





# ALTON NEWS

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#### WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS?



The Mayor of London has now confirmed that he is content for the council to determine the planning application for the long-awaited regeneration of the Alton Estate, which is an important milestone. Referral to the Mayor of London is a requirement for all large-scale developments in London.



The proposed transformative regeneration of the estate has strong local support and was resolved to be approved by the council's own Planning Committee by nine votes to one, with cross-party support in October 2020, subject to a final decision of the Mayor.



#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



The council can now start the formal process of finding a new development partner, who will take forward the approved plans and start building. A lot of preparation work has already been completed and the process of finding a new partner will start immediately. It typically takes around 18 months from the start of procurement to the completion of contracts. Of course, we will communicate updates to residents, to keep you up to date.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

Our first residential block, McKinney House at Bessborough Road, was completed in September 2021. The ten-unit development now has all social rent homes occupied by households from the development area. Fontley Way, the second residential block, will begin construction this Spring. This block will contain 14 units and will be used to re-house families from the development area.



# HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM THE ESTATE REGENERATION?

Qualifying secure tenants and resident homeowners will be offered a new-build property that meets their household requirements in terms of size and accessibility.

But the regeneration of the estate is not only about new and improved housing, and the scheme will also deliver:

- A new community hub (containing a replacement library, new community hall, youth facilities and replacement accommodation for two GP surgeries)
- -A replacement children's centre and nursery
- Enhanced shop and new business space
- A wide range of improvements to public open space, play space and the public realm, including a new public square on the corner of Roehampton Lane and Danebury Avenue
- -A net increase of 573 trees.











# WHAT ARE THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENTS TO SECURE TENANTS AND RESIDENT OWNERS IN THE REGENERATION AREA?

Our commitments to residents have been consistent since 2016 and guarantee qualifying residents a new home within the regeneration area, and that they should only have to move once. They will also receive support through the moves process and payments to meet the costs of moving.

Further details can be found in our 'Council Tenant Rehousing Information Booklet' and 'Leaseholder and Freeholder Regeneration Commitments Booklet' available on our website www.altonestateregen. co.uk/document-archive or by getting in touch with the team using the contact details below.

Please note, things will be different for our non-secure/ temporary accommodation tenants. You should contact the **Housing Options Team** for information relevant to your household.

## WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION WORKS BEGIN?

Until we have a new development partner appointed it's difficult to commit to a date, but we would hope to start later next year.





### WHAT ABOUT RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

We believe that regeneration is about much more than simply bricks and mortar. In November 2020, we published our revised Community Engagement Strategy which formally set out our approach and commitment to community engagement. We will continue to organise and fund community events for fun, education and to raise awareness of local and global issues, promote health and wellbeing, plus ongoing arts, culture and heritage projects. We will use these events to share information and updates about the regeneration scheme and offer residents the chance to meet with members of the team to answer any questions you might have.

We've been thrilled by how well received our past events have been, such as the Christmas tree on Danebury Avenue, our 'Run, Walk Scoot' race and the 'Love is Al-ton Around' wall of love.

We have plenty of seasonal events in the pipeline and welcome even more of you to get involved. Keep an eye on our estate noticeboards, Twitter pages and 'Community & Events' section of our website for more information!



#### WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

Online: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton
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In person: Alton Parish Hall (shared with the Western Area Team) on a Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday between 10am and 4pm.



