

Golden Lane Estate Projects

DECEMBER 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

As you will be aware, Keepmoat, the contractors installing the new curtain wall and window panels are now in the process of setting up their site compound. Four cabins have been delivered and have been put into position. Keepmoat's operatives are now carrying out initial site set up works. They will secure the site before the Christmas break and will return to complete the site set-up after Christmas. The preparatory works will take about six weeks and then work on Great Arthur House is expected to start in late February. Contact details, including a 24 hour emergency number, will be provided to all residents once the site is established.

Residents of Great Arthur House will receive detailed information throughout the project, but we will continue to update residents of the whole estate through this monthly bulletin, through additional letters and notices as necessary. In the meantime, any queries should be directed to Lochlan Macdonald at Lochlan.macdonald@cityoflondon.gov.uk or on 020 7332 3939.

Community Centre

As you know from the November update, we had hoped to have an architect produce some more detailed proposals for the Community Centre so that we could consult residents further. However, the Community & Children's Services Committee, at its meeting earlier this month, asked officers to look at alternative options for community facilities. We will not be progressing the earlier plans, therefore, for the time being, but will come back and consult with residents in the New Year, when we have discussed other options with Committee Members.

Attached is an information sheet which answers questions raised by residents at the meeting organised by GLERA in November. Any queries on the use of the centre for the time being should go to the Estate Office.

Windows

We are still reviewing the surveyor's report, and expect to be writing to residents with the findings in January.

Contact Details

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Under-fives Playground

Consultation with residents on the final design took place as planned. A planning application for the playground will shortly be submitted, following positive feedback for the proposals from Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and the City's Planning Dept. We hope that work to the playground will take place in March so that children can be enjoying it by the Spring. The Project Manager is Leila Ben-Hassel – Leila can be emailed at Leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.

Redecorations

There is nothing further at this stage to add to November's update, other than the fact that redecorations will be carried out in tandem with concrete repairs.

Concrete Testing

The testing of the concrete and structure of the estate will start in late January and will take about 13 weeks. We will then be able to tell residents about the repairs which need to take place. These repairs will include the replacement of the tiles to Stanley Cohen House.

Podium

We are still exploring the question of whether the walkways and open spaces on the estate could be designated as public highway and maintained by the City's Streets and Walkways Team. When we know more about this, we will update you. Please be assured that consultation with all residents will take place before anything changes.

Door Entry Systems

The City's contract for renewing door entry systems commences in January 2016 on two of our other estates. Work on the Golden Lane blocks needing a new system will start in May 2016.

Heating

We expect to be tendering for the replacement of boilers in tenants' properties in the late Spring – early Summer of 2016. Discussions are still taking place with colleagues in Planning to agree a solution for Crescent House.

CCTV

This project is being led by the City Police, who recently held some drop-in sessions on the estate to tell residents more about the project. Further information can be obtained from Martin Job at martin.job@cityoflondon.pnn.police.uk or Paul Armstrong on paul.armstrong@cityoflondon.pnn.police.uk.

City of London Management Changes

We are in the process of some changes to the people managing major projects on our estates. In January, Paul Murtagh will take over as Assistant Director, Barbican & Property Services. Paul replaces David Padfield, who held the post for an interim period, following the departure of Karen Tarbox. In addition, David Downing is now in the post of Asset Programme Manager. David replaces Amy Carter, who attended many resident meetings and who has now moved to a new post in the Housing & Neighbourhoods Division.

Although he is not responsible for projects, residents will be interested to know that Bob Jacks has been appointed Head of Estates. Bob will be familiar to residents as the Area Manager for the City & Fringe Estates.