

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



NEXT MEETING: 7PM ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2004 AT LORENZO'S RESTAURANT

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## KEN SUPPORTS ELLE

London is one of just five cities to be short-listed for the Olympics in 2012. But the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said that the city's rail network was obsolete and called for substantial improvements in public transport if we are to win the final nomination. Pressure has been growing on Transport Secretary Alistair Darling to give an urgent go-ahead to the East London Line Extension (ELLE) after strong criticism of the capital's transport infrastructure from the Olympic chiefs. Ken Livingstone and his Conservative rival for Mayor Steve Norris joined forces to call on Mr Darling to find the money needed. Mr Livingstone said: "If they want to win the Olympics they have got to invest in transport." Mr Norris said: "If the IOC is a spur to getting it started, so much the better."



## TONY SUPPORTS ELLE

Speaking on ITV's *London Tonight* Tony Blair recognised the importance of the £1 billion East London Line Extension. The Prime Minister admitted the need for major improvements had been brought to the fore by the threat of the capital losing its bid to host the 2012 Olympics. Mr Blair said: "There are issues about how we fund this (but) I don't think there is any question of us not doing them. These are investments we can't afford not to make."

The Government and the Mayor have already agreed a public funding package of up to £2.375 billion to help meet the costs of staging an Olympics in London in 2012. £1.5 billion will come from the lottery and up to £550 million from London Council Tax, which equates to a £20 a year increase on Band D council tax starting in 2006/7.

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## POST OFFICE RELOCATION

The Post Office Branch at 65 Westow Hill is proposing to close and relocate to 55-57 Westow Street (the newsagents opposite Safeways). A period of consultation with the public is open until 11th June 2004. If you would like to raise any issues you can contact: Stuart Eade, Retail Line Manager, Post Office Ltd, c/o National Consultation Team, PO Box 2060, Watford, WD18 8ZW or call the customer helpline: 08457 22 33 44. A handout available in the Post Office suggests they may extend opening hours to provide a Sunday service but the small print on the back just says 'opening hours may be increased at a later date'. It's hard to tell whether they mean it or are just sweetening the deal.

## SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the Chamber of Commerce Parking and Pavement Survey will be presented and discussed at our next meeting to be held at Lorenzo's Restaurant in Westow Hill on Tuesday 1st June at 7pm.

Come and Celebrate the  
**150<sup>th</sup>**  
Anniversary  
on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 2004 - 11am to 5pm**

A weekend of fun, memories and excitement will be held on the Italian Terrace (uphill from the Sports Centre), and the original site of the Crystal Palace on Crystal Palace Parade (next to the bus station).

The anniversary weekend will involve a variety of activities designed to reflect the history of the Palace and Park, including guided walks, a Victorian & Edwardian funfair including amusements, a brass band, morris & clog dancing plus dozens of stalls from craft, local & national organisations and charities.

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**HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR ROAD REPAIRS?**