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Dear Resident,

Alscot Road Parking Court – 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 the 30 October 2019 asking for your help in deciding where and how we build new council homes while making improvements to your estate that all residents can benefit from. Thank you to all of you who responded and provided feedback and ideas.

We have also heard back from some residents that there are concerns mainly around the following:

- Potential light reduction and overlooking issues
- Landscaping
- A revised refuse strategy
- The impact of more residents / increased density on the wider area
- Parking pressure

Residents also suggested opportunities such as:

- Bike storage facilities
- Improved external lighting
- Soft landscaping/small trees with benches
- Fly-tipping tackled
- Enhanced shared community facilities / projects

- Other repair issues such as leaks, condensation, stairwells & pavements

We will be working closely with you to explore these further to understand how they can be addressed through the design of the new homes or estate improvements.

The Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration, Great Estates & New Council Homes considered the feedback received and has agreed for further development work to be carried out in order to provide for new council homes and wider improvements to your estate. We can now move to the next stage. The next stage is about:

- further consultation with you
- advice from building consultants on the deliverability of Alscot Road Parking Court and how it could be developed.

A community brief will be developed with you to ensure these issues and opportunities 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 your Tenants & Residents Associations (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.

As part of Southwark Council's consultation process we also have the option of setting up a Residents' 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 we will provide feedback on the queries or concerns you told us about and the estate improvements you suggested.

Yours faithfully,



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