

NEWS: Residents to hear thoughts on potential Ham uplift

Residents in Ham are invited to a public event to hear how those in the area believe that Ham Close could be improved.

As part of its' Uplift Programme, last month Richmond Council, in partnership with RHP, commissioned The Prince's Foundation for Building Community, to work with local residents and stakeholders to hear their views on what improvements they would like to see and consider a potential vision for Ham Close. As part of its work, the Prince's Foundation held a number of focus groups, public events and hosted an online questionnaire, asking local residents and stakeholders what improvements they would like to see.

This 'blank page' approach enabled residents to say what they think could be improved and what they would like to be kept the same.

The Prince's Foundation will now report back their findings at a public meeting on 24 February at Grey Court School from 6.15pm.

David Done, RHP's Chief Executive, added:

'We're very pleased that residents on Ham Close, and their neighbours, have provided some great feedback on what they would like improved in the area and what they would like to remain the same. The public meeting on 24 February will see these ideas shaped further and we hope as many of our customers as possible go along to Grey Court School.'

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, said:

“Ham Close is an integral part of the local area and home to over 190 people. We know from our previous consultations, such as the All in One, that residents do want to see improvements.

“We wanted to know what those improvements might be and it is vital that we have feedback from Ham Close residents. Extending the consultation to the larger community has meant that everyone in Ham was given the opportunity to say how they think we can improve the quality and appearance of the housing provision on the site, how we can create better access and delivery of community services, what environmental improvements could be made and what additional or new facilities could be introduced to the area.

“We will now consider all the feedback, including the viability of each suggestion and present more formal proposals for further consultation and engagement.”

Ham Close, off Ashburnham Road in Ham, is owned by local housing provider – RHP and has 192 homes. As part of the Council’s Uplift programme to rejuvenate the Whitton, Hampton North, Barnes, Mortlake and Ham areas of the borough, both the Council and RHP have been working together to explore the feasibility of potential options and investment in the future of the area.