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CAMBRIDGE ROAD ESTATE

REGENERATION

Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the sixth Cambridge Road Estate Regeneration newsletter.

Choosing the right development partner

We are at the first stage of the procurement process. Nine potential developers submitted 'an expression of interest' and we have reduced this to a shortlist of four bidders based on their track record and ability to be able to undertake the significant regeneration needed at CRE.

Next stages

We are consulting the Resident Steering Group (RSG) on the strategic development brief, which will be sent to the bidders. The RSG has chosen three residents to sit on the procurement panel, who will be evaluating the next two round of bids. On the panel with residents will be the Regeneration Team, other council officers and external financial, legal and technical advisors. The residents panel members will receive training and will continuously feedback to the RSG.

In January 2018, the procurement panel will evaluate the submissions

and **three** bidders will then move to the final stage and submit their final bid in June.

The bidders are not being asked to produce a fully developed scheme as that will take place as part of the masterplanning process with the residents involvement. We will ask the bidders to provide information on how they will carry out the masterplanning and deliver the regeneration on CRE.

In May 2018, you will be able to meet the final three bidders to give them your views and comments on their bids. This will help the bidders to address residents' needs, concerns and aspirations in their final submissions. We will advertise the date of the event in the new year.

We will expect to appoint the developer partner by September 2018 and the masterplanning to start in October.

If you are interested getting more involved please contact us on cregen@kingston.gov.uk or visit us at the regeneration office.

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In the Housing Needs Survey, residents told us that there needs to be better communications and opportunities to get involved. We are working on improving this.



Not sure and want to talk to someone independent from the council?

Newman Francis Limited has been appointed as the Independent Tenant and Homeowners Advisor (ITHA).

Newman Francis's role is to support residents through the regeneration process and to provide impartial and independent advice. They will be working with residents to help them understand the process and enable them to influence and shape the regeneration of Cambridge Road Estate. You will have recently received their introductory newsletter with more information on the work they will be doing.

You can see the different regeneration schemes and residents groups that NewmanFrancis has worked with on the website www.newmanfrancis.org

Getting out and about

The team will be on the estate carrying out outreach work and home visits on Tuesday 5 December 2017.

If you want a home visit or to speak to a member of the team, please contact them on 020 8536 1436 / 0800 644 6040 (Freephone).



Meet the team

The team is **Howard Mendick**, **Irundeep Singh** and **Mekor Newman**, with support from **Lily Glasser**.



Howard Mendick



Irundeep Singh



Mekor Newman



Lily Glasser

You will be able to meet the team at a drop-in sessions at the regeneration office on:

Wednesday 13 December - 2pm - 4pm
Wednesday 13 December - 5pm - 7pm

Resident Steering Group

The Resident Regeneration Team has changed its name to the Residents Steering Group (RSG).

The RSG is a core group of residents and the ward councillors, who are working alongside the council in

shaping the regeneration project.

RSG's next meeting is on Monday 11 December, when they will be looking at the procurement of the development partner. The RSG will report its feedback to

all residents at regular open meetings and the first will take place in the new year. If you are interested in joining the RSG or want further information about the group, please contact NewmanFrancis (see contact details above).



New Engagement and Communication Manager

We have appointed Niamh Riordain, as the new Engagement and Communication Manager.

Niamh has worked in social housing and on regeneration schemes for over 20 years. Niamh started as a tenant activist campaigning for funding for her estate to be regenerated. She then managed a community centre run by volunteers while at university.

She has been an Independent Tenant Advisor and managed the Resident Engagement and

Communications Teams in Ealing and Lewisham. Her voluntary work includes working with the Orbit Charitable Trust on developing a guide for housing staff working with residents with dementia.

She is keen to meet residents and community groups to hear their views and issues. You can meet her at the Regeneration Office on Monday and Thursdays or please contact her on niamh.riordain@kingston.gov.uk or on 020 8547 5600 ext 4221.



Estate Regeneration Team

You have asked for the Regeneration Office to be open more. We have increased the number of drop-ins and you can now come and talk to us on:

Monday	10am - 1pm
Tuesday	9am - 12 noon
Wednesday	2pm - 5pm
Thursday	5pm - 7pm

Regeneration Office, 2 Tadlow, Washington Road, KT1 3JL.

The office will be closed from 21 December 2017 to 2 January 2018

You can find the minutes, policies and information about the CRE regeneration on our webpages at www.kingston.gov.uk/CREgen.

You can contribute to the discussion forums at www.kingstonconversations.co.uk



If you would like to receive the newsletters and regular updates by email, please email us at cregen@kingston.gov.uk.

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CRE news in brief



Regeneration - what is happening?

£46million of housing zone funds from the Greater London Authority have been released to Kingston Council for the regeneration of Cambridge Road Estate.

Formal approval was given at Growth Committee on 28 September 2017. A £26.6million loan will be made available to fund the buybacks of freehold and leasehold homes and £19.6million of direct grant will help fund the building of affordable homes on Cambridge Road Estate.



Housing Needs Survey

Thank you to the 500 households that have now completed the Housing Needs Survey.

It's important that you complete this survey so we fully **understanding** your needs and requirements in developing the regeneration proposals. If you have not completed the survey, do not worry it is open until 31 December 2017. You can complete the survey online at www.kingston.gov.uk/CREregen. If you do not have access to a computer or need help to complete the form, please drop in to the Regeneration Office and we can assist you.



Decant policy

Following a community call-in, the full council meeting on 18 October 2017 set up a councillor's task and finish group to look at the appeals procedure for the draft decant policies for tenants and leaseholders.

On 2 November, the group agreed that council officers will work with the call-in organisers and a report will go to the Housing Sub-Committee in March 2018.

If you want a copy of the draft policy, please go to www.kingston.gov.uk/CREregen or pick a copy up from the Regeneration Office.

PROPERTY BUY BACKS

We are prioritising leaseholders and freeholders that have been issued with the demolition notice.

We are currently in discussions with a number of homeowners and have completed three buy-backs. If you are interested in selling your property please contact us at CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk or call into the Regeneration Office.

