

# Golden Lane Estate Projects

## FEBRUARY 2016 UPDATE

This is a monthly update to keep residents informed about the progress of major works on the estate. Full details on each project will be provided as information is available – this is simply meant as a snapshot of where we are each month.

### Great Arthur House

Residents will be aware that the work on Great Arthur House has now started. Temporary walls are being installed in flats. Unfortunately, the contractors, Keepmoat, have told us that they are having difficulty in getting access to some properties.

Now that the work has started, it is essential that it is done to a very tight schedule and in a particular order. If the contractors are unable to get into any flat, it will cause delays which could add significantly to the price of the work. Please make sure that when you are asked for access to your flat, you make the arrangements for this to happen when needed.

The Keepmoat site office is open and staff are available from 8am-5pm every weekday. There is also a 24 hour number for any emergencies – this is **07792 318885**.

### Community Centre

We have now met with Members to discuss the Community Centre and they have asked us to do more work on how it could be funded and run in the future. We have met twice now with representatives of the group of residents who are also looking at this. We hope to work with residents to run an event in April for everyone to contribute ideas and thoughts on the centre.

In the meantime, the centre remains open and bookings are being managed by the Estate Team.

### Concrete Testing

Keepmoat have now started the testing of concrete and the structure of the estate. We expect them, to complete this work in April 2016 and we will then know what repairs are needed.

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### **Under-fives Playground**

Planning permission for the design preferred by residents has been applied for, and the statutory consultation period ended on 25 February. We hope to receive planning permission and listed building consent by mid-March.

The structural design is complete and the construction drawings are now being finalised. Because the project is so complex, the costs have risen. This means that we need to do further work to get approval for additional funding and to let the contract for the work. The site preparation works are now scheduled to start at the beginning of April. Please contact the Project manager, Leila, at: **[Leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk)** if you have any queries, or would like to be involved in designing the planting for the playgroup or the proposed mural.

The Golden Lane Baggers will be working with us on the planting and they have some exciting news. They have been selected as one of three projects which will receive a Tesco's Community Grant. The size of their grant will depend on the number of votes they receive at local stores this week. So please support them and their work on your estate by going along to your nearest Tesco store, asking for a token when you shop and voting for them. Anyone can vote, and you can do it every time you visit the store, so go and support them today!

### **Redecorations**

We have now received approval to go out to tender for a contractor to carry out the redecoration work on the estate. We expect the work to start in the late summer, but will be carrying out post-tender Section 20 consultation with leaseholders before an appointment is made.

### **Richard Cloudesley School**

The Education Funding Agency has now approved the release of funding detailed designs for the new school and housing to be developed. We will be using these as the basis for consultation with Golden Lane residents in the late Spring.

### **Other projects**

There is nothing further to update on other projects at this time. We plan to send an updated, full schedule of projects, including the window replacements, during March.

**In the near future we plan to send this monthly update out by e-mail and have paper copies available in the Estate Office for people who need them. Please make sure the Estate Office has your e-mail address so that you continue to receive the update direct. Thank you.**