#### **ESTATE NEWS**

#### COUNCILLOR DROP IN SESSIONS

Councillor Kemi Atolagbe: Surgery at QCCA, 2-3pm,

Second Tuesday of the month. Email: Kemi.Atolagbe@Camden.gov.uk

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Councillor Nasrine Djemai: Surgery at Charlie Ratchford

Court, 10-11am, 1st Saturday of every month. Email: Nasrine.Djemai@camden.gov.uk

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Councillor Rebecca Filer: Surgery at Haverstock School, 6 -7pm

Second Thursday of each month

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#### TALK TO US!

The team are at Queen's Crescent Market, in front of the Library, **every Thursday 11am-2pm**.

Business owners, market traders, cafe & shopkeepers are invited to POP-IN to 104a Queens Crescent **every other Wednesday 1-4pm** to discuss your concerns during construction and how the redevelopment can benefit your business.

Our Drop-in space at 104a Queens Crescent is open **Mondays, every other Wednesdays and Friday mornings**, with council staff, Wifi, information on the scheme and advice on your options.



#### CONTACTS

#### **REPAIRS:**

Report online via your Camden acount or call the switchboard on 020 7974 4444

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#### QR CODE

Scan with a smartphone to access our webpages with more infomation about the scheme



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### WEST KENTISH TOWN ESTATE

**JULY 2023** 

#### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Camden's Community Investment Programme is committed to investing in building and refurbishing council homes, schools and community facilities. We want to create new genuinely affordable homes, good quality workspaces and neighbourhoods that are safe and secure. Working in partnership with you, we aim to make sure that Camden remains a vibrant, mixed community where everyone has a chance to succeed.

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- · Consultation on play areas
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- Rhyl school workshop

#### **ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS**

It is our priority to continue working together with the community to build new homes for residents of West Kentish Town Estate and a better neighbourhood for all. We are committed to delivering the scheme and fulfilling the plans to build a new estate that are set out in the Residents' Brief. The Resident's Brief is the list of project objectives developed with residents, such as the designs of the building, landscape and open space, the internal layout of your homes and more.

We would like to thank all residents who have been continuing to work with us and we know that some local people have questions and concerns about this process. Below we have included some of the issues we know that are of concern.

#### You said: The scheme has changed, so there should be another ballot

The Landlord Offer was agreed with residents and formed a part of the ballot that residents voted by 93% in favour of. Residents were not asked to vote on a particular design for the new estate, however there were early potential designs undertaken by architects which we shared with residents before the ballot to provide an idea of what the layout of a new estate might look like. These designs did show a high-rise block in the middle of the estate.

The Council will deliver on all the commitments set out in the Resident's Brief.

#### You said: The scheme is taking too long

Despite the challenging economic backdrop, the Council remains committed to delivering new homes on West Kentish Town Estate. We adopt a phased approach to deliver new homes which ensures that most residents only need to move once when the new homes are ready.

While the scheme may last 20 years, our phasing plan is based on providing as many new homes as possible for residents, as soon as possible and our priority is to rehouse existing residents.

We understand this is an uncertain time so we encourage you to contact the Council's Project team on wkt@camden.gov.uk if you have any questions about the re-development proposals and how they may affect you.



#### RESIDENT'S FEEDBACK





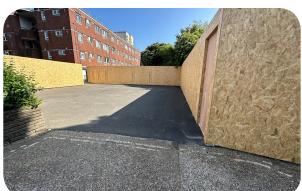
Three workshops were held on 17th, 18th and 20th May 2023 for residents and neighbours to speak to council officers and the design team about emerging plans for the Estate. We got lots of important feedback on the updated designs, construction programme, public realm improvements and daylight and sunlight levels.

The majority of WKTE residents welcomed the updated designs, noting the designs represented real progression on the masterplan. They were keen for construction to begin at the earliest opportunity.

Residents expressed strong interest in seeing more local growing areas, they asked how changes to timescales would affect the phasing and relocation strategy. Building heights was an important issue for residents and neighbours living close to the estate.

#### ESTATE GARAGES AND PARKING

The Wedmore, Langridge and Ashington garages are now empty, and the areas have been boarded up. We will be speaking with young residents about decorating and painting the hoardings.



As you will know from previous consultation, we are working to redevelop the whole of the West Kentish Town Estate (WKTE) and will not be re-providing Estate parking or garages on the new development.

All car spaces on WKTE need to be vacated by **Friday 28 July 2023** in order to enable the construction of the new estate to start to take place. Residents currently parking in any of these car parking spaces will need to apply for a street parking permit and park in the Controlled Parking Zone.

We are currently exploring potential meanwhile uses for the community and welcome your thoughts!

#### LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP AT RHYL SCHOOL





On 19 May 2023, young residents at Rhyl School participated in a Workshop held by BBUK on Landscape Architecture.

The children learnt about what landscape architecture is, the natural and built environment and the tools used to make spaces for people and nature. They then did a walk about on the estate to look at features of a space and mapped out design ideas, which they presented in teams.

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# WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON PLAYSPACE AREAS WE ARE CREATING



Over the next few weeks, the team will be engaging with residents on the estate about play spaces facilities we are creating as part of the redevelopment project. A letter will be sent out to all residents about potential locations for play areas.

We will be conducting surveys and door knocking activities to hear from young residents about the type of facilities they would like to see in these areas.

If you are a young resident, please do look out for our survey.



#### **Council Drop-ins** \* This timeline is indicative only TIMELINE OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2023 AUTUMN MAY JUNE Consultation **Planning** Collecting Selecting Steering Resident **Market Stalls** Collecting Presenting Rhyl school application on play and and **Estate** and analysing Group & business Planning Apworkshops growing Submitted analysing **Exhibition** contractor feedback Meeting pop-ins plication spaces feedback to build