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Dear Resident,

Kersfield Estate Development: Switching Market Housing to Council Rent in Support of Affordable Housing Delivery in Wandsworth

Following the result of the May 2022 Local Elections, Wandsworth Council has been reviewing its Housing policy to maximise the delivery of affordable housing across the borough. This includes reviewing the existing '1,000 Homes Programme'. At the recent Executive Committee meeting on 10 October 2022, Cabinet Members approved a commitment to make all homes within the council's '1,000 Homes Programme' available for council rent.

To achieve this, the report approved that all existing and future sites will be developed for 100% council rent homes. Where plans had proposed homes for sale/shared ownership these would become council rent, and this includes the Kersfield Estate site. Wandsworth Council is committed to delivering more affordable housing and maximising the council's stock of affordable housing to ensure quality housing is available to those that need it most.

This change of tenure will need to be considered for approval by the Council's planning committee in due course. If approved, residents will be notified of this change by the Council under its statutory obligation as the site goes through the formal process over the coming months.

As a reminder, the proposals for this site include the construction of several small new residential blocks across the estate, which will still provide the planning approved scheme total of 41 new homes.

In all other respects, the scheme will remain unchanged. The internal and external design of the new blocks will remain as per the scheme that originally received planning approval and the agreed extensive estate wide improvements to the hard and soft landscaping, new parking bays, street lighting, refuse stores and new plays areas will all go ahead as planned.

We anticipate that the planning application amendment to switch the 27 flats that were to be market sale flats to council rent homes will be submitted later this month.

More information about the Council's proposals can be found on our website at https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/council-led-development/

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter or provide your comments, please contact the Development Team at: <u>developmentteam@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</u> or on the above number.

Yours Faithfully,

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