

Ham Close Newsletter

January 2017



Ham Close Resident drop-in session: Next date

15 February: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Ham Library

Pop along and find out more!

Outcome of consultation

During the autumn of 2016, a consultation was held on the future of Ham Close where you were given the opportunity, along with the wider community, to have your say about a potential redevelopment.

Thank you to everyone who gave their views as part of the consultation. 61% of RHP tenants and homeowners from Ham Close completed the survey and there was net agreement (more people agreed than disagreed) that a redevelopment of the Close would benefit them / their household as well as others living on Ham Close and the wider community. In addition, the people surveyed agreed that more affordable housing is needed in the Ham area.

You'll be able to find the full report with the detailed results on the Ham Close website (www.hamclose.co.uk) later in February alongside the headline results which are already on the website. The report has been compiled by BMG, the independent research company who administered the survey.

Next steps

With the positive outcome of the consultation, jointly with Richmond Council we've made the decision to move forward with the project and to continue working on developing the scheme. There's still a lot we need to do to progress the scheme and we will take into account residents' comments to date and going forward.

Over the next few months RHP and the Council will:

- Review and plan for further community consultation and in particular how to better engage with Ham Close residents.
- Carry out technical site surveys such as topographical, site investigation and statutory utilities surveys, as well as a full transport assessment.
- Develop the existing conceptual design.
- Ensure the scheme is viable and investigate sources of available funding.
- Assess options for how the scheme might be delivered, especially for the private sale homes which will help fund the affordable housing.

RHP and the Council will continue to keep Ham Close residents and the wider community fully involved. We'll be seeking your views and comments as the scheme progresses through newsletters and events and will continue to post FAQs at regular intervals.

A planning application is expected to be made in late 2017 / early 2018 with the development unlikely to start on site before late 2018.

RHP's Chief Executive David Done commented: "Thank you to everyone who provided feedback as part of the consultation – this information is invaluable in helping us to shape a way forward. From the start of this project we've been committed to providing our Ham Close customers and the wider community with a range of opportunities to input their views on the potential redevelopment, and we'll continue this engagement throughout the next steps. We're positive about the results from the consultation and are confident that the regeneration will lead to long lasting improvements for both our customers and the surrounding area, as well as helping us to provide more affordable homes for local people".

Monthly Ham Close residents' drop-in sessions

To help you keep up to date with how we're progressing with the project and to ask any questions you might have we'll be running monthly drop-in sessions for our Ham Close customers. To make sure they're convenient for everyone, we'll be alternating between evenings and daytimes. There'll be no need to book – just pop along to Ham Library any time during the slot. Here are the sessions for the next few months:

15 February: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

15 March: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

19 April: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Frequently asked questions

As you know we've been collating all of your questions on the project for a couple of years and have sent you regular updates as well as featuring them on the Ham Close website. During the consultation we had a number of more detailed questions from homeowners and have therefore included those and the answers to them in an FAQ document with this newsletter to everyone in that group. We're also working on an updated set for tenants that we'll send with our next newsletter.

Keeping in touch

We'll be sending you regular newsletters to keep you up to date with the latest developments of the programme and in between you can find out more on the Ham Close website. If you have any questions you can email ham.close@rhp.org.uk or pop along to one of our drop-in sessions.

