At a meeting with residents on Thursday 4 August, Interim Director of Housing, Neil Stubbings, updated residents on the older persons’ housing review.

Mr Stubbings said: “The final report which will go to Cabinet this autumn, will propose that the Maygreen Crescent sheltered housing scheme should close as part of a wider regeneration of the Maygreen Crescent and Park Lane estate.

“It’s likely this site will be one of the first ones developed but there is no rush to move for probably a couple of 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.

“After the Cabinet meeting we will be sending a letter to each individual resident to explain 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 Maygreen Crescent will have a high priority for finding a new home and will be able to use a direct offer system. That commitment will be included in the Maygreen Crescent Local Lettings Plan which is due to be published during September.

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 Maygreen Crescent and Park Lane to 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.
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 What options will we have when looking for a new place to live?
A The Maygreen Crescent Local Lettings Plan will make clear the priority you will have to move to another sheltered housing scheme, to one of the places in the new older persons' villages when they are built, to a Housing Association property or to general Council housing depending on your individual needs.

Q Do I need to go through the bidding system to find a new place to live?
A Tell your Scheme Officer you would prefer a direct allocation and where you are interested in living. When a vacancy occurs in that area you will then be contacted so you can view the property and decide if it suits you.

Q When will be able to see some designs for the older persons' villages?
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/Maygreen or by emailing Chelsea.Potts@havering.gov.uk Your scheme officer will also be able to get information for you.

Call in and see us

If you want to know more about the proposals for Maygreen Crescent and Park Lane, please call in to see us between 12.30pm and 1.30pm on Friday 30 September at Maygreen Crescent Sheltered Housing Scheme communal lounge.

Information will also be available at www.havering.gov.uk/Maygreen

If you cannot 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.

Who can I contact?

If you have a question about the consultation please contact

Email Chelsea.potts@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.
- There is also information available at www.havering.gov.uk/Maygreen and about the sheltered housing regeneration proposals at www.havering.gov.uk ShelteredHousingDevelopments
- You can also ‘Like’ us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/haveringhousing