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Sherwood Close Newsletter



## More Time for Phase 1 Decanting

# The new date for Phase 1 households to leave the estate is now March 2014

The Council and Affinity Sutton have reviewed the programme for redeveloping the estate and have concluded that more time should be allowed for Phase 1 households to move off the estate before demolition starts.

The Council's regeneration programme covers a large number of homes across the borough and the necessity to decant all these estates at the same time means more households are chasing the same empty properties to move into. This new date will allow more time for Phase 1 households to find a new home suitable for their needs. Within this new time period Affinity Sutton will submit their planning application and the Council and Affinity Sutton will agree and sign the contract/development agreement for the regeneration.

## Phase 1 Tenants LOCATA Bidding Now Every Week

#### Please remember that LOCATA bidding is now open every Thursday at 12 noon and closes Monday at 4pm.

Every effort will be made to assist you in finding alternative accommodation suitable for your housing needs. If you would like, the Regeneration Team will place bids on your behalf. Please contact Mumta Ganatra on 020 8825 5935.

It is strongly recommended that tenants make realistic bids as often as possible. No one can tell when properties suitable for your needs will become available and you may find that a suitable property available one week may not be available again within the time period allowed for decanting Phase 1. So please consider your choices carefully. If a suitable home becomes available, we advise you to bid and if possible accept it





### **Revised Program**

The timetable for the regeneration of the Sherwood Close Estate has been revised to provide additional time to re-house residents in phase one of the development. This revised timetable means that certain key dates within the programme including planning submission and start-on-site need to be moved to a later date. The planning application submission date has been revised to Spring 2014 and we expect to have a decision by the Autumn to allow a start on site to take place later in 2014.

**Phase 1 - Archer House, 1-10, 12-21 and 70-72 Sherwood Close** – We are now looking to achieve vacant possession of Phase 1 in March 2014. We have allowed a period of approximately 6-7 months between vacant possession and start on site to allow us to carry out pre-demolition site investigation work. We anticipate phase 1 construction to start late 2014 and expect the construction period to end Spring 2016.

Phase 2 – Crossbow House, 22-37, 39-42 & 43-68 Sherwood Close - The decanting of phase 2 will end late January 2016 before construction starts on site early March 2016. The new homes are expected to be available in Autumn 2017.

**Phase 3** – **Target House** - The decanting of phase 3 will end late July 2017 before construction starts on site early September 2017. The new homes are expected to be available in Spring of 2019.

## New Dates for Consultation Events

### With the necessity to allow more time to decant Phase 1 the programme of events has also been reviewed

The new date for the event to show estate residents and the wider community the final plans before the planning application is submitted has been moved to early 2014. We will release the exact date closer to the time.

# Please remember the planned event for 27<sup>th</sup> July has now been cancelled.

The Residents Steering Group will continue to meet on a monthly basis to monitor the work of Affinity Sutton and the Council and there may be some additional consultation workshops along the way.

If you would like to get more involved in this process then please contact Mumta Ganatra on 020 8825 5935 for a chat about what it involves.

## Surgery Closed During August

The Surgery will be closed for the whole of August. If you need to speak to someone from Affinity Sutton during August and can't get hold of Natalie please dial 0300 100 0303 and ask to speak to Julia Charter.

## Who to contact

### Just a reminder of who can help

If you have any questions regarding moving including help with bidding and what you're entitled to when you move please call Mumta Ganatra on 0208 825 5935.

If you'd like to know more about the redevelopment plans please contact Natalie Down on 07969 731 505.

#### Have a lovely summer The Sherwood Close Regeneration Team

### Latest New Estate Layout Plans

