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Ham Close Regeneration reaches significant planning milestone

Plans for a landmark regeneration project in Ham, South-West London have been approved by Richmond Council's planning committee this week.

The proposals for the regeneration of Ham Close were submitted by housing provider RHP Group (the largest provider of affordable housing in the borough of Richmond) and their development partner Hill. The Ham Close redevelopment will include 452 new homes, alongside community facilities and a range of public green spaces.

The redevelopment will replace several outdated blocks of flats built in the 1960s with a range of high-quality new homes. All current tenants of the existing affordable homes will be moving directly into their new home, except for a small number of tenants who've been provided alternative housing whilst the development happens before having the opportunity to return to their new homes. There will also be a range of additional affordable and private sale homes, all carefully designed to high standards of energy efficiency. In total 49% of the homes will be affordable, both for rent and Shared Ownership, and 10% will be wheelchair accessible. The neighbourhood will also include a community centre, a new building for community workshop Richmond MakerLabs and a park with play spaces.

This outcome is the result of several years of work between RHP and Richmond Council, alongside extensive consultation with the residents of Ham Close and the wider community.

With the local community at the heart of this project throughout, the focus has been on creating a sustainable new development that meets current and future local housing needs. The raft of benefits generated by the regeneration of Ham Close also includes a £2m social impact fund, opportunities for Apprenticeships and construction jobs for local people and a 23% net biodiversity gain for the site.

The designs for Ham Close were developed by architect practice BPTW. They worked closely with local architecture practice WR-AP, which has designed the community centre, and landscape consultant LUC.

The plans will now enter a six-week stage of judicial review process where they can be further scrutinised. Dependent on this outcome, the plans would then be sent onto the GLA to be given full consent in due time.

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