

# Chelsea Chat

## Planning appeal

Following our last edition of Chelsea Chat (June 2017), we have now lodged our appeal with the Planning Inspectorate on the proposals for the future of the Sutton Estate. As part of this process the Planning Inspector has been seeking comments on the proposals from interested parties and will no doubt have been in touch with many of you.

Behind the scenes we are in discussions with representatives from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) on the proposals and how we

can work together through the appeal process. We will continue to keep you updated as the appeal process progresses.

Hopefully you will all have seen the posters up around the Estate inviting you to a **Summer BBQ on Friday, 8 September between 4pm and 6pm** in the sunken garden. Do please let Alecia or Natalie know if you can join us (see overleaf for their contact details) and we hope to see lots of you there.

**Residents will remain on the Estate; retain their security of tenure; continue to pay social rents and move straight into their brand new home.**



## Tragic events at Grenfell

You will all, no doubt, be aware and saddened by the recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower in North Kensington. As soon as we became aware of the need for accommodation for the survivors we offered to provide one and two bedroom homes at the Sutton Estate, Chelsea. So far this offer has not been accepted, we understand that it is because Chelsea is considered to be too far away from Grenfell, but the offer still stands.

In addition to offering to provide homes to the survivors we have seconded two members of our housing management team to RBKC to support the Grenfell team and we remain on standby to offer whatever further help and support we can.

We recognise too that there have been questions as to why A-D cannot be used as temporary accommodation for Grenfell survivors, even though RBKC has acknowledged that these homes are not fit for people to live in. If it would help, we have advised the Deputy Leader – Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, who now has responsibility for housing and Grenfell, that we are willing to explore ways to bring these properties back into use temporarily. However, as mentioned overleaf, our offer of accommodation elsewhere on the Estate has not been accepted to date.

## Contact us if you have questions

If you have any questions about the redevelopment, please do drop in and see Natalie or Alecia at the Estate Office on a **Thursday between 10am and 12 noon** or give them a call on **0300 100 0303**.

***Pictured:** Far right Natalie Down;  
Left Alecia Miller.*



## Investment in Leverstock and Maylands

Our residents in Leverstock and Maylands Houses have just completed a £400,000 improvement programme.

The improvements have included:

- **Fitting 51 brand new kitchens**
- **Installing 47 new boilers**
- **Undertaking 51 electrical tests**

## Security on the Estate

A number of residents that attended the coffee morning on Thursday, 22 June expressed concern about security on the Estate around the empty properties at A-D and also the young people on scooters.

We had discussed residents' concerns previously with the local community police officer but unfortunately given resources they were not able to offer to provide a regular presence on the Estate.

So in response to your concerns we have now appointed a security company to patrol the Estate at night to prevent anti social behaviour and to ensure residents feel safe and secure in their homes. We have also identified some weak spots within the hoarding around A-D, and works have been approved to secure these.