

# Chelsea Chat

## Thank you

Many thanks to all of you who came along to our January consultation events - it was great to see so many of you and good to hear that a massive 94% of you found it useful. There are more results from the consultation overleaf.

For those of you who were unable to attend or if you would just like to see the designs again please contact Natalie Down – see details on page two and she will arrange this for you.

## Please don't worry

We understand that there have been a number of rumours circulating around the Estate and we want to reassure you that:

- **All Affinity Sutton tenants will remain on the Estate and retain their security of tenure – this will be the same tenancy as you have now which is either a secure or an assured tenancy.**
- **No Affinity Sutton tenant will be evicted because of the redevelopment.**
- **Your rents will remain at social rent – you will NOT be changed to affordable rent levels (up to 80% of market rent) when you move.**
- **318 or 75% of the homes on the Estate will be for social rent – this will be about 239 new apartments plus the 79 apartments in Leverstock and Mayland.**

Our aim continues to be to provide well designed, good quality homes that secure the future of social rented housing on the Estate and within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for both you and our future tenants.

# Consultation events

Over 90 tenants attended the tenant consultation and public consultation events in January. Key findings were:

- A 10 % increase to 77% of tenants agreeing or strongly agreeing that the redevelopment will provide an improved living environment for them. (June 2014 67%)
- A massive 94% of respondents found the consultation event useful.
- Most tenants (86%) agree or strongly agree that they feel well informed about the redevelopment.
- 71% agree or strongly agree that they have had the opportunity to tell Affinity Sutton their views on the proposed redevelopment
- Overall, a majority of tenants (74%) are content with the progress that has been made by Affinity Sutton on these proposals.
- Of those that had attended a previous consultation event, 78% are content with the progress that has been made by Affinity Sutton on these proposals.
- 64% of tenants had attended a previous consultation event, and 36% had not.

Key themes that emerged from the events are:

- You increasingly understand the need for redevelopment and that refurbishment is not a viable solution.
- Many of you are looking forward to your new homes and want the redevelopment to happen sooner. Comments included:

*“Would like it to happen sooner (redevelopment)”*  
*“Can’t wait for my new flat, they will be very nice”*  
*“Hope planning permission goes ahead”*

- Tenants commented that they felt a lot more informed this time round and were pleased to have seen more information on phasing and on the moving process. Comments included:

*“We need information and this event gave that to us, staff are very good and helpful”*  
*“All I wanted to know is when I’d have to move and now I know that.”*

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If you do have any queries or concerns about the redevelopment please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Down, your resident liaison manager on **0300 100 0303** or you can email Natalie on [Natalie.down@affinitysutton.com](mailto:Natalie.down@affinitysutton.com). And please do keep an eye on the noticeboards that are on display in each block as we will be regularly updating these.

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