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# COME AND SEE THE UPDATED PROPOSALS

We are holding update events in the Housing Office on Thursday 18 April (4-7pm) and Saturday 20 April (11am-3pm) so that you can see the latest plans for the project. Following the event, we are expecting to submit the planning application in May.

# WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR BUILDER?

Thank you to everyone who completed the Construction Working Group survey. You told us the important questions to ask when we are selecting the main construction contractor who will build the new homes and community facilities. See inside for a summary of the results.

# WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

We have been meeting local resident groups to update them on the project and hear their feedback on the latest designs. We recently met with the White City Residents Association committee to discuss the design of the new Community Hub and layout of the Temporary Community Hub which will house the existing community operators in the development site while the new Hub is being built.

# TEMPORARY SPACE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Temporary Community Hub will be built using modular buildings on the site of the former NHS medical centre. We have now met with the groups that will manage spaces in the Hub. We're working on the design to produce spaces which will best suit the needs of everyone while the new permanent Community Hub is being built.



Residents view the proposed plans at the Housing Office.

# Come and see the updated plans for White City Central

We are holding an update event in April to share the latest plans for the project. Following this, we are expecting to submit a planning application in May. We will send out reminders about the update event closer to the time.

The drop-in event will be a chance to:

- See the latest designs for Bridget Joyce Square
- See the proposed images for the central block which has been reduced in height from nine to six storeys
- View the updated 3D model of the whole project
- See the plans for the Temporary Community Hub that will serve the local service providers during the construction phase
- Ask the team any questions you have about the project.

The red line shows the proposed development boundary.

#### **Event details**

When: Thursday 18 April

4pm - 7pm

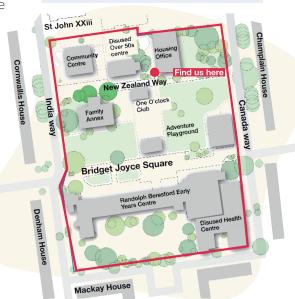
Saturday 20 April

11am - 3pm

Where: Housing Office Foyer,

New Zealand Way,

W12 7DE



## Where are we now?

- We are working on the plans to enhance the three smaller playgrounds on the estate which we expect will be used more while we are building the new public adventure playground.
- We are working on the design of the Temporary Community Hub by discussing requirements with the current estate-based groups who will use it while the new permanent Hub is being built.
- We are continuing to refine the design of the permanent Community Hub based on feedback from service providers who will operate out of the Hub once it is completed.

## **Next steps**

- We will be preparing the materials for the update event to show the latest designs for the project. The update events will be held in the Housing Office on Thursday 18 April (4-7pm) and Saturday 20 April (11am-3pm).
- We will be putting together the documents that we need to submit the planning application.
- Once the planning application has been submitted we will write to everyone on the estate. We will let you know how you can view the application documents and submit comments on the application. The final decision to approve or refuse the application will be made by Councillors on the Planning Committee.

## Proposed timeline

May 2024 **Anticipated** 

planning application submission Summer 2024

procurement of construction contractor

Autumn 2024

Decision on planning application

Spring 2024

**Appointment** of construction contractor and technical design Autumn 2025

Construction work starts on Phase 1

Winter 2027

Subject to planning permission

Phase 1 complete (community hub. nursery, two residential blocks) Winter 2029

Phase 2 complete (four residential blocks)

Winter 2029

All buildings and homes in use

# What you want from the builders: survey results

Residents on the Construction Working Group devised a survey of the questions you think are most important to ask when we are selecting the main construction contractor.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

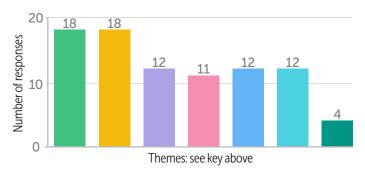
The construction working group will use the feedback received to come up with questions to ask the construction contractors bidding to work with us to build White City Central.

#### Managing disruption

Residents want to know how the contractor would manage noise, bright lights and dust from the site, and to make clear what their working hours will be.

What would you like to know about the contractor's construction plan?

- How they will manage dust
- How they will manage noise How they will manage traffic
- How they will manage vibration
- How they will manage health and safety on site
- How they will manage anti-social behaviour
- Other



## **Experience of working** on similar projects

Residents want to know about potential contractors' experience of working on previous similar projects. In particular respondents were most interested in:

- How the contractors have adapted their approach on projects where residents live nearby.
- How the contractors have engaged with residents.

#### Added Value

The contractor who is appointed will be required to actively support the local community to improve the economy and environment through "added value" (also known as social value").

In the survey, you told us you were most interested in seeing:

- Training for young adults.
- Green projects for the community.
- Activities for local families.

"How have the contractors invested in local communities in previous projects including the number of apprenticeships, jobs, and training, provided to local people?'

"I would suggest helping different groups of the community i.e. sponsoring sports activities for young people such as football tournaments, food banks and helping children with the provision of additional educational classes and most importantly jobs for local people.





Feedback from local groups on the new Community Hub

## **White City Residents Association**

The White City Residents Association (WCRA) committee met with the project team to discuss the latest designs for the proposed Community Hub. The committee raised questions and provided feedback on how the design of the building will affect management arrangements for the service providers who operate in the Hub. Committee members made suggestions on the layout and function of their space in the Hub which our architects are now reviewing.

We also discussed the landscaping of the community garden, nature garden, doorstep play and playground

The committee said they would like to have a meeting with the other service providers that will operate in the Hub, to understand how the building can accommodate everyone's requirements.



We spoke to the 'White City Community' group at one of our recent fortnightly drop-ins. The group are looking to for space where their community members can do activities, have meetings, provide children's activities and hold tutoring sessions. They are looking to build on existing activities that they have provided to a large community at the White City Musallah. It is really useful to hear what the needs of different community groups are, so we can understand how the new Community Hub can be designed to be flexible enough to accommodate a wide range of diverse activities.





Examples of modular buildings: Mundford Nursery building and George Spicer Primary School.

# **Temporary Community**

A Temporary Community Hub will be provided while the new Community Hub is being built.

We have been speaking to all the groups that will manage spaces in the Temporary Community Hub and are working on the designs for the space which we hope will meet the needs of everyone who will use it while the new permanent Community Hub is being built

The Temporary Hub will be formed of modular buildings which means it can be provided quickly and designed to

provide more flexible spaces for each of the existing service providers.

Located on the site of the disused former NHS medical centre, the modular building will be dismantled once the new Community Hub is ready so that it can be reused elsewhere.

The current plan for the Temporary Hub based on consultation with existing service providers includes:

Space for the One O'Clock Club. the WCRA, the Randolph Beresford Family Annexe services, Housing Office staff and the LET team.

- Separate entrances and spaces for each group
- Fully accessible spaces
- Outdoor space for children accessing services of the One O'Clock Club and the Randolph Beresford Family Annexe services
- Two storeys means a smaller footprint so that some outdoor space can be provided on the site.



Every other Thursday members of the project team will be in the housing office foyer. Come and talk to us and ask any questions that you have about the project.

It's great for us to hear your thoughts and to understand what you think of the project proposals. It's also a good opportunity for you to find out about the latest project news, any changes to the proposed designs or to ask any questions you may have regarding the project.

You can pick up copies of the latest newsletters from the Housing Office as well as project information flyers in English, Arabic or Somali. If you would like to talk to us at another time, or need anything translated into a different language you can always get in touch by emailing: whitecitycentral@lbhf.gov.uk

Where: Housing Office

Foyer,

New Zealand Way,

W12 7DE.

When: Every other

Thursday from 11am-5pm.

#### Upcoming dates are:

- 4th April
- 18th April
- 22nd April.

If you would like to discuss any housing-related issues the Housing Office is now open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.



## Stay in touch

If you have any questions or to sign up to our mailing list please get in touch via email: whitecitycentral@lbhf.gov.uk

Visit our website to see all the resources from the project and watch a fly-through of the latest proposals: www.whitecitycentral.com

Scan QR code:



## Frequently **Asked** Questions



#### Q: What are we planning to build on this site?

A: The project will provide 253 new homes, a new nursery, a new community hub, and new play spaces including a public, open-access adventure playground

#### Q: Are any existing Council homes being demolished?

A: No existing council blocks will be demolished. The project is looking to build new homes and re-provide new community facilities in the area between India Way and Canada Way.

#### Q: How much affordable housing is part of the development?

A: The tenure mix of the new homes will meet the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's Local Plan and at least 50% of the homes will be affordable.

60% of these affordable homes will be let at social rent levels and the remaining 40% will be shared ownership. A local lettings policy will prioritise social housing for residents of the estate in housing need.

#### Q: Have residents been involved?

A: Yes, we have held more than 100 meetings, workshops and drop-ins with local stakeholders to develop the plans which attracted over 2,200 attendees, where residents assisted in the design process whilst telling us their priorities for the area and the facilities they would like to see included.

Residents can continue to get involved as we approach planning application submission, and residents will be involved in helping to choose the main contractor for the programme.

Read all our FAQs on our website: www.whitecitycentral.com/fags Or scan this code:



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