Providing news homes for local people

At a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 15 June, Havering Council decided to explore proposals to build up to 2,000 new Council homes on 12 sites across the borough.

The aim is to provide new homes for local people to rent, as well as some low cost homes for local people to buy, perhaps through shared ownership schemes.

The Council will keep ownership of the land, as well as replace Council homes sold through the Right to Buy.

Councillors asked officers to consult with residents in each of the 12 areas, and during the last month a series of meetings have been held so residents could make their views known.

One of those sites is the Oldchurch Gardens in Romford. Interim Director of Housing, Neil Stubbings and other housing services officers, will be at Romford YMCA on Tuesday 6 September at 7.45pm to meet with local residents, explain the current proposals and listen to views.

Consultation responses

The responses to the consultation will be collected together and reported back to the Cabinet this autumn, when a final decision will be taken on which of the 12 sites will be used to provide the extra homes.

If the decision is to go ahead, then a development partner will be sought and planning applications would need to be made. It is likely this would take between two and three years.

Our aim is to keep you informed throughout with regular newsletters, appropriate meetings for residents and keeping the local residents informed of what is happening.

More information will be available at www.havering.gov.uk/OldchurchGardens

One to one meetings

Each tenant has the opportunity to have a one to one meeting with a Council officer to discuss their particular needs and individual circumstances so that we can do our best to meet those requirements when it is time for them to move.

The first two days scheduled for such meetings are:

• Monday 12 September, 9am to 6pm
• Tuesday 13 September, 9am to 6pm

Please choose your preferred date and time online at www.havering.gov.uk/OldchurchGardens and we will confirm details with you.

If you are unable to meet on these two dates please let us know using www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing and we will make arrangements for another date to meet you.

When coming to the meeting it would be helpful if you could know:

• If there is an area in Havering where you would like to live
• Your National Insurance Number
• Names and dates of birth of all members of your household
Meet us at the Havering Show

Members of the Housing Services Community Engagement Team will be at the Havering Show in Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch on Sunday 28 August and Bank Holiday Monday 29 August.

We'll be in the Community Zone of the new look showground so do come and say hello – we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the regeneration programme.

You can find out more at www.havering.gov.uk/HaveringShow

What happens next?

- After the drop-in session there will be an opportunity for residents to have individual meetings to discuss their personal needs and concerns
- A final decision will be taken by Havering Council’s Cabinet in autumn 2016
- Following that decision further information will be provided to all residents and businesses

Who can I contact?

If you have a question about the consultation please email Denise.Kelly@havering.gov.uk

General estate enquiries www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing

Keeping in Touch

You can keep in touch with the latest news and information from Housing Services through our email newsletter.

Go to www.havering.gov.uk/enews and choose At the Heart online.

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