

Thursday 14 May 2020

Dear resident

Cabinet rejects Wates' offer to complete major works at the Chalcots Estate

I wrote to you in April to tell you that we were recommending that the council reject Wates' offer to replace the cladding, windows and curtain wall at the Chalcots Estate.

Last night Camden's Cabinet – elected councillors who make most of the decisions about what the council does – agreed with our recommendation to reject Wates' offer that they submitted on 17 March. This means that:

- Camden Council will not be accepting Wates' offer to deliver the works.
- We will continue to work on finalising the detailed designs and seek planning approval.
- The scaffolding will come down as soon as possible and we will let you know more about that once we have finalised the programme.

We will now focus our attention on getting the right deal which delivers for our residents and we expect that works will start in early 2021. We will of course follow closely the Covid-19 crisis to make sure that works can be delivered safely, particularly work inside flats.

I apologise for the disruption this delay will cause to you. The most important thing is getting this project right for the Chalcots – and we are confident that this decision is the best way forwards. Thank you for your patience.

Find out more

Some of you may have watched the Cabinet meeting last night – if you would like to watch it, you still can at councilmeetings.camden.gov.uk

To find out more about the Cabinet decision, join our online meetings where Cllr Meric Apak, Cabinet Member for Better Homes and I will explain the decision and what it means for the estate, and answer your questions. The first meeting is tonight – all Chalcots residents are welcome, and I look forward to speaking to you. The agenda for both meetings is below:

- 6.15pm – Meeting opens to allow time for everyone to connect
- 6.30pm – Welcome, introductions and guidance on how the meeting works
- 6.40pm – What is the Cabinet decision and how was it made
- 7.00pm – Explaining the Cabinet decision and what it means for the major works
- 7.20pm – Questions and answers
- 7.50pm – Feedback
- 8.00pm – Close

Join the meetings online at camden.gov.uk/chalcotsmeeting and enter the password. To keep these meetings secure, please don't share the password with others or online.

- Thursday 14 May at 6.30pm (tonight) – password 274389
- Tuesday 19 May at 6.30pm – password 123798

To ask any questions you would like answered at the meeting or for help joining, email Abdul Khalique at abdul.khalique2@camden.gov.uk or call **020 7974 1312**.

Yours faithfully



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