

## Elm Grove Estate Regeneration



### Consultations

This first newsletter from the Council's Housing Regeneration team aims to bring everyone who lives on the estate up to date with consultations about the future of Elm Grove.

Over the past year the Council has been working with residents and Community Architect Levitt Bernstein to develop options for the regeneration of Elm Grove. Six consultation meetings have been held for residents to share views and opinions on how Elm Grove could be improved. We are grateful to those of you who have been able to give up your time to attend and contribute ideas to these meetings.

To view the 'preferred option' displayed at the last consultation event on 17th March, which is based on residents comments and views from previous workshops, please visit: <https://sutton.stickyworld.com/room/presentation?roomid=18#page/home>

There is still an opportunity to leave your comments.

To review a summary of resident feedback from the previous workshops, please visit: <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/elmgrove>

No final decisions have yet been taken about the future regeneration of Elm Grove.

### Summary of the Council's offer

- Resident owners and Council secure tenants have the right to live on the new estate
- Tenancy conditions and rights will be preserved for existing secure tenants
- Your new home will be better designed, in a better environment and be more sustainable (eg easier to heat and maintain)
- 'Home loss' and disturbance payments (eg removal costs) will be made.

The full version of the draft offer can be found by visiting: <https://sutton.stickyworld.com/room/presentation?roomid=18#work/183>

If you do not have access to the internet we can send you a copy of the full slides.

If you have any problems accessing or viewing this information, or wish to see it in another format, please email us at: [estatereneration@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:estatereneration@sutton.gov.uk) or call Sabrina on 020 8770 5012.

# Housing Needs

The Council is committed to collaborating with residents to create new homes and communities to deliver more affordable homes for local people.

Since February we have held 'one to one' meetings with 80% of residents to hear your views, listen to your concerns and learn more about your circumstances, so that we can better understand your housing needs and preferences. If you haven't booked your 'one to one' meeting yet please contact Sabrina.

It is unlikely that any future regeneration proposal will be able to guarantee the full re-provision of existing houses and bungalows on the estate. Residents who live in these homes will naturally have concerns, as some have said they would prefer to continue living in a similar property. We will continue to look at all alternative housing options for these residents.

For Council secure tenants who urgently need to move, please ensure your housing register application is up to date. You can also contact us to discuss your individual circumstances.

## Thinking of selling your home?

If you are a homeowner wishing to sell your property in advance of any regeneration scheme, the Council could purchase your property at open market value through the Council's 'buy-back' scheme. To find out more about this scheme please contact Sabrina.

# Next Steps

## Over the coming months we will:

- Complete this initial assessment of financial and planning implications
- Continue 'one to one' meetings with Elm Grove residents
- Set up an Elm Grove Residents' Steering Group
- Work with the 'Steering Group' to:
  - produce a Frequently Asked Questions leaflet
  - appoint an Independent Tenant and Homeowner Advisor
  - arrange site visits to other housing regeneration schemes
  - undertake a further review of the different options for the estate
  - develop the Residents' Charter (including details of the Council's offer)



## Volunteers for the Elm Grove Residents' Steering Group?

**Your views matter.** We want to ensure residents are at the heart of decision making and believe a resident led 'Steering Group' would help to shape the future of your estate. **Please get in touch by the end of September if you would like to join!**



## Contact us

If you have any questions about the regeneration proposal or would like to share your views, or get involved please contact us. If you would like this newsletter explained to you or to request large print or braille, please call Sabrina on [020 8770 5012](tel:02087705012)