

Chelsea Chat

On Thursday 12 June we held a consultation event for you to come and view the proposals for the redevelopment of the Sutton Estate. The one hour long sessions throughout the day were well attended. We very much enjoyed hearing your thoughts on the proposed redevelopment and answering your questions.

Thanks to all of you who attended a session and completed the feedback forms – we are delighted that so many of you are excited about the new look Estate.



We also held two more events, to which tenants, local residents and stakeholders, such as the Chelsea Society, were invited to attend, on 14 June and 18 June.

Over 80 Affinity Sutton tenants attended one of our consultation events, with some of you coming to all three. To date, 63 tenants have provided us with their feedback, plus we have also had feedback from the wider community.

If you were unable to attend the event, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Down, Resident Liaison Manager, who will be able to send you the display materials from the event and answer any questions that you might have (details provided on the other side). Plus do not forget to visit the dedicated Sutton Estate website – www.suttonestatechelsea.com.

To find out more about the results of the feedback please see page two.

We are committed to providing affordable housing in Chelsea and we will ensure that all existing Affinity Sutton tenants have a home on the Estate.

Feedback

At the events we shared our aim for the redevelopment which is to secure the long term future of affordable housing at the Sutton Estate, and to provide current and future Affinity Sutton tenants with homes that meet modern living standards.

Display boards presented proposals for what the Estate will look like; the new community and outdoor spaces – which will be four times larger than what is available currently; and the outline phasing plan i.e. which blocks will be demolished and rebuilt first.

Our virtual fly through of the Estate was also really popular and enabled attendees to see what the new Estate will look like and some of the key features of the proposed designs.



The events also helped us to allay some of your initial concerns – for example a number of tenants thought that they would be forced to move off the Estate. This is NOT true and all our Affinity Sutton tenants will remain on the Estate.

Attendees were asked to complete a feedback form at the end of each event and here's what you said:

- When asked 'to what extent do you agree or disagree with Affinity Sutton's aim', 74% of Affinity Sutton tenants said that they either agree or strongly agree.
- 67% of tenants also agree that the new Estate will provide an improved environment for tenants to live in.
- We are very pleased to hear that most of you (75%) found the information provided at the consultation events easy to understand.

The top three benefits that Affinity Sutton tenants feel the redevelopment will deliver are:

1. Providing more communal space and garden areas
2. Bigger living space with balconies/gardens
3. A greater sense of community interaction

From the feedback we understand that some of you are keen to find out more about the construction process and phasing. This is something that we will ensure to keep you updated on, and plan to provide you with further information on this.

Next steps

We will be organising more sessions in the autumn to update you on our proposals ahead of submitting a planning application. Over the next few months, we will be taking on board all the comments from the consultation events and working closely with the Redevelopment Steering Group (see below), the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Greater London Authority on the proposals.

Sutton Estate Redevelopment Steering Group

Following our recent consultation events, we are pleased to advise that 19 tenants have now signed up to become members of the Sutton Estate Redevelopment Steering Group. CATs have also nominated a member to be their representative on the Group.

The Steering Group will work with us to help shape the plans for the redevelopment and the future of the Sutton Estate. The Group will have its own terms of reference, which will be developed in consultation with members, and a Chair will be elected by the Group.

The Group's initial meeting is on: **Thursday, 10 July from 6pm to 7pm at the Estate Office**

There is a lot to do between now and the submission of our planning application in the autumn and we are keen to work with tenants to gather their thoughts and ideas for the Group and the Estate.

Due to the Group's task specific nature, it will not affect the day to day role of the established and recognised tenants' association at Chelsea – CATs.

Continued investment in the Estate

As part of our commitment to maintain the Estate during the consultation, planning and redevelopment phases, we will soon be undertaking redecoration works. These works are due to start this month and we anticipate that it will take nine weeks to carry out.

This includes:

- Painting the communal entrance doors, stairwells, corridors and flat entrance doors (all blocks except A-D). (We are currently consulting with CATs on colours)
- Repairs such as internal plastering and timber repairs to outside storage cupboards

There will also be work carried out to fix the canopies around the entrances. Work will start shortly and will involve scaffolding and we expect that it will take around seven weeks.

Please keep an eye on the new noticeboards in your block for information on any works, events etc.

CATs Summer Party



“The Sunken Garden launch was a great event to attend. It was really nice to see all the hard work our tenants, housing management team and Groundwork West London have put in over the last nine months finally come to fruition. The Sunken Garden has also helped create a positive atmosphere across the estate and brought our tenants closer together.”

Earl Newman, Neighbourhood Investment Officer

This year's CATs Summer Barbecue was held on Saturday 21 June and we hear from colleagues who were there that the day was great fun and attended by lots of you.

We're delighted too that our community grants and the hard work of our Neighbourhood Investment Officer, Earl, have really helped tenants bring the sunken garden back into use.

We are looking forward to working with the Steering Group on coming up with ideas for the new communal spaces and gardens.

Got an idea for the proposed communal areas? Then let us know.

- Email – info@suttonestatechelsea.com
- Write to us – **FREEPOST, MPC Consultation** (no stamp needed)
- Call our Freephone information line – **0800 148 8911**

Thursday surgeries

Don't forget if you have any queries about the redevelopment you can speak to Natalie Down, Chelsea Resident Liaison Manger, between 10am and 12noon every Thursday at the Estate Office.

You can also call Natalie on 0300 100 0303 or email her – Natalie.down@affinitysutton.com.