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Creative project is a building for the future

 By **ELIZABETH PEARS**

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TOTTENHAM regeneration is off to a bright start after a development billed as a creative hub to boost the economy was formally opened last Friday.

It is hoped the £1.2million Stoneleigh Road Development, built on the site of an old depot, will attract small and medium-sized businesses from creative industries with its ultra-modern, colourful design, as well as those providing services to the community.

Councillor Kaushika Amin, member for regeneration and enterprise, opened the building last Friday. She said: "This is a really positive development and I am confident it will encourage a wide range of creative businesses to set up in Tottenham."

James Mollosos, Haringey Council project manager, said: "The building is bright, confident and forward looking. It makes a bold statement about the council's commitment to neighbourhood regeneration through investment in enterprise and innovation."

The three-storey development, housing nine separate units, is part of the council's £5.6m Urban Centres for City Growth pro-



Bright idea: project manager James Mollosos and Councillor Kaushika Amin at the new Stoneleigh Road Development

gramme to revamp the borough and create jobs in an area of high unemployment.

Its courtyard will be used for community projects as well as regular market stalls.

Anthony Hudson, director of Hudson Architects, commissioned to cement Tottenham in the 21st Century, said: "Our radical design has significantly reju-

venated a badly lit and unsafe existing link road between the area's commercial centre, Tottenham High Road, and Reed Road housing estate.

"The building's combination of modern, durable materials, and a bright colour palette provide a more heartening backdrop to Holcombe Road market."

The 700-square-metre building

has been designed to be energy efficient, boasting a ventilation system which uses solar energy and heat generated by occupants, as well as bike racks to encourage cycle commuting.

Haringey Law Centre, leasing the entire ground floor, is the first tenant to move into the building, where it will provide legal advice to the community.

Campaigner to take on Lammy for Lib Dems

HARINGEY campaigner and barrister David Schmitz has been selected as the Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary candidate for Tottenham.

A resident of the area for 20 years, Mr Schmitz is an active member of the Ladder Community Safety Partnership, in Harringay Ladder, and has recently been appointed a governor of the South Harringay Junior School.

Mr Schmitz will be contesting

the seat held by Labour's David Lammy for the past seven years.

He said: "A few years ago, the house next door to us became a drugs den. Haringey Council's inability to deal with the problem turned me into a campaigner.

"When the drug den was destroyed by fire, my partner and I bought the wreck and spent a year doing it up as our home. I was so impressed by what the Lib Dems were achieving in

Haringey that when our building work was done, I decided the time had come for me to join in its campaigns.

"I am delighted to be building on the work of our Tottenham councillors and I look forward to emulating the brilliant successes of Lynne Featherstone MP in the west of the borough."

Mr Schmitz lives with his partner Valerie, and they are expecting their first child next month.



Prospect: David Schmitz

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Dentist's professional conduct questioned

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priate treatment plan for the patient or advising on alternative treatments available.

Ashrafi denies her conduct was inappropriate, unprofessional and con-

trary to patients' best interests.

If found guilty she could be struck off or suspended from the dental register for serious professional misconduct.

The hearing continues.

Library 'like war bunker'

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£900,000 earmarked for libraries.

He said: "Wood Green library is not among the more serious cases but it is included in the programme, with work scheduled to take place in 2009-10.

"The library is one of the

most popular in London and has benefited considerably from the business lounge, which was paid for through European funding.

"We believe the planned works will be of further benefit to the library and will attract still more people to explore what it has to offer."