



## KINGSTON ESTATE NEW HOMES UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2021

We are creating new homes on Kingston Estate as part of our commitment to providing more quality council homes across the borough. We have committed to creating 11,000 new council homes by 2043 – a big goal, but crucial if we are going to tackle the housing crisis and ensure our residents have quality homes they can be proud of, now and in the future.

We are building eight new homes and landscaping, utilising the amenity green space in front of Everett House and on the garage site.

Under our current local lettings policy:

- 50% will be prioritised for existing tenants of the Kingston Estate who are in housing need, so they can continue to live near family, friends, and services they currently use.
- 50% will be allocated to people on our wider housing waiting list.

However we are consulting with residents about a new local lettings policy, which could mean that up to 100% of new council homes are let to local residents.

## LATEST UPDATES

As you may be aware, the planning application was submitted for this development on September 2021. You can look at the application on the council's planning portal using reference: 21/AP/3140.

The proposal was referred to Southwark's planning committee for review and this committee met on 16 November 2021 and approved the plans for new proposals.

## NEXT STEPS

The new homes proposal also include plans to improve the estate for all residents. The proposed landscape for the new homes proposals are:

- A new shared social landscape with seating with natural play
- Estate wide landscape improvements
- Re-instated plant beds in existing allotment
- Re-provision of the out dated play area in front of Richmond House
- New estate access path from Dawes Street and access road
- Outdoor gym
- Outdoor table tennis tables

It has been brought to our attention that there is a want to install door entry systems to the existing estate. In the next coming months we will be doing further consultation to explore and find out what estate improvements are wanted by residents.

## CONTACTOR APPOINTMENT

We have started the process to appoint a contractor who will build the development. This will take some time and we will update you in due course. We aim to start construction works in Spring 2022.

Prior to works commencing on site we will hold a **'meet the contractor'** event. This event will be held either virtually or face-to-face, depending on government guidelines. This will be an opportunity for the local residents and stakeholders to meet the contractor and ask any questions, or raise any concerns you may have about the construction of the proposed project.

All contractors working for the council must be registered with the Considerate Contractors Scheme, which is an independent organisation that ensures construction sites operate to a high standard.

## KEEP UPDATED ONLINE

You can access the latest information on the Kingston Estate proposals from the link below:

<https://kingstonestate.commonplace.is>



The link to access the map of new homes sites on the Southwark website is:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/housing/new-council-homes/where-we-re-building/map-of-new-council-homes-sites>

You can also scan the QR code below with your mobile phone to access the Southwark website:



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