

Friday 6 March 2020 – The latest news and updates from the Chalcots Estate

Works this week

- You will have noticed that the works to build the scaffolding stopped on Monday. This is while we finalise the contract for the major works at the Chalcots.
- We have a two part agreement for works with Wates. The first part is to prepare your blocks for the works and the second is to deliver the works to replace the cladding, windows and curtain wall. This is a complicated and expensive project. While the preparation works have been happening, we have continued to negotiate the contract for the major works with Wates.
- We are in the final stages of negotiating a contract that will deliver what residents need, to the high level of safety that we promised – but it is taking longer than we expected and until we finalise the contract there will be a short pause in preparation work. This is not unusual in a complex major works project and we don't anticipate this causing a significant delay. Wates will still be onsite to keep the scaffolding safe and secure.
- Thank you for your patience as we progress this essential work for your estate – we will share another update as soon as we can.

Delivery team

- We are recruiting for three positions to complete the Chalcots delivery team – a site construction project manager, a community and resident engagement manager and a commercial contract manager. We will be asking the Chalcots Works Group for their feedback on the shortlisted candidates to make sure residents' views are a key part to the recruitment.

Speak to a quality inspector

- We have been holding walkabouts at each block to address residents' concerns about accessing entrances, the pathways outside of the blocks, placement of the bins and other worries. The quality inspectors are taking on board your concerns and are monitoring the progress to improve issues together with Wates.
- Please continue to share any feedback or concerns with our quality inspectors:
 - **Taplow** – call **Mike Brazil** or **020 7974 2695** or email **michael.brazil@camden.gov.uk**
 - **Bray** – call **Kirk King** on **020 7974 2693** or email **kirk.king@camden.gov.uk**
 - **Dorney** – call **Vic Crueger** on **020 7974 5342** or email **johannes.crueger@camden.gov.uk**
- We are pleased to have recruited quality inspectors for Burnham and Blashford. James Johnson is the dedicated quality inspector for Burnham and started with us this Monday (2 March 2020) and Tim Lowes will be joining us on Monday (9 March 2020) as dedicated quality inspector for Blashford – both are keen to meet you and we will share their details with you soon.

Digital screens

- Every block now has a digital information screen. We know there have been some issues with the IT system and connectivity this week, please bear with us while we make sure everything is up and running. These screens will allow us to share key updates and block specific information with you in real time.

North Camden Zone: vote on Chalcots Community Action's next projects

- Chalcots Community Action held a series of Community Hacks where Chalcots residents, local professionals and decision makers came up with ideas to make the estate a better place to live and grow up. Now the ideas are being put to a vote for all Chalcots residents. Vote to have your say on which community-led projects you'd like to see brought to life.
- Visit bit.ly/changethechalcots to cast your vote.

In block-by-block and estate-wide meetings we're talking about...

- The next steps for informing all residents about the final designs, the approach and how the internal works are done, the detailed programme and other key elements to give every resident a clear overview of what will happen and when.
- The current pause of the scaffolding work and how we best keep residents informed.
- Feedback about the site set up by tower block.

The Chalcots Works Group (CWG) is held at the estate and invites resident elected TRA reps from each tower block, councillors and council officers. The CWG meet regularly to discuss works matters on the estate. This newsletter includes feedback from discussions held on **Wednesday 4 March**. The next meeting is expected to be held on **Wednesday 11 February**.

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