

Welcome to the Durkan & Commercial Way Community Newsletter for December 2020.

We hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well during these ever-changing times.

## Recent Meet the Contractor Zoom Meeting

We would like to thank everyone who attended the online Zoom meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, it was very informative to listen from the various attendees and their concerns regarding the upcoming construction works at Commercial Way.

We have listed below some of the more generic questions along with answers for those who were unable to attend.

**Q1**: There is currently inadequate signage on the Durkan site, and you want to know why and how this will be improved?

A1: As we at Durkan have just recently taken possession of the site to begin our enabling works one of the first items to complete was the removal of the old hoarding (wooden fencing) around the site and replace it with new, all signage has been planned and purchased from our signage company this is currently being delivered and will be put up and visible over the next couple of weeks. Once this is complete if you still feel that the signage is inadequate please contact us to let us know.

**Q2**: Why so few parking spaces for over a hundred and odd properties? Will the new homes have their own parking? Also due to the site work there are at least 5 fewer spaces, can we park on the roads free of charge?

**A2**: For the new properties they will be purchased on the understanding that there is no parking to go with the property. There were many questions regarding parking and the Southwark Council project team have let us know that they are already in discussion with your T&RA (Tenant & Residents Assoc.) to gather your concerns which will be escalated to the relevant departments at Southwark Council.

**Q3**: What about emergency traffic/access for resident who live on Cronin street?

**A3**: We are working on the requirements of the Construction Management Plan with the emergency services and Viola rubbish collections, there are also some ongoing consultations with the emergency services and we shall update you more in future newsletters.

**Q4**: The lights added to the alleyways are inadequate and they feel unsafe. When will the lights recently installed be reviewed?

**A4**: We at Durkan confirmed that the replacement of lights was to the existing lighting only and have taken this point on board and will review to see if the lighting can be further improved.

**Q5**: I would also like to know about how much 'advanced' notice we will have regarding the construction works. How will Durkan Communicate going forward?

**A5**: We at Durkan will initially send out regular newsletters to the community by post to include an update of progress on site and what to expect next. If there are any planned works that may have an adverse effect or be of special interest to the community this will be notified by separate letter giving at least 2 weeks' notice wherever possible.

**Q6**: What are the Durkan site working Hours?

**A6:** Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday working allowed 8am to 1pm (however this will be avoided wherever possible), No Sunday working.

**Q7**: Where on the Southwark website can I look at the planning permissions for this project? Where can I find information about noise pollution and lack of light?

**A7**: Planning documents are available for public viewing, the link/file path below will help if you type this into your internet search browse.

http://planbuild.southwark.gov.uk/documents/?casereference =16/AP/4702&system=DC



## Happy Holidays from the Durkan Site Team!



## Contacts at Durkan

We appreciate the patience and understanding being shown by all Residents at Commercial Way and express our sincere thanks for this.

We do understand that living adjacent to a site can present some challenges.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of the site team.

Visitors must

wear a face covering...

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...sanitise your hands and stay 2m apart

During these uncertain times we request that residents do not visit the site office unless invited to do so.

## What's Happening on Site?

Since arriving and taking possession of the site at Commercial Way we have begun our 'enabling works', this involves reducing the level of the site by removing the spoil, removing vegetation, pile matting and putting up new hoarding (the wooden fences around the site).

Whilst the hoarding is going up we are also putting up our signage as quickly as possible.

We will be taking delivery of our office cabins so that we have the correct office space and welfare units available for workers in the new year.

The enabling works are expected to complete beginning of February 2021 at which time the construction phase will start. We shall communicate with you again in the new year to let you know what to expect as construction begins.

