

# Tinsley Tribune

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## A Casino in the Lower Don Valley

### Will the benefits be at the cost of the Tinsley Community?

In the last few weeks the local papers have been full of articles about proposals to build Regional Casinos in the East End. It looks like there will be eight of these casinos built in Britain with a possibility Sheffield will be selected as one of the sites. In the East End it will be between the Sun International at Don Valley Stadium and MGM Mirage at Meadowhall

This potentially has important implications for the health and well-being of people living in the East End of Sheffield.

#### Health implications

Gambling is a leisure activity that is harmless for the majority of participants. However, for a minority of individuals gambling can have serious adverse consequences for the gambler and those around him/her.

The expansion in the opportunity and access to gambling is expected to increase gambling turnover by 50%, with an attendant rise in the number of regular gamblers and problem gamblers. The size of the increase in problem gambling is hotly debated.

Whether a regional casino will have positive consequences in terms of regeneration and



employment. depends on the potential negative effects casinos would have on local leisure facilities and restaurants.

However, there are significant risks that any benefits identified will be at the cost of local communities like Tinsley:

Casinos will result in increased levels of traffic in the Tinsley area already affected by poor air quality, resulting in increased air pollution and noise that will affect the local community's health and wellbeing. The majority of increased traffic flow will occur from tea time and continue into the early hours of the morning

Ease of access to gambling opportunities is a significant risk factor in problem gambling. The Parliamentary Select Committee report recommended that these casinos should not, as far as possible, be sited in close proximity to residen-

tial properties.

There is a risk of disproportionately increasing gambling among those least able to afford it, due to locating in the East End. Many of the jobs created will be relatively low paid, low skilled, service related jobs.

Employment in the gaming area of casinos is culturally inappropriate to those in the local population who are Muslim. There is a risk of locating a casino in the proposed sites increasing the relative disadvantage of this group.

We have highlighted some of the issues that might affect Tinsley residents. What do you think? Tinsley Forum will be discussing this issue at a meeting in the New Year.

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# Life is getting better in Tinsley

## Says Tinsley SureStart Survey

**2**05 people, mostly women, took part in the Tinsley Sure Start User Satisfaction Survey conducted jointly during June-September 2004 by Tinsley Sure Start and the East End Quality of Life Initiative. From the 2 main ethnic groups in Tinsley, almost three-quarters of the people who took part were Pakistani, and 18% were White-British. Their average age was 29-30. Most were in good health, and health generally seemed to have improved since the first survey was undertaken 3 years ago.

### Tinsley as a place to live

Levels of satisfaction with Tinsley as a place to live had increased a great deal between 2001 and 2004. In the second survey, a lower proportion of people had lived in Tinsley a long time, perhaps indicating that some of those people who had been very dissatisfied in 2001 had moved away in the intervening 3 years. However, this alone would not account for the huge shift in satisfaction with all the different aspects of the area we asked about.

More than half the people in our survey said they liked the "friendly people" in Tinsley, and over 50% said that Tinsley had improved in the last 2 years. Comparing the 2 surveys, satisfaction (those who said they were fairly or very satisfied) increased with:

- \* general appearance of the area (from 22% to 62%)
- \* quality of education in local schools (from 58% to 71%)
- \* access to training (from 35% to 74%)
- \* availability of jobs for local people (from 13% to 53%)
- \* public transport to where you want to get to (from 51% to 75%)
- \* quality of local shops (from 47% to 74%).

### What would make Tinsley a better place to live?

85 people made comments about many aspects of life in Tinsley. Most comments, as in 2001, were about improving the local recreation ground. This was closely followed by people who wanted improvements to the maintenance of the area, especially street and subway cleaning. A youth centre and more activities for young people in the area were suggested by a number of people; more shops, increased police presence and a local police station, improved public transport, more sports and leisure activities, more activities in school holidays, and safe play areas for children were also suggested.

### More information

If you would like more information about Tinsley Sure Start and the activities and services it offers, please contact the office at Unit 3 Highgate, Bawtry Road, Tinsley, Sheffield S9 1UY, tel. 0114 261 8181.

If you would like to see the full reports analysing the User Satisfaction Survey, please call into the Tinsley Sure Start office (as above), or contact the East End Quality of Life Initiative, 10 Montgomery Terrace Road, Sheffield S6 3BU, tel. 0114 285

9931, where copies are available.

Electronic copies can be emailed to you. Contact Barbara Rimmington on either [barbara@sheffielddct.co.uk](mailto:barbara@sheffielddct.co.uk) or [barbara.rimm@btconnect.com](mailto:barbara.rimm@btconnect.com).

If you would like to know more about the work of the East End Quality of Life Initiative, please contact Barbara Rimmington, the Research Officer, as above, or Neil Parry, the Project Officer, at the same address, tel. 0114 285 9911, or visit [www.sheffildeastend.org.uk](http://www.sheffildeastend.org.uk).

Tinsley

SureStart

**Diet, Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles Course** 9.30am-1pm Tuesday at Tinsley Community Centre. Contact Tahira on 2618181.

**Basic Urdu Conversation Course** 9.30-11am at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Fiona on 2618181.

**Pre-School Practice Course** 9.15-11.30am Monday at Roundabout Centre. Contact Eileen at Sheffield College on 2562671.

**Women Only sessions at PMC Gym** 10-12am Monday - meet at 9.20am at Roundabout Centre (contact Imtiaz on 2448885) and 1-2.30pm Wednesday - meet at PMC (contact Tahira on 2618181).

**Pilates (women only)** 4-5pm Monday at the Community Centre. Contact Imtiaz on 2448885.

**Swimming (women only)** 9.15-11am Tuesday, transport from Roundabout Centre. Contact Imtiaz on 2448885.

**Health Walks (women only)** 1-3pm Tuesday, meet at Bawtry Road entrance to park (contact Tahira on 2618181) and 9.30-11.30am Thursday, meet at Roundabout Centre (contact Imtiaz on 2448885).

**Keep fit (women only)** 5-6pm Tuesday, and 10-11am Friday, at the Community Centre. Contact Imtiaz on 2448885.

**Asylum Seekers Drop-in (women only)** meet at 12 noon at Sure Start shop for transport to Women's Conversation Group. Contact Fiona (2618181) or Shada (2618791).

**Parent & Tots Group** 1-3pm Thursday at Roundabout Centre. Contact Home Visitors on 2618791.

**Parents Participation Group** 9.30-11.30am Tuesday (meets monthly - Nov 9th and Dec 14th) at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Fiona on 2618181.

**Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities** 9.30-12am Wednesday at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Paula Poole (2618791) or Fiona McNeill (2441053).

**Library Session - Baby Time** 10-11.30am Wednesday at Tinsley Library monthly (last Wednesday of month, term time only). Contact Chris Hamilton on 2037432.

**Toy Library** 9.30-11.30am Monday at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Home Visitors on 2618791.

**Breastfeeding Support Group** 12.30-1.30pm Wednesday at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Health Visitors on 2441053.

**Healthy Mums & Babies** 1.30-3pm Wednesday at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Midwife/Health Visitors on 2441053.

**Mums & Tums** 1-3pm Thursday at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Midwife/Health Visitors on 2441053.

**New courses coming in 2005:**

- Confidence Building & Assertiveness Training Course (4 weeks)
- Introduction to Community Health & Development Course (14 weeks)
- Complementary Therapy Course, where you can learn about reflexology, Reiki and Indian Head Massage.

For more information, contact Tahira on 2618181.

## Local Jobs for Local People at Green Business Network

**A**s previously advertised in the Tinsley Tribune, Green Business Network were looking to recruit local people for vacancies they had coming up at their new state of the art recycling company on Shepcote Lane. As part of their commitment they had offered Tinsley Residents with a CLAIT level one qualification a guaranteed interview.

Since 2002 111 people have completed a CLAIT qualification at Tinsley One Stop Shop. 12 of these qualifications were completed on a fast track intensive course held at Tinsley One Stop Shop in April in preparation for the forthcoming vacancies at Green Business Network.

After a few unforeseen delays application forms for all vacancies were available to Tinsley residents in October. Posters were displayed throughout the community and assistance with completing application forms was offered by Tinsley Forum and Sheffield Futures staff.

After a slow start Green Business Network agreed to extend the closing date to 8<sup>th</sup> November. 14 local people completed application forms and Green Business Network agreed to interview all candidates.

Interviews were held at Tinsley One Stop



Clive Wood who has been offered the Quality Assurance Controller job at Green Business Network at Outo Kumpu with Lucy Wells Education and Training Officer for Tinsley Forum

Shop on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004 and were conducted by senior members of staff from Green Business Network. A total of 11 people were interviewed and 5 people were offered jobs. Positions ranged from Plant Operatives to apprenticeships.

Due to the success of this recruitment

initiative Green Business Network will be looking to work with Tinsley Forum and residents to recruit additional staff for vacancies which they have coming up in the new year.

For more information and to register your interest contact Lucy Wells at Tinsley Forum on 0114 244 4887.

### Making Dreams come True



The Millennium Stadium became the Thrillennium Stadium when Park Lane Motors and Wilton Rovers Battles it out for the Mitre Cup. The Stands may have been empty, but it was still an un-forgettable day for the two winners of this competition to play at one of the world's top arenas. Park Lane a Sunday League team from Sheffield, were chosen because they have raised more than £10,000 for cancer charities. Wilton a Sunday League team from the Basingstoke League because they are so strapped for cash they could barely afford an end-of season Party. Park Lane Manager Bob Wainwright said 21t's such a big day out everyone wanted to play. So we brought down 30 players."

Park Lane were 3-2 down at half time and then made 19 substitutions. The eventually lost 9-2

SRB evaluation day 25<sup>th</sup> November, Raffle prizes

Single Regeneration Budget: Questionnaire £100 prize - Sylvia Smith, Raby Street

Tinsley Forum/Tinsley Parents & Children's Consortium(TPCC)/Tinsley Rec/Tinsley Tree Project: Questionnaire 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50 –orange 109 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £25 – Khurshiad Bi, Highgate 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £15 orange 99

Tinsley Forum/TPCC/Tinsley Recreation Ground/Tinsley Tree Project:

Attendance for the day £25 prize – Sarah Scaife, Greasbro Road

Tinsley Parents & Children's Consortium: Questionnaire Free Childcare - Akhtar Bi

### Air Quality and Health the evidence grows

There is a growing amount of evidence to suggest that more effective measures should be taken to reduce people's exposure to air pollution and noise attributable to road traffic and thus reduce their risk of disease and mortality due to cardiovascular, respiratory, and other symptoms.

The World Health Organisation recently said:

*"While recognizing the need for further research, current knowledge about the health effects of air pollution is sufficient for a strong recommendation to reduce children's current exposure to air pollutants, in particular to the pollutants related to traffic. The experts who conducted this review consider that such reductions in levels of air pollution will lead to considerable children's health benefits."*

Evidence from both Britain and North America suggests that the most deprived communities experience the worst environmental degradation.

See [www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk) for more information.



# Tinsley Forum

## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2004 7.00pm  
 Tinsley Methodist Church  
 Ingfield Avenue  
 Tinsley

All Welcome



### Community Courses at Tinsley One Stop Shop

Course	Day	Time	Weeks	Fee £	Starting
Access Databases	Wednesday	6pm-8pm	10	£31	12/01/05
Counselling –Basic Awareness OCN 1	Wednesday	1pm-3pm	10	£48	05/01/05
First Aid Emergency	Thursday	10am-12am	3	£0	23/04/05
Introduction to the Internet	Wednesday	1pm-3pm	3	£0	11/05/05
Introduction to the PC	Monday	1pm-3pm	3	£0	10/01/05
PowerPoint- Beginners	Tuesday	6pm-8pm	10	£31	11/01/05
Spreadsheets	Monday	6pm-8pm	10	£31	17/01/05
Web Page Design	Tuesday	10am-12am	10	£31	19/04/05

In addition there are English for speakers of other languages courses throughout the week. Please contact the centre for details.

If you are interested in doing training but are unable to attend at these times please let us know.

If there are any courses not listed here that you feel you might like to do, we will do our best to accommodate you providing there are enough students interested. **Just tell us what you want!**

\*Most people receiving means tested benefits can study for FREE\*

You can also get help with fees through the local hardship and access funds.

For more information or to book your place contact Lucy Wells at Tinsley Forum on 0114 244 4887.

### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AWARENESS DAY

A number of large companies are relocating to Sheffield. This is your opportunity to acquire information, advice and guidance on Employment and Training Opportunities.

**Monday 6th December 11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Pakistan Muslim Centre, Woodbourn Road  
 Sheffield S9 3LQ.**

**Easily accessible from the Woodbourn Road tram stop – Yellow Route**

- Do you want to improve your employment opportunities ?
- Do you have a Fork Lift truck licence ?
- Do you want to acquire additional training?
- Do you want advice on jobs?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions then this is for you

- Clamp Truck demonstrations throughout the day
- Sheffield Employment Unit, Jobcentre+ Adult & Community Learning Unit available to answer your questions on potential employment and training opportunities
- Jobcentre Plus available to give you advice on job opportunities
- Buffet and Refreshments available throughout the day

For further information please contact Aamer Mahmood: 0114 2426800 Irshad Akbar: 0114 2436091

