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NEWS: Have your say on proposals for future of Ham Close

Following an extensive engagement programme, revised proposals for the future of Ham Close are to be launched for public consultation next week.

Over the past two years RHP, in partnership with Richmond Council, has been working with local residents and stakeholders on what improvements they would like to see in the local area, and to develop a vision for Ham Close.

Over the summer, 153 residents attended a number of design workshops. These sessions aimed to give residents, RHP and the Council the opportunity to work together to come up with the best possible design solution for the Close should redevelopment go ahead.

RHP and the Council have worked with the architects to feed in, where possible, all the feedback into potential design proposals for the site. These designs are to be published for full public consultation from 19 October 2016.

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Communities and Business, said:

"Over the past year we have been working with the community to develop a set of proposals that in corporate their ideas for the area. We have held workshops, meetings, met with all the local community groups, businesses and organisations. We hope people feel these proposals reflect what they told us and look forward to hearing their views on the designs

"We are committed to making sure that residents of Ham Close and the wider community have a number of avenues to have their say. We have tried to make it as inclusive as possible. I hope that everyone will engage in this process and work with us on developing the plans further."

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David Done, Chief Executive for RHP, said:

"Thank you to everyone who came along to one or more of the design workshops over the summer. We're committed to providing our customers who live at Ham Close and the wider community with a range of opportunities to input their views on the potential redevelopment so that together we can identify and develop the best possible design solution for the Close. Many local people often have a far more detailed understanding of Ham Close and the surrounding area which is invaluable in evaluating if redevelopment is possible. We're looking forward to further engaging with our customers and local people during the consultation in the autumn."