

News: Local MP visits Ham Close as part of potential redevelopment consultation

Zac Goldsmith MP today toured Ham Close, visiting a flat and the new exhibition presenting proposals to redevelop the 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 to develop a vision for Ham Close.

Today, indicative proposals were launched online and in a temporary exhibition in Ham Youth Club car park. The proposals outline what a new development could look like and how it could benefit the wider community.

Zac Goldsmith MP, along with Cllr Pamela Fleming (Cabinet Member for Environment) and ward councillors - Cllr Sarah Tippett and Cllr Penelope Frost, were given a tour of the site by the Chairman of RHP, John Newbury. The tour included visiting a flat of a local resident. After the tour, Mr Goldsmith visited the temporary exhibition to view and discuss the proposals.

Zac said:

“I’m really pleased that we’ve reached this stage with the development, and was enormously encouraged by the positive reaction of residents. There’s some way to go, but the Council and Richmond Housing Partnership are clearly listening to residents, and have put together a proposal that directly addresses the key concerns that have been raised. This is an exciting project for our area, and they are on track to achieving something very special.”

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

“We have engaged extensively with the community over the past year on what a new future for Ham Close could look like. We hope people feel these proposals reflect what they told us.

“These plans aim to create new, safe, efficient homes for all those who live in Ham Close. It will also enable us to create more affordable housing units for others in the borough that need a home.

“I hope that everyone will engage in this process and work with us on developing the plans further.”

John Newbury, Chairman of RHP, said:

"Since the start of this process we've been committed to ensuring that our customers living at Ham Close along with the wider community are fully informed and as engaged as possible. The consultation provides an important opportunity for local residents to tell us what they think and help shape the way forward - we hope to see as many people getting involved as possible. We believe this is an exciting opportunity to transform Ham Close positively for both our current and future customers."

To see the proposals, visit the Ham Close website.

Alternatively, visit the temporary exhibition at Ham Youth Centre Car park on the below dates/times.

The deadline for feedback is Friday 18 November 2016.