

Chelsea Chat

Redevelopment of the Sutton Estate: Project Update

Proposals for the redevelopment of the Sutton Estate are making good progress and the project team continue to be busy working on the designs in liaison with the Royal Borough of Kensington (RBKC) and the Resident Steering Group.

Before we submit a formal planning application, we will share the proposals with you and the wider public. Details of these events will be available soon.

The project team recently met with the local ward councillors, who hope to meet with tenants at one of the forthcoming Resident Steering Group meetings. And in early October, members of the Chelsea Society visited the Estate to talk through the proposals with the project team.

To give us the chance to talk you through the proposals informally, we are hosting regular coffee mornings and evenings (see page two). Also on page two you can find out more about the Steering Group's visit to another Affinity Sutton redevelopment project.

Please do not forget to look out for further updates on the website and on the posters up in the noticeboards in each of your blocks.

**We want to secure the future of affordable housing at the Sutton Estate
for current and future tenants**

All existing Affinity Sutton tenants will be able to remain on the Estate

All Affinity Sutton tenants will retain their security of tenure

Refurbishment/modernisation is not a viable solution



Sutton Estate Road Trip

A big thank you to the members of the Steering Group who joined us on our road trip to visit Affinity Sutton's 'The Lavender' in the London Borough of Sutton on Saturday 18 October.

Members of the Steering Group were joined by a small number of fellow tenants who were able to take up the spare places on a first come first serve basis.

The Lavenders is currently undergoing redevelopment and this site visit was a great opportunity to see an Estate under development first hand. To fund the new homes, there are also some homes for private sale at The Lavenders. Plus there is a fantastic purpose built community centre.

We set off from the Estate at 11am and on arrival at The Lavenders had a tour, which included improvements to the walk alongside the River Wandle. Tenants then viewed some empty properties to get an idea of the size and quality of the new accommodation that has been built.

Afterwards, lunch was enjoyed by all in the new community centre, where tenants met Brian, who was a member of The Lavenders Resident Steering Group, and Bob Beaumont, who is the scheme's Project Director.

We plan to run a similar trip for other tenants so if you are interested in visiting The Lavenders please let Natalie Down, Resident Liaison Manager know, details on page four.



Coffee mornings

As you will have seen on posters around the Estate, Natalie Down, Chelsea Resident Liaison Manager, is holding a series of coffee morning/evening sessions to talk to you about the redevelopment.

Each month there will be a different topic for discussion, and the theme for October's coffee morning/evening sessions is 'Supporting you with your move'.

At the last coffee morning on Thursday 8 October, we spoke to you about the moving process and how Affinity Sutton will support you during your move. We will also be covering this topic at the **next evening session on Thursday 23 October**, so please do come along if you would like to speak to us or if you have any queries.

For those unable to make it, we have also provided a guide to the moving process enclosed with this newsletter.

The theme for next month will be 'Guiding your community' – and we hope that you will come and let us know your priorities and ideas for the proposed new communal areas and facilities.

Dates for the coffee morning/evening sessions in November are:

- Thursday 6 November, 11am to 12noon
- Thursday 20 November, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

We look forward to seeing you.





We want to hear ALL of your views

Feedback from you is important to us and we encourage all our tenants to provide us with their thoughts and aspirations for the future of the Estate.

You can let us know your thoughts by visiting our website – www.suttonestatechelsea.com – which also has a dedicated 'Affinity Sutton tenants' page for you to find out more.

You can also contact us by:

Email – info@suttonestatechelsea.com

Freepost – MPC Consultation

Freephone line – 0800 148 8911

Thursday surgeries

Don't forget if you have any queries about the redevelopment you can speak to Natalie Down, Chelsea Resident Liaison Manager, between 10am and 12noon every Thursday at the Estate Office.

You can also call Natalie on **0300 100 0303** or email her – Natalie.down@affinitysutton.com



Noticeboards

And please don't forget to keep an eye on the notice boards in your blocks as we will be using these to provide brief updates or dates for your diary!