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Regeneration update

Kensington Housing Trust wants to improve the homes in which you live and the surrounding neighbourhood. We want to address the problems that you have told us about, such as the building defects, poor sound insulation, overcrowding and security.

We also want to work with residents to address wider problems, such as anti-social behaviour, and a lack of employment and training opportunities.

The KHT Board recently considered a range of options to address these issues, and has decided that only full regeneration will deliver the vision for Wornington Green.

Kensington Housing Trust has been carrying out a range of consultation events with residents at Wornington Green, including open days and residents' design workshops.

We will continue to provide you with comprehensive and timely information, and to work with you on the regeneration of Wornington Green and the wider neighbourhood.

The vision

The vision for Wornington Green is to build a new, balanced and sustainable community. We want to provide homes and a neighbourhood where people would choose to live now and in the future. We want to do this by building on the strengths of the existing community and ensuring the regeneration plans are shaped by the views and aspirations of local residents.

We want you to be at the heart of our regeneration proposals: during the initial planning; while the construction work takes place; and then into the future of what will be a new and exciting neighbourhood.

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Questions and answers

During the consultation events we have been asked a number of questions by residents. On these two pages we look at some of those questions and provide you with the answers you need.

What does “full regeneration” of Wornington Green actually mean?

Existing homes will be gradually replaced by new homes, designed around your needs and priorities. Alongside this there will be major improvements to public spaces and community facilities. The regeneration will also provide investment for training, employment and education. In addition, we will work with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to ensure local facilities are able to support the neighbourhood. This may, for example, include improvements to local transport and health provision.

How will this happen?

Regenerating Wornington Green and providing new homes is going to take time to plan and deliver.

We are about to start work on a master plan for the estate. This will set out how the new homes will look, where they will be built and what other facilities are needed. Over the coming months, we will work closely with you to make sure that the new neighbourhood reflects as many of your views and aspirations as possible.

What is going to happen next?

After we have completed the master plan, we will need to obtain planning permission from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. We are aiming to submit a planning application in the summer of 2008 and obtain approval so that we can start work in the summer of 2009. We expect that a large project like this will take between eight and ten years to complete.

Once we have finalised the master plan we will be able to work with you to agree where the works will start and the order they will be carried out in. We will keep you fully informed of all developments so that you have as much time as possible to prepare.

Can you guarantee that me and my family will stay in this area?

Yes – we are committed to providing a new home in the neighbourhood for everybody who currently has a permanent tenancy agreement, along with the members of their household.

There may be residents who wish to move away from the area, while others may want to consider affordable home ownership opportunities. We will be consulting with you over the coming months so that we can develop a range of options for you to choose from.

Will I have to move temporarily?

Wherever possible we would arrange for residents to move straight into a new home. In those cases where this is not possible, because of the timing of the building works, for example, we would arrange a temporary move until a suitable new home is completed and available.

Will the number of properties change?

We propose to increase the number of new homes available for rent. This will include a number of larger properties to deal with the severe overcrowding that a number of households face. We will also be providing a number of new homes for shared ownership and for sale.

Will we lose our open spaces?

No – we are committed to maintaining open space and improving its use as a public amenity. We want to work with you to make sure that open spaces are safe, pleasant and inviting to use.

What about Athlone Gardens?

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea owns and manages Athlone Gardens. At our meetings with the Royal Borough we have discussed ways of improving it so that it becomes a park that all local residents and visitors will want to use and enjoy.

We have also met with the Venture Centre to discuss how we can work together to provide the right facilities for the new Wornington Green.

Will Wornington Green be looked after until all the works are finished?

Projects of this size take a number of years to complete. Kensington Housing Trust will continue to look after the estate and make sure that you live in well managed homes.

How can I find out more and ask questions about how it affects me?

A consultation event is proposed for **Saturday 30 June at the Portobello Road Annexe between 11am and 3pm**. Residents and the local community will be able to see what progress is being made and to give us their views about a range of topics, including:

- the new homes and what these could look like
- a neighbourhood that has homes for sale
- parking, landscaping and open space
- community facilities
- future consultation.

More information about the event will be sent out soon so look out for your personal invitation and posters around the estate.

Any other questions? Something you want to tell us?

We value your questions, comments and suggestions. If you can't make the consultation event or if you want to let us know what you think about the regeneration plans contact Conor Kilbane, our Regeneration Manager, on 020 8964 6404 or e-mail conor.kilbane@chg.org.uk



Local press reports

You may have seen recent press reports about some residents in Pepler House being unhappy about the regeneration proposals.

We would like to reassure all residents that no final decisions have been made about the future of the estate and that everyone will be consulted and have the opportunity to get involved in any changes that are proposed.

We have encouraged our residents to share their views with us through surveys, open days, discussion groups, drop-in sessions, and this newsletter, and we will continue to do so.

We welcome the views of our residents from Pepler House and will be arranging to meet with them to discuss their concerns as soon as possible.

Win a digital camera!

Exclusive competition for Wornington Green residents

The sun is out, the sky is blue! To celebrate summer in Wornington Green, we want you to take pictures of what you like best about your neighbourhood. You can focus on anything about your neighbourhood that means something to you – including your home life, favourite places, or friends and neighbours.

If you don't already have a camera then you still have the chance to take part. From Monday 18 June, we'll be giving away 12 free disposable cameras from our Portobello Road housing office. Just drop in and collect one – first come, first served, so be quick!

Once you've taken your pictures, please email them to conor.kilbane@chg.org.uk or bring your disposable camera back to the Portobello Road office with your details and we will get your pictures developed for you. **The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Wednesday 27 June.**

A selection of entries will be displayed at our event on Saturday 30 June. The photographer of the winning picture will get a great digital camera.

Consultation event - 30 June 2007



Where and when ?

At the **Portobello Road Annexe** between Chesterton House and Lionel House

On **Saturday 30 June 2007** between **11am and 3pm.**

Who's invited?

You are! We want to hear your views and discuss the next steps for making Wornington Green a better place to live. Look out for your personal invitation which will be posted out shortly. **Don't forget to bring your invitation with you on the day for your chance to win some great prizes in our free prize draw.**