

JULY EDITION OF HERE & NOW

Here & Now will return again in July for a full edition containing further development updates, plus the usual mix of interviews, articles and events information.

Among other things, the July edition will include an introduction to the new Wornington Green website www.yourhereandnow.co.uk, a new design competition and an update on preparations for Carnival.



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KEY CONTACTS

The Wornington Green regeneration team remain on-hand to answer any queries you might have regarding the regeneration programme. Please see the guide below for a list of all the key contacts.

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STOP PRESS

This month we bring to you a special 'Stop Press' edition of Here & Now with some important news about the regeneration of Wornington Green Estate. The letter below from Wornington Green's Estate Manager, Sue Hannah, contains an important announcement.

June 2011

Dear residents and neighbours

Catalyst is totally committed to delivering new high quality, modern homes for all of our tenants from Wornington Green Estate and to contribute to the wider regeneration of the area.

By now, you may have heard that there will be a change to the building programme. This is because Catalyst will appoint a different contractor for the first phase of the development.

Mansell's current appointment is for enabling works (demolition, site clearance, services diversions etc) which started in January 2011. These works are now complete.

To minimise delays we're looking at ways that works can continue under our direct control. This includes making sure that the site area is kept secure and safe.

This will mean different things to different people. This newsletter will address some of the most immediate questions. Thereafter, the Wornington Green Team will keep you up-to-date as more information becomes available, either through individual letters or through future editions of Here & Now. We will make an announcement as soon as possible about our new partner for the first phase and the revised timescales for the completion of Block 1 and Phase 1.

Yours sincerely

Sue Hannah
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Any Questions?

Our top priority is minimising disruption to residents and providing support where necessary. As part of this process residents have received individual letters explaining how they will be affected depending upon which phase of the development they live in. Below we also offer answers to some general questions:

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What does this mean if I live in Phase 1?

We have written to all residents in this phase to explain the situation and its likely impact upon them. Residents in Phase 1 will have a Resident Liaison Officer assigned to them.

What this means in practice for residents living in Phase 1 (Faraday, Lionel, Telford and Wheatstone House) is that:

- Residents will stay in their own homes for a longer period (prior to re-housing)
- The design of Phase 1 will not change
- Offers will still be able to be made to residents who have been prioritised to move into Block 1, residents will be able to select their tenant choice (for kitchens and flooring) and get an information pack with full floor plans for their new home
- Residents would originally have expected to start moving into their new homes (in Block 1) in spring next year. We still hope that the first residents will move into their new homes in 2012, but timescales will need to be confirmed once the new arrangements are in place.

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And the later phases?

You should not be affected by the delays. Given that it's so early in the construction programme for Phase 1, we're confident that we can make up some of the lost time. We can also confirm that the Decent Homes Programme (providing new bathrooms and kitchens etc) will continue on the Wornington Green Estate.

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When will the next phase of residents be decanted?

Faraday House is the next block due for demolition. Residents who don't want to move into the new development are currently being re-housed. The remaining residents who want to move into the new development will move straight into their new homes (in Block 1) when they are ready.

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When will the first phase of decanted residents be able to return?

Residents who moved from Wornington Road and Munro Mews have been contacted to establish if they want to be re-housed in Block 1. Residents would originally have expected to start moving into their new homes in spring next year. We still hope that the first residents will move into their new homes in 2012, but timescales will need to be confirmed once the new arrangements are in place.

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I don't live on the Estate but I do live nearby – how will I be affected?

Our neighbours should not be adversely affected by the delay. As we expect to make up much of the lost time in future phases of the development, the overall delays should be minimal and the regeneration of the area is still very much on course. Whilst we appoint another partner we will keep the site safe and secure.

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Who else have we told?

As a key stakeholder in this project, the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea has been informed of recent developments, along with Ward Councillors, residents' groups and local businesses.

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What are we doing about it?

To minimise delays we're looking at ways that works can continue under our direct control. This includes making sure that the site area is kept secure. There will be a relatively short delay whilst we appoint another partner and put new arrangements in place, but we are certain that this approach is best for the long-term benefit of the project, our residents and the local community.

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Who do I contact for more information?

The Team is available on the estate from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, in the Annex on Portobello Road to provide information and offer support to residents. A special drop-in session is being arranged for anyone who would like to discuss any aspect of the regeneration programme.

