

Benhill Estate Regeneration



This newsletter aims to bring everyone who lives on the estate up to date on the progress being made on the future of Benhill.

Over the past 12 months we've been working alongside estate residents, ward Councillors, Sutton Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations (SFTRA) and Sutton Leaseholders Association (SLA), so far we have:

- Set up a steering group for Benhill residents which has already held 10 meetings
- Defined the Council's commitment to residents affected by regeneration, the principles of which were approved by Housing Economy and Business Committee (HEB) last Autumn
https://www.sutton.gov.uk/downloads/file/3629/estate_regeneration_rehousing_and_compensation_scheme_-_heb_report_october_2018_-_appendix_a (hard copies of the Autumn HEB report can be provided on request)
- Completed over 100 resident 1-2-1 meetings, to help us understand what's important to local people
- Been working to appoint an Independent Tenant & Homeowner Adviser (ITHA) for Benhill.

The Housing Regeneration Team

Over the last few months we've said farewell to some familiar faces, and welcomed a few new ones. Simon Pickles (Housing Regeneration Manager) and Ian Sellens (Project Coordinator) have moved on to pastures new, while **Amina Rafique** and **Lauren Fabregas** (both Project Coordinators) have joined the team.

Over the coming months our new recruits will be on the estate, door knocking to introduce themselves to you. Please take the time to say hi and have a chat, as we'd like to hear your views and answer any questions you might have.

This is a great opportunity for us to get to know you, hear what's important and work together to shape the future of Benhill.

Get Involved

Your views matter, so come along and share them at the next **Residents' Steering Group (RSG) meeting** from **7.00pm, Thursday 7 November 2019** at the Thomas Wall Centre, Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DP

Have Your Say on the Benhill blog

You can also share your views through the **Benhill RSG blog**, created by Clive Lynch (Chair of Benhill RSG)

<https://benhillestate.blogspot.com/>

You can also email Clive brsgchair@hotmail.com

Sutton is bidding to be the London Borough of Culture in 2023 and we're calling on everyone in Sutton to help make this happen. You can find ways to support the bid at:



https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200168/libraries_museums_archives_and_arts/1926/sutton_2023_make_culture_matter



Ludlow Lodge



Richmond Green

New Council Homes

In August, we took members of the Residents Steering Group to see our new housing developments at Ludlow Lodge (Wallington) and Richmond Green (Beddington).

Ludlow Lodge comprises 57 new affordable rented homes, including 6 adapted for wheelchair users, a communal garden and play area.

Richmond Green comprises 21 family sized affordable rented homes including 2 homes with 'through the floor' lifts for wheelchair users.

Both schemes have been designed to a high standard and offer a number of energy efficient features which the Council aims to achieve for all of its new homes.

What's Next

Regeneration is a long term commitment, and our next key steps include:

- Working with residents to appoint an Independent Tenant and Homeowner Advisor for Benhill
- Meeting more residents across the estate
- Exploring options for the future of Benhill
- Working with you to co-design a Resident and Community Charter.

Estate Walkabouts



On 2nd October Sutton Housing Partnership (SHP), the Housing Regeneration Team and residents attended the latest estate inspection of Benhill.

These walkabouts are a great opportunity to meet your housing manager and discuss the estate issues important to you. To find out when the next walkabout will take place, please check:

<https://www.suttonhousingpartnership.org.uk/community-walkabouts>

To report any estate issues to SHP please visit <https://www.suttonhousingpartnership.org.uk/report-it>

or phone **020 8915 2000**

Looking to sell your home?

If you're a leaseholder looking to sell your property, the council may be able to help through its 'buy-back' scheme. For further information call **0208 915 2020**

Get in touch

As we work with residents to develop plans for Benhill, the Housing Regeneration Team would like to meet you to learn more about your needs and preferences.

To arrange a meeting or to find out more about the regeneration process, please contact Amina or Lauren at estateregeneration@sutton.gov.uk

If you'd like this newsletter explained to you, or need a copy translated, in braille or large print, contact us on 0208 770 6323. Check out our website for more information: www.benhill.estate.regeneration

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