

Beech Tree Place Regeneration

This newsletter is to update you on the future of Beech Tree Place.

The Future of Beech Tree Place

Over the past few months we've held several workshops to talk to residents about what options there are for the future of Beech Tree Place. From this we agreed to explore 3 options: (i) refurbishment, (ii) partial redevelopment & refurbishment and (iii) full redevelopment. We also agreed the draft Residents' Charter; detailing the council's offer and commitments to secure tenants of Beech Tree Place, and Community Charter; outlining the shared vision and priorities for the area.



Site Tour

In February we visited Oaks Court (Morden) and Peppermint Court (Wallington) so residents could see modern standards of housing for older people. Our architects had hoped to take residents to see some of their own schemes, however due to the lockdown this has not been possible. Instead Paul from HTA Design has prepared a brochure containing a range of examples of their refurbished, partial redevelopment and full redevelopment housing schemes. This brochure will be delivered to you soon.



Committee Approves Section 105 Consultation

On 30 March the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee considered a report about the Future of Beech Tree Place and agreed for officers to formally consult secure tenants on the 3 options and the Residents' and Community Charters. Over the coming weeks we plan to start the consultation by sending you a letter and 'Consultation Pack' containing all the information you need. This will include a feedback form for you to complete and return to us. Once the options and feedback have been assessed, we'll report back and take our recommendations to a future Committee meeting for a decision on which proposal should be adopted.

A copy of the March Committee report is available on request. You can view it on the Council's Beech Tree Place webpage, which is now available. Go to www.sutton.gov.uk/ and search **Beech Tree Place Regeneration**.



Decision on the Architect

When the Council appointed Savills as its Commercial Adviser in October, their team included architects HTA Design, who specialise in sustainable housing, regeneration and resident engagement. The Residents Steering Group (RSG) agreed to work with HTA on the options for the estate and then decide on whether to continue this arrangement or hold a separate competition to appoint an architect to take forward a chosen option. We are now at the stage where residents need to make this decision. To help you with this we've asked Public Voice, your Independent Tenant Adviser, to contact you to ask your views and update us on the outcome. Your Advisers are: Christine Searle Tel. 07764 421 981, email christine.searle@publicvoice.london and Rob Lantsbury Tel. 07961 532 761, email rob.lantsbury@publicvoice.london. Freephone: 0800 169 8677.



To find out about the **Residents' Steering Group** contact: Don (Chair) on 07454 868226 email closet.rev@outlook.com or Linda (Vice Chair) on 07742 299057 email lpaisley8@gmail.com.

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Challenging Times

The impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has meant adapting to new ways of working and how we engage with you. This means new challenges and we are exploring different ways to consult with you in accordance with government safety guidelines. Until it's safe to have meetings in Person, we'll continue to use different means of communication- including letters, newsletters, email, phone calls, updates via our website and where possible virtual meetings.

Help in dealing with COVID-19

We hope you are keeping safe in these challenging times. If you are in need of support and are unsure who to speak to, there are three ways to get in touch:

1. Call the Council on 020 8770 5000, option 6. **If you are an extremely vulnerable person, please call us in the first instance so we can provide immediate support.**
2. Visiting www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19 and click on 'How to ask for help' to fill in a request form. Someone from the Council will then be in touch.
3. If you need support from a charity in Sutton, email Community Action Sutton at enquiries@communityactionsutton.org.uk, they'll forward you to the right charity.

Housing Management



If you have any enquiries about the management of your homes, please contact **Sutton Housing Partnership** on **020 8915 2000**. You can also contact your Independent Living Officer, Debbie Lennon on **07794 073 095** or email debbie.lennon@suttonhousingpartnership.org.uk

Contact Us

If you have a question about the regeneration programme, or would like to share your views and get more involved, please let us know. If you'd like something in this newsletter explained, or require it in large print or braille, please call Sabrina on: **020 8770 5012**.

