

NEWS: Feedback from Ham Close consultation now published

Headline results have now been published following a consultation on the proposed redevelopment of Ham Close, including the creation of additional new affordable homes in Ham.

Over the past three years RHP, in partnership with Richmond Council, has been working with local residents to develop a vision for Ham Close.

At the end of 2016 RHP and the Council held a consultation on the future of the Close. Residents and the wider community had their say on a 425 home scheme. This indicative scheme includes the replacement of the 192 existing homes on Ham Close with new homes for the existing residents as well as an additional 233 homes including new affordable homes for both rent and shared ownership.

Over 300 Ham residents took part in the consultation. Overall, more than half agreed that more affordable housing is needed in the Ham area and there was net agreement amongst RHP's Ham Close customers that a redevelopment of the Close would benefit them and their household, others living on Ham Close and the wider community.

The headline feedback from the consultation has now been published online with hard copies available in Ham Library. Later this month Richmond Council's Cabinet will consider the information and discuss a recommendation to continue working on developing the scheme including site survey work. Full results report will be published in due course.

David Done, Chief Executive for RHP, said:

"Thank you to everyone who provided feedback as part of the consultation – this information is invaluable in helping us to shape a way forward. From the start of this project we've been committed to providing our Ham Close customers and the wider

community with a range of opportunities to input their views on the potential redevelopment, and we'll continue this engagement throughout any next steps.

“We're positive about the headline results from the consultation and are confident that if redevelopment goes ahead it'll lead to long lasting improvements for both our customers and the surrounding area, as well as helping us to provide more affordable homes for local people.”

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

“Over the past few months we have engaged extensively with the community on what a new future for Ham Close could look like. We have worked with the residents of the Close, local community groups, businesses and organisations to really understand their vision for the future.

“We want to create new, safe, efficient homes for all those who live in Ham Close. We also want to create more affordable housing units for others in the borough that need a home.

“We are currently reviewing these results, and over the next few weeks will discuss our next steps. Throughout these conversations, we will continue to engage and inform those who live in Ham Close, as well as the wider community, to ensure that we continue on this journey together.”

To see the full report, go to: www.hamclose.co.uk