

NEW COUNCIL HOMES FOR HEREFORD ESTATE

WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHY

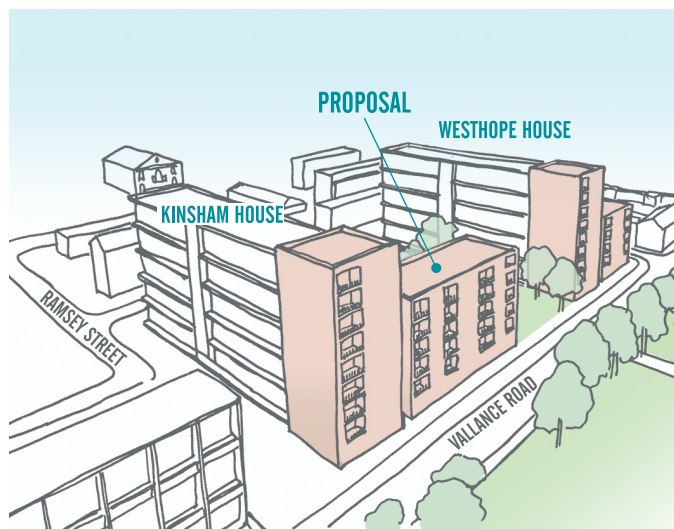
Tower Hamlets Council wants to build more homes for local people and a number of council-owned sites are being brought forward for new council homes, including the amenity space between Westhope House and Kinsham House. In January we showed you proposals to build 48 new Council Homes – some earmarked for people with disabilities. The current proposals provide 38 new homes.

Almost 20,000 local people are waiting desperately for an affordable place to live and building on 'infill' sites is one way of meeting this need.

This is one of four schemes which start our infill development in areas across the borough. The council is exploring similar schemes in other locations too. All new homes for rent that we build will go to local people. This is part of the council's wider commitment to deliver 1000 new homes in Tower Hamlets over the next four years.

Your views on what happens on your estate matter. In January, we held two events at the Bentworth Court Friendship Club on Granby Street to unveil our design plans and hear back from you. In all, 32 brave residents ventured into the winter cold.

We're proposing to build two five-to-eight storey blocks of homes on the site of the amenity land which fronts onto Vallance Road and Weavers Field. This will involve the removal of the existing pram sheds on the land.



YOUR MAYOR SPEAKS OUT ON HOUSING

We face considerable challenges in delivering really affordable homes for local people. These include the very high local cost of housing, a chronic shortage of stock and a growing population. We welcome the significant regeneration taking place in the borough and the role this plays in transforming Tower Hamlets. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that for increasing numbers of people who grew up in the borough, the possibility of renting or buying a local home has been very difficult.

John Biggs
Mayor of Tower Hamlets

AUGUST 2015



RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 1
Site Allocation

JANUARY 2016



RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 2
Design
Development

MARCH 2016



RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 3
Stage 3
Designs

APRIL 2016



SUBMIT
PLANNING
APPLICATION

JULY 2016



EXPECTED
PLANNING
DECISION

AUTUMN 2016



EXPECTED
START ON SITE

SPRING 2018



EXPECTED
PRACTICAL
COMPLETION

YOU SAID...

Residents who came along to the Bentworth Court Friendship Club Road could see drawings of the new block for themselves. They expressed five main issues of concern about the development...

- loss of green space and trees
- increased building density and over-development
- the proposed building heights
- shading
- loss of views

In addition, residents who turned up at the events were worried about the high levels of anti-social behaviour on the estate and also raised repairs and housing management issues.

WE LISTENED

We've listened to what you told us and we are taking action...

- We're looking at how we can preserve views of the park and reduce overshadowing, particularly from the block attached to Kingsham House.
- Tower Hamlets Homes will increase efforts to tackle loitering, drinking, drug abuse and rough sleeping in the stairways and main entrances.
- Tower Hamlets Homes will be working with the police to tackle drug-related crime in the area.
- We'll improve landscaping on the estate and redesign the area around Kingsham and Westhope house to make it more inviting and enjoyable for residents. We are hoping that this can include more car parking spaces.

We'd like to go on talking to you - and your Tenants' and Residents' Association - about any new concerns as the project progresses. So if something bothers you, please let us know.

Please contact the Resident Liaison officer, Laura Duncan for more information:
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http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/housing/affordable_housing.aspx



NEXT STEPS

We want to keep hearing from you. Come along to our next consultation event on **Saturday 19 March 2016** between 10am – 1pm, or **Monday 21 March 2016**, between 4 – 7pm. Both events will be held at the Bentworth Court Friendship Club, Granby Street, E2 6DN.

It is important that you understand the contents of this letter. If you require a further explanation, and/or an interpretation facility, please contact the office shown overleaf as soon as possible.

BENGALI

আপনি এই চিঠির বিষয়বস্তু বুঝতে পারা খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। যদি আপনার আরো ব্যাখ্যার প্রয়োজন হয়, এবং/অথবা অনুবাদ সুবিধার প্রয়োজন হয়, তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে অপর পৃষ্ঠায় উল্লেখিত অফিসে যতো তাড়াতাড়ি সম্ভব যোগাযোগ করুন।

SOMALI

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URDU

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CHINESE

這信的內容對你是非常重要的，如果你需要進一步解釋，或翻譯的要求，請儘早與下頁提供的辦事處聯絡。

VIETNAMESE

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