

Golden Lane Estate Projects

MAY 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

The construction drawings for the new playground have been finalised and the contract for building it is currently being tendered. All the required funding has now been approved.

We had planned to close the playground to start the preparation of the site in May, but we have delayed this until the week beginning 6 June, so that the playground is available in half-term.

A drop-in session on the planting design will be held with the project's architect at the Community Centre on 25 May between 5pm and 7.30pm. The latest drawings are displayed in the estate office and you can contact the project manager for any additional information on any of the above by email: leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Great Arthur House

Work on Great Arthur House is still going very well. The contractors are currently carrying out preparatory work on flats prior to the installation of the new window and wall system.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, Keepmoat staff are available in the site office from 8am-5pm every weekday. There is also a 24 hour number for any emergencies – this is **07792 318885**.

Community Centre

An architect has been commissioned to prepare various design proposals for the refurbishment of the Community Centre, and has met with residents to listen to their ideas. The joint officer/resident Community Centre Steering Group is continuing to look at a range of possible uses for the centre, and will be exploring sources of funding.

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Concrete Testing & Repairs

The majority of the concrete testing is now complete. The remaining areas to be tested (car park and Goswell Road façade of Crescent House) will be complete by the end of June. We are pleased to say that no significant emergency repairs have been identified. The test reports will first be reviewed by an expert advisor, and then we will analyse them. We will then draw up a programme of repair work and a specification so that we can start going through the City's processes to appoint a contractor. As soon as the test reports have been reviewed and analysed we will make them available for residents to see.

Door Entry Systems

Work on the door entry system for Great Arthur House has started. Once Great Arthur House is complete, work will start on Cuthbert Harrowing House.

Heating

It has now been agreed with Planning that, because of the external flues and the implications of the Listed Building Status, the heating system at Crescent House and Cullum Welch should be addressed as a separate project to other blocks on the estate. We will be seeking Committee agreement to this but, in the meantime, will be preparing a specification for replacement heating for the rest of the estate.

Windows Replacement Programme

We are now awaiting the final version of the survey reports from Pellings. We plan to seek approval from Committee in July to move the project forward, and will then produce a specification for the work needed. It may be that the programme is split into separate projects for different blocks, so that some can be progressed faster. We will inform residents when the final report is available.

Internal & External Redecorations

We are currently tendering for a contractor to carry out this work, which will be programmed so that areas unaffected by concrete repairs will be redecorated first, and the remainder will be done as the repairs are completed. We will update residents once a preferred contractor has been identified.

Lifts Refurbishment

We now expect the refurbishment of the lifts at Great Arthur House to start in early June – residents will have already received a letter giving them more details.

Richard Cloudesley School

The City is still considering various design options for the new Richard Cloudesley school and housing development. Once these have been narrowed down, we will be making them available for Golden Lane residents to see. We had hoped that that would be this month, but more time is needed, so we will publicise an event in due course.

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.