start date of 7 April 2008 for the construction phase of the enabling works. At an evening meeting held at the school on the 2 April 2008, residents were advised that the programme was likely to slip by a few weeks whilst contractual negotiations were being finalised.

A report is going to Cabinet on 2 June 2008, outlining how market conditions in the construction industry continue to make it difficult to estimate the final cost of this project and the work taking place to ensure that the project remains within affordable limits. As a consequence it is currently envisaged that the start on site will be delayed until late August. Officers will be reconsidering this position throughout the tendering process and residents, parents and guardians of the school's pupils, will be kept informed if there is any change to this position.

This is a large and complex project and throughout the design process, the project team has worked with the designers, cost consultants and contractors to ensure that every element of cost was scrutinised and balanced against the requirements for the school, including major 'value engineering' exercises to challenge different aspects. The Council, school and project team remain committed to working together to ensure the vision set out at the start of this project can be delivered.

We are all working to ensure that the final contract sum is identified by late July. The Council will be asked to consider this as soon as possible after receipt so that, if agreed, works could start quickly. To ensure that this decision will be open to scrutiny this would require a special meeting of the Co-ordination, Finance and Performance Commission followed by a special meeting of Cabinet which, subject to agreement, would be likely to take place in late July / early August. Although we recognise that this will be at a time when the schools are on holiday and many people will be away on their holidays, the Council will do its best to ensure that all interested parties are kept informed and have the opportunity to contribute to future debate.

The Cabinet report can be viewed from the Council's website at:

www.richmond.gov.uk/browse_committee_documents.htm?mgl=ieListMeetings.asp&CId=163&Year=2008&q=1

Further relevant dates will be included in the published 'Calendar of meetings', also available from the link above.

We will issue a further newsletter as soon as we can subject to the timing of the democratic decision process.

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Arabic

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Farsi

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