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Dear Resident,

New Council Homes Development Site - Ivy Church Lane SE17

Thank you for your continued patience and support during the current public health crisis, and most importantly for following the government restrictions and staying indoors as much as possible. This has helped save lives and prevented the NHS from being overwhelmed with COVID-19 (coronavirus) cases.

As you will probably be aware, the government recently made some small changes to their advice, although we are still very much in lockdown. We must all continue to stay at home as much as possible, but there are some cases where if people can't work from home they are being allowed to go back to work if it can be done safely.

In particular this means, where safe to do so, some construction work is being allowed to continue. This gives us the opportunity to complete essential maintenance and repair work on our current council homes, and get on with our council home building programme to provide much-needed new council housing in our borough.

After careful consideration and discussions with our contractors, it was agreed that work would continue on Ivy Church Lane, SE17 where we are building 21 new council homes.

The council has been supporting its construction partners during the lockdown period and will continue to do so. We are also working with contractors to keep disruption to a minimum, especially as we are aware more people will be at home during the day.

Construction during Covid-19

Aspen Build will be implementing enhanced site safety measures at the Ivy Church Lane site in accordance with Covid-19 as advised by UK Government and following the procedures and guidance set out within the Construction Leadership Council "Site Operating Procedures (version 3)". Construction Leadership Council website.

Aspen Build's working hours are from 8am-6pm (weekdays). Site delivery times will be programmed outside of peak times where possible to avoid school traffic during term times and other busy periods to minimise disruption and congestion. All deliveries will be controlled entering and exiting site by a Traffic Marshal with the temporary road closure in place on Mina Road daily between 8am-4pm (weekdays).

Noise has been continuously measured at the site with the use of remote monitoring stations positioned in key locations within the site boundary. Active alerts are issued to Aspen Build if an elevated reading is registered allowing the activity to be reviewed and measures put in place to reduce the noise level where possible. Other environmental factors that Aspen Build are monitoring during the works include Dust and Vibration, again these levels are being recorded and checked by monitoring stations located around the site and as with the Noise monitors, are constantly checking the background levels of airborne dust and levels of vibration caused by passing traffic etc and alert the site team when elevated levels are detected which may be caused by an onsite activity so that activities can again be reviewed to minimise the levels where possible.

The site manager for this site is Gary Rush and you can contact him on: 07464 496940 during site operating hours.

We have put many conditions in place to make sure sites operate safely, and address some of these in the frequently asked questions, which are attached to this letter and also available on our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any concerns about social distancing not being observed or have any other questions and would like to speak to someone from the new homes team please contact:

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Thank you for your ongoing support which helps us keep our current homes safe and to keep building much needed new council homes for local people.

Yours sincerely

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