At its meeting on Wednesday 12 October Havering Council’s Cabinet agreed the Housing Regeneration Programme should go ahead following three months of consultation with residents.

Residents had an opportunity to discuss the proposals with Havering Council Housing Services Interim Director of Housing, Neil Stubbings, briefed them on the report at a meeting on Tuesday 6 September.

The Cabinet report agreed that in an early phase of the regeneration programme:

• The Waterloo estate in Romford, including the Queen Street sheltered housing scheme, should be redeveloped for general needs housing
• The Oldchurch Gardens estate in Romford should be redeveloped for general needs housing
• The Maygreen Crescent and Park Lane estate in Hornchurch, including the Park Lane sheltered housing scheme should be redeveloped for general needs housing
• Napier House and New Plymouth House, in Rainham, should be demolished and should be redeveloped for general needs housing
• Serena, Solar and Sunrise sheltered housing scheme, in Hornchurch, should be redeveloped as an older persons’ village

Later in the programme:

• Two additional storeys of flats be built on top of existing flats above shops in Chippenham Road, Farnham Road and Hilldene Avenue
• Royal Jubilee Court sheltered housing scheme should be redeveloped as an older persons’ village
• Dell Court sheltered housing scheme should be redeveloped as flats for older people
• Delderfield House sheltered housing scheme should be redeveloped for general needs housing
• Brunswick Court sheltered housing scheme should be redeveloped as extra care and dementia care sheltered housing.

These proposals and timescales are subject to discussion with the Council’s development partner, following their appointment which is expected to be in late 2017.

More information: www.havering.gov.uk/RJC

Next meeting
10am to 11am on Thursday 5 January
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  When will the new Community Hubs start operating?
A  A report will go to Cabinet in February 2017 and, if approved, the Community Hubs would start in April and be rolled out during the financial year.

Q  Can I move now rather than wait until later in the programme?
A  Yes, but priority will be given to residents in schemes that will be demolished in the early part of the Housing Regeneration Programme. If you want to move early please make sure your Scheme Officer knows.

Q  Why did you spend money on new bathrooms, doors and kitchens if Royal Jubilee Court is to be demolished?
A  When the Decent Homes Programme began there were no plans or funds available, for the Housing Regeneration Programme which is now underway. The investment needed to be done to bring homes up to a reasonable standard and people will still be living at Royal Jubilee Court for at least the next three years and they deserve decent bathrooms and kitchens.

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 (E: Chelsea.potts@havering.gov.uk) know and we will invite you to the first meeting.

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

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