

NEWS: Ham Close: The future is in your hands!

Residents and businesses in Ham are invited to come to a public event to discuss the future of Ham Close and have their say on the vision for the local area.

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 develop a vision for Ham Close.

Following a consultation last year carried out by the Prince's Foundation, a report outlining potential concepts for the area was produced. This included:

- Total redevelopment of the whole estate,
- Partial redevelopment and refurbishment of existing buildings,
- Refurbishment plus infill
- Refurbishment .
- No change

As part of RHP and the Council's commitment to engage fully with local residents on the proposals, a new Community Forum has been established – with an independent chairman. Representative members include: RHP Leaseholders, RHP Tenants, Ham Parade Traders Association, St Richard's Church, Ham United, Ham Youth Centre, Ham and Petersham Association and Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum.

The Forum will host a public event later this month, where residents and businesses can come and listen to a presentation on the work which is currently being undertaken, take part in a workshop to make their views and opinions heard with the Team (RHP, the Council and consultants), complete a questionnaire relating to the

options which are available and understand the next steps and process moving forwards.

The event is on: Monday 20th July from 18.30 to 21.00 at Grey Court School, Ham Street. For those unable to attend, the questionnaire will be available online and available as a paper format for local residents.

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

“At the heart of this project is the desire to make Ham Close a better place for people to live and visit. We would like to see changes made to improve the quality of life for those who live there, but also for those who live and work in the surrounding area.

“However, I am conscious we are talking about the homes of over 192 households. Therefore, together with RHP, we have committed to full engagement and consultation with residents and the community. We will listen to what they say. I hope that this event and consultation will give some clarity to the process and proposals over the next four months.”

David Done, Chief Executive of RHP, added:

“The aim of the potential regeneration is to deliver meaningful physical, social and economic improvements to Ham Close and the surrounding area. It’s really important to us that we provide a range of opportunities for both RHP customers and the local community to get involved and share their views on the project – all of which will be carefully considered in shaping a way forward.”

The consultation will be available www.richmond.gov.uk/ham_uplift from 21 July.

Schedule for the event on the 20th June:

18.30: Doors open and exhibition – representatives from the Project Team to answer questions

19.00: Welcome and introductions

19.15: Presentation by BPTW on Ham Close and the design options

19.45: Workshop

20.30: Feedback

20.50: Next steps will be outlined