Second coach trip to see other schemes

The first coach trip to see other sheltered housing schemes in Havering was very successful, but we know some people were not able to make that date so a second coach trip has been organised for Wednesday 14 September.

The coach will pick up people from Royal Jubilee Court and take you on a guided tour of the other schemes, where you will have the opportunity to see the facilities, chat with residents and view some of the flats in that scheme.

We will also be organising a coach trip to see an older persons’ village that has been built on a site similar in size to those available in Havering.

If you want to go on either coach trip please book your place online at www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing or tell your scheme officer.

Latest information on scheme regeneration shared with residents

At a meeting with residents on Thursday 4 August, Interim Director of Housing, Neil Stubbings, updated residents on the older persons’ housing review, which includes a proposal to build an older persons’ village on the site of the Royal Jubilee Court sheltered housing scheme.

Mr Stubbings said: “The final report which will go to Cabinet this autumn will propose that Royal Jubilee Court be redeveloped as an older persons’ village.

“If this is one of the later ones to be developed there will be no rush to move for probably four or five years.

“Depending on the development partner eventually selected to work with the Council this site could be a phased development which may mean you don’t have to move off the site, although you would have to put up with building work taking place nearby.

“We will be keeping the two buildings at the front and that will be made clear in the development brief.

“After the Cabinet meeting we will be sending a letter to each individual resident explaining what the decision means for them as well as information on the support and advice available.

“There is a firm commitment that any current resident of Royal Jubilee Court wishing to return to the new scheme will be able to do so – that commitment will be included in the special Royal Jubilee Court Local Lettings Plan which is due to be published next month.”

If you wish to see some examples of older persons’ villages, details are available at www.havering.gov.uk/ShelteredHousingDevelopments.

More information will be online at www.havering.gov.uk/RJC as it becomes available.

Next meeting

11am to noon on Wednesday 28 September in the Communal Lounge, Royal Jubilee Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Main Road, Gidea Park.

If you can’t join us on the day please let us know using www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing and we will be happy to visit and talk to you.
Your questions answered

Q Where will you rehouse us if we move out during the building work?
A We will be aiming to find you a place in another sheltered housing scheme. You will NOT be placed in bed and breakfast or hostel accommodation.

Q Who will be able to buy the properties which will be for sale?
A Anyone buying these will need to meet the criteria for living in sheltered housing. If they wish to sell they will only be able to sell to the Council so we keep control over who can live here.

Q Will there be more parking on the new site?
A The design will aim to maximise parking.

Q When will be able to see some designs?
A Probably not for at least two years as a development partner won’t be in place until 2018 and they would then need to prepare designs.

Q How long will it take to build?
A Until discussions have been held with a development partner we don’t know, but probably around 18 months.

Q How can I get more information?
A Information will be available at www.havering.gov.uk/RJC or by emailing Chelsea.Potts@havering.gov.uk. Your scheme officer will also be able to get information for you.

Who can I contact?

If you have a question about the consultation please contact Chelsea.potts@havering.gov.uk

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

Want to help plan the future?

We want to involve residents in helping plan the facilities and designs of the new older persons’ village so we are planning to set up a residents’ group to help us do that.

The group probably won’t meet until 2017 but if you are interested in being a member of such a group please either complete the online form below, let your Scheme Officer, or Chelsea Potts Chelsea.potts@havering.gov.uk know and we will invite you to the first meeting.

More information www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing

Keeping in Touch

You can keep in touch with the latest news and information from Housing Services.

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

There is also information available about this scheme at www.havering.gov.uk/RJC and about the sheltered housing regeneration proposals at www.havering.gov.uk/ShelteredHousingDevelopments

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