

Golden Lane Estate Projects

AUGUST 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.

Under-fives Playground

We are waiting for a start date to be confirmed following the appointment of the main contractor for the playground, and expect to have a detailed programme of work in September. Meanwhile we are progressing with the design of the planting, taking into consideration all the comments received. We are also finalising the details of materials to be used. We will be updating and consulting residents on those during the 2nd week of September by letter.

Great Arthur House

Works are continuing to progress on all elevations. On the western side, the coatings on the balcony walls have been removed and concrete repairs are complete. Preparatory works are underway so that installation of the new curtain walls and windows can start on both end columns. It is hoped that the installation of the new facades will start in September. On the eastern elevation, most balcony concrete surveys and removal of wall coatings has been completed, and concrete repairs should commence later this month.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay with the pilot gable end window, but it is expected that residents will be able to view this at some point during September. Finally, roof works are continuing steadily as planned. The emergency number for Keepmoat is **07795 318885**.

Community Centre

We are expecting new proposals from Studio Partington, the architects, any day now. A meeting of the Community centre Steering Group is planned in September, and the proposals will then be shared with all residents. We are looking to refurbish the centre, to keep the hall much as it is, and to create flexible spaces in the lower floor for a variety of community uses.

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Concrete Testing & Repairs

The contractors have now supplied the further details that were requested. Their finalised reports and test results are being analysed by our independent concrete specialist, Dr Broomfield. He will then write a report which sets out what the programme of work should be and the options for how it is carried out. Both test results and Dr Broomfield's report will be shared with residents in due course. A report asking for approval to move forward and tender the contract for the repairs will go to Committee in October/November.

Door Entry Systems

Works to install the new call panels are complete for all six blocks (Great Arthur House, Cuthbert Harrowing House, Hatfield House, Crescent House, Cullum Welch House & Stanley Cohen House) covered by this project. The contractor will shortly complete the programming of entry fobs and pass these to your Estate Office for distribution. Your Estate Office will be in touch shortly to advise of the arrangements for collection.

If you have any problems with the systems, please contact Mick McGee at michael.mcgee@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Heating

A specification for new heating systems to all blocks except Crescent House and Cullum Welch is now being drafted. The project has been approved so the next step will be to go out to tender. Crescent House and Cullum Welch residents will be consulted separately about options for their blocks.

Windows Replacement Programme

We have now received the consultant's report and have made some minor queries before it is finalised. We are planning to seek approval from our Committee in November to tender the programme of work.

Internal & External Redecorations

We are now out to tender for a contractor and will update residents when we have more news.

Lifts Refurbishment and Water System Works

Nothing further to report since last month.

City of London Primary Academy, Islington

Plans for the new school and housing on the site of the old Richard Cloudesley School are still being developed. There will be a programme of meetings later in the year to discuss the proposals. We will make sure that all Golden Lane residents are informed of these so that they have the chance to see plans and ask questions at an early stage.

This update is sent to residents by email and posted on Facebook each month. We deliver paper copies to residents we know to be housebound, and we are happy to print them out on demand in the Estate Office. If you would like it to be emailed direct to you, please send your email address to goldenlane@cityoflondon.gov.uk.