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Dear Resident

Old Peckham Library – New Homes Update

Our residents across Southwark have told us that they are concerned about the amount of secure high quality, genuinely affordable housing. That's why we're building 11,000 new council homes in the borough by 2043 - 2,500 of these by 2022. It's a big goal, but it's crucial if we're going to tackle the housing crisis and make sure our residents have quality homes they can be proud of, now and in the future.

You will recall that we wrote to you on 22nd November 2019 to let you know about proposals to develop new homes and community facilities on the site of Old Peckham Library. We will be working with Pecan, a community development charity based in Peckham, on this project.

The Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration, Great Estates and New Council Homes has agreed for further development work to be carried out on the site of Old Peckham Library to provide new council homes and wider improvements to your estate. We can now move to the next stage, which is about:

- further consultation with you
- advice from building consultants on the deliverability of Old Peckham Library and how it could be developed.

A community brief will be developed with you to ensure the issues, opportunities and what matters most to you about where you live, are at the forefront of what the project achieves.

Over the next coming months we will be progressing with the appointment of the consultants made up of an Architect and Employers Agents, who will be providing the expertise for the design stages of the development process.

We will proactively seek to look at ways to engage the local community in as many aspects of the scheme throughout the design and development of new council homes, we'll make sure you're involved in the most important decisions, and that there are plenty of opportunities for you to have your say. This could be through TRAs (where they exist), individually through, workshops, walkabouts, drop-in meetings and events. We'll also keep you updated through newsletters, on our website, and we'll aim to hold meetings at times that work for everyone.

A part of Southwark Council's consultation process we also have the option of setting up a Project Group formed of tenants, leaseholders and key stakeholders. The Project Group -can play an important role in overseeing the project through to its completion.

If you are interested in becoming a member of a Project Group you will have the opportunity to put your name forward at the drop-in event to be held. If you cannot make the drop-in event you can contact us directly.

We will write to you again to invite you to a drop-in to meet the Architects and Employers Agents where you will be able to provide feedback, ask any questions, let us know about any concerns and suggest estate improvements.

Yours faithfully

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