

Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration Scheme

Communication and Consultation update

The Council and its Development Partners have carried out widespread consultation and engagement with residents within BXC and in the surrounding area in relation to the scheme proposals. This has included sending out consultation letters to more than 20,000 local residents and businesses, including the parts of Brent and Camden adjacent to the planning application boundary, in relation to the planning applications.

The proposals have been subject to full consultation through the planning process, and contact has also been made with all known residents, owners and occupiers of residential and non-residential properties and discussions are ongoing regarding the acquisition of the interests and the relocation options for those affected. The Council, and its Development Partners and their advisors, have engaged with residents directly as well as through the Whitefield Estate Steering Group and Open Meetings, Resident Surgeries and through other organised meetings including the Cricklewood Community Forum.

CPO1

The Whitefield Estate residents within the CPO1 Order Land have been consulted on designs of the replacement homes in Plots 53 and 54 of the RMA, through a series of workshops organised by the CPO1 Developer which included training on understanding plans and design workshops. This was followed by a briefing sheet sent to residents which included information about the design and layout of the replacement homes. Residents were also involved in the selection of the Catalyst Housing Group, a leading Registered Provider, to deliver and manage the replacement homes.

The Council and its Development Partners met with the CPO1 Whitefield Estate Sub Steering Group on the 12 May 2016, to provide a progress update.

The Council has also agreed terms with eight residential homeowners and have acquired properties in Claremont Way and Whitefield Avenue.

CPO2

Following the formation of BXS LP, a series of meetings and events is planned to step up engagement between the Residents Steering Group and BXS LP. This includes a recruitment effort to increase participation in the Whitefield Residents Steering Group, as well as general information meetings to which all residents will be invited. It is envisaged that this group will be the forum for future consultation on the design, timing and delivery of the new replacement homes. Concurrently, the Council with GL Hearn and PEP (Resident Independent Advisor) continue to run a programme of resident surgeries and workshops for Council tenants and leaseholders.

A Brent South Information Briefing Day is being held on the 6th and 9th July for the CPO2 Whitefield Residents, where residents will receive scheme updates and information about the Registered Providers selection process.

CPO3

Over the last few months the Council and Argent Related have consulted with residents in Brent Terrace and will be continuing their discussions with all affected land owners in this area.

Additional Activities

Over the last 4 months, PEP the Resident Independent Advisor has held resident surgeries on the following dates Wednesday 16th March 2016, Wednesday 16th March 2016, Saturday 19th March, Wednesday 20th April 2016, Saturday 30th April 2016, Tuesday 3rd May 2016, Thursday 12th May 2016 and Tuesday 17th May.

The Council has held special CPO Surgeries on Saturday 30th April 2016, Tuesday 3rd May 2016 and Thursday 12th May 2016, in the lead up to the CPO Inquiry which commenced on Tuesday 17th May 2016.

Also, Argent Related have appointed Soundings whose principle aim is to help develop a Community Consultation Strategy, which will ensure going forward that the masterplanning / project development / design process is fully informed by community engagement. Soundings are organising a number of consultation events throughout July 2016 with the residents and community groups in the wider Brent Cross South area. These events include community liaison meetings and the first one is being held on 7th July at the Whitefield School.