Forty-six new affordable homes for Harold Hill

Work is due to start in March to build 46 new affordable homes in Briar Road in a scheme costing around £10 million.

The scheme includes four three-bedroom houses and six two-bedroom houses along with 33 two-bedroom flats and three one-bedroom flats. All are for affordable rent.

There will also be 86 parking spaces provided on the site.

Entry to the site will be from Briar Road and the project is due for completion by spring 2019.

The first work to be done will be setting up a site compound ready for the contractors to use and hoardings to make the site secure.

Work on the site will be between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm on Saturday and no working on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or Bank Holidays unless exceptional circumstances occur and prior permission is given.

Find out more

A meeting is being held for residents on Wednesday 1 March when they will be able to meet Council officers and contractors’ representatives to find out how the development will be managed and to ask questions about the scheme.

Havering Council Housing Services Community Engagement Officer, Joanne Mahony, will be the main point of contact for residents during this project.

Consultation meeting date

Residents are invited to a consultation meeting on Wednesday 01 March from 6.30pm until 7.30pm New Testament Church of God, Briar Road, Harold Hill, RM3 8AH

At the meeting Council Officers will be available to explain how the development is expected to take place.
Building homes for Havering people

During the next 10 years, Havering Council is planning to build around 3,500 new homes for local people, in one of the most ambitious local authority home building programmes in the country.

Since Right to Buy started, around 4,000 Council homes have been sold and these need to be replaced.

At the moment, Havering Council has around 90 households in bed and breakfast accommodation and a further 100 in hostels. Such accommodation, while giving people a roof over their heads, is not ideal for the families involved and is expensive for the Council.

This year saw changes in the Housing Allocations Policy, which means people have to live in Havering for a minimum of six years before being eligible for Council housing.

Family homes, with two or more bedrooms, are in particular demand which is why the scheme at Briar Road is an important part of this building programme.

Other parts of the programme proposals include:

- Total regeneration of the Waterloo Road estate in Romford
- Total regeneration of the Maygreen Crescent and Park Lane estate in Hornchurch
- Total regeneration of the Oldchurch Gardens estate in Romford
- Adding two more levels of flats to existing flats in Chippenham Road, Farnham Road and Hildene Avenue in Harold Hill
- Demolition of Napier House and New Plymouth House in Rainham with the land being used for new Council housing
- Closure of seven sheltered housing schemes so that the land can be used for new Council housing, including redevelopment of two sites as older persons’ villages.

The land being used is owned by the Council and will remain in Council ownership.

Many of the 3,500 new homes will be for rent but some will be Low Cost Home Ownership, where the Council retains a share in the property and it must be sold back to the Council when the owner moves.

We need your help

Havering Council is looking for a group of residents to work with us throughout the Briar Road development. You will meet regularly with the contractor to discuss what’s happening on site and its impact on residents.

Meetings would be in the early evenings and around once every six to eight weeks.

If you are interested in joining this group please complete the form at www.havering.gov.uk/askhousing and let us have your details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Who can I contact?

If you have a question about the consultation please email Joanne.Mahony@havering.gov.uk

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

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