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From your local Lib Dem team and Cllr Amy Haldane.

London Cancer Hub development Boosts Sutton's economy



An ambitious partnership between Sutton's Lib Dem-run Council and The Institute of Cancer Research has seen work begin on a new Innovation Gateway at the London Cancer Hub site in Belmont.

The Innovation Gateway will soon be the latest addition to the site, which is poised to attract talent from all over the world to live and work in Sutton - boosting the local economy and generating over £13m in business rates alone. Last year saw the completion

of the state of the art Centre for Cancer Drug Discovery, a £75m centre which has already put Sutton on the map as a global leader in the race to discover new and effective drugs to fight cancer.

The Innovation Gateway will create the world's leading district for cancer research, treatment and commercial enterprise. Due to open in late 2021, the project will attract more businesses from the biotech, medtech, data science and pharmaceutical industries to Sutton, providing a boost to the local economy with more job opportunities and investment to the area.

Sutton Council Leader Ruth Dombey said:
"I'm delighted that work has begun on the Innovation Gateway, the first major development at the London Cancer Hub site since the Council

decided to pursue direct delivery, rather than working through commercial developers. This will bring new jobs and opportunities to the borough. Local authorities are facing significant financial challenges and this project and this delivery model are key to our ambition of maximising the regeneration benefits of The London Cancer Hub for local people, as well as the broader benefits to society to be gained through enabling world-leading cancer research to happen here in Sutton."

The expansion builds on Sutton's reputation as a global destination for cutting edge Cancer research. It will provide world-class facilities for innovative companies to work alongside leading scientists at the Institute for Cancer Research in shared offices and laboratories.

Sutton home to UK's first Trans Pride Crossing

The pedestrian crossing in Sutton town centre was repainted with the blue, pink and white colours of the Trans flag. It celebrates Sutton's transgender community, and stands as a testament to inclusivity in the borough.

Lib Dem Councillor and Council Lead Member for Equalities Jake Short said, "I am delighted to see this celebration of the richness and diversity that our transgender community brings to Sutton. Until transgender people and other minority groups are able to live without fear of discrimination or hate, we must continue to demonstrate our support and stand with them to clearly demonstrate our commitment to eliminating transphobia."

Zero Carbon Homes bring cheaper bills and lower emissions

Sutton Council is leading the way on green innovation by becoming the first London borough to trial a zero-carbon approach to heating and insulating homes.

As part of the Lib Dem-run Council's action to tackle the climate emergency, the Sutton Housing Partnership has begun work transforming 100 homes in the borough.

Using the Energiesprong initiative, residents homes will have their walls

and ceilings insulated against heat loss, windows and doors replaced, and a solar panel-powered central heating and ventilation system installed. The retrofitting measures will improve their energy efficiency. With substantially less energy needed to heat them, residents will also benefit from lower energy bills.

The trials provide an opportunity for the Council to gain insight into how retrofitting homes could be applied at scale across Sutton.

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