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West Kensington and Gibbs Green ESTATES



Dear Resident

Update on plans to bring new homes, jobs, parks, schools and shops to Earls Court

This is an update on proposals to redevelop the area around Earls Court and what this could mean for you.

H&F Council and residents of West Kensington and Gibbs Green have been looking at what the benefits would be if the estates were included in any redevelopment.

A residents group has been established to make sure that, if redevelopment does happen, you get the best possible deal.

We believe that, after weighing up all the options, including the estates in the redevelopment area is in the best interests of local people. It would enable new homes and jobs to be created, it would bring new schools, parks, health centres, shops and other neighbourhood improvements. Most importantly of all it would mean that everyone living on the estates - and their sons and daughters - have the chance to carry on living in good quality housing in many years to come.

Even though we think including the estates would be good for you and the area as a whole, we have not yet signed any land agreement and we will not make any final decisions until we have sought residents views. We will be coming to talk to you over the coming weeks.

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GUARANTEES TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

H&F Council will not sign any agreement unless guarantees negotiated by residents on the estate can be met, these include:

- An offer of a new home for council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders in the same area as you are already living.
- All council tenants would remain secure tenants.
- You will only move once your new home is ready.
- Everything will be done to keep neighbours together.
- Resident leaseholders and freeholders will receive the market value of their home, plus 10% compensation AND a 10% discount on their new home should you wish to buy back in the development.
- Tenants will receive £4,500 compensation, plus moving costs and new household goods such as fridge freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, oven and carpets/curtains.

HOW YOU CAN COMMENT

In the coming weeks and months there will be plenty of opportunity for you to have your say. We will also be holding drop in sessions to answer your questions and will be arranging workshop on specific topics like:

- The type of new homes that could be built
- Phasing and timing of new homes
- Job opportunities and how you could take advantage of them
- Other neighbourhood improvements

In addition the council is consulting on our planning framework for the area (called 'Spatial Planning Document' or 'SPD').

If you would like more information on the SPD please log on to www.lbhf.gov.uk/earlscourtspd



Contacts

If you have any questions or would like to suggest topics for us to cover please call Phil Morris on Sarah Lovell on 020 8753 5581 (pictured right).

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