

Golden Lane Estate Projects

APRIL 2017 UPDATE

Under-fives Playground

The contract for the playground refurbishment is now ready to be issued and we are now just awaiting the approval of the necessary report. All preparatory work is now complete.

There will be two community workshops to start work on the design for the new mural on Friday 12 May at the Ralph Perring Centre (from 4pm to 5pm or from 6.30pm to 7.30pm). We would like to find out what will be most important to residents in the design and how much ongoing involvement there will be in the development of the mural. We also want to identify skills that residents may want to contribute to the design – e.g. story-telling, photography, design, arts&crafts. Children are very welcome at the workshops.

For any further information, please contact the Project Manager, Leila Ben-Hassel on leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Great Arthur House

Work has now started on the eastern side of the building. Finishing off is still taking place on the western side. A survey will shortly go out to residents to ask about their experiences and if there is more practical support that either Keepmoat or the City can give.

Community Centre

We are still in the process of tendering for a contract to start work in the summer. The centre will, of course, be closed during the refurbishment work and we are working with existing users so that they can find alternative venues until the centre reopens in January 2018.

Concrete Testing & Repairs

Statutory consultation with leaseholders is currently taking place. The draft specification for the repair work is expected to be ready in May so that the work can be tendered.

Cullum Welch House

The investigative work is now complete and the team are finalising the design ready to go to tender in July. Statutory consultation with leaseholders is now taking place.

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Heating

The contractors, TSG, have started work on site and are currently carrying out surveys. The installation of new heating systems will start in early May. A meeting is being held next week with specialists to look at options for heating systems for Crescent House and Cullum Welch that will meet planning requirements.

Windows Replacement Programme

An issues report is being taken to our Committee in June. Because this is such a large and complicated project, the report will propose that it is broken into different parts. This will allow the work to start next summer on the less complex blocks/estates without being held up by other blocks where there are more issues.

Internal & External Redecorations

Tenders for this work have now been assessed and a preferred contractor has been identified. Post-tender statutory consultation with leaseholders will now take place so that an appointment can be made and work programme agreed.

Lifts Refurbishment

The second lift in Great Arthur House has now been returned to full service. Works to Basterfield House and Hatfield House have commenced as planned and are proceeding as per the programme.

Water System Works

We have reviewed the tender information and extended the tender period, due to clarification requests received from tendering contractors. The tender is now due to complete by the end of May.

Gullies and Drainage

No further update from last month.

City of London Primary Academy, Islington (COLPAI)

Residents will be aware that the initial plans have now been changed to reflect feedback and, at the recent consultation event, the new designs were largely well-received. The architects are now finalising plans in order to submit a planning application in early May.

Golden Lane Shops & Estate Lighting

A proposal to improve the current lighting on the estate is being drawn up with support from a City lighting engineer and input from the City's planners. A drop-in consultation event with residents has been organised for Thursday 18 May at the Community Centre (basement area) from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. We hope to see as many of you there, if you cannot attend and would like to find out more, please contact the Project Manager, Leila Ben-Hassel on: leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

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