## HARCA ISSUE ONE

### **DECEMBER 2018**

## Poplar HARCA is talking to residents on the Teviot Estate about possible improvements to some homes and parts of the area.

This regular newsletter will:

Make sure people know how they can have their say on any changes

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- Keep everyone updated on the discussions and next steps
- · Provide updates on other key projects, events and news for Teviot
- · Share information on other big news happening in Poplar

We'll deliver it to all homes on Teviot and make copies available in the Teviot Centre.

#### What's happened so far?

Poplar HARCA has started talking with residents whose homes would be affected by the plans, plus community groups, resident groups and a newly established Residents' Steering Group (RSG).

#### What happens next?

We'll keep knocking on doors in Teviot to make people aware of the plans and let them know how they can get involved if they want to.

We'll also carry on holding meetings, events and drop-ins where people can discuss the plans.

## **TEVIOT ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS**

# Last year we spoke with over 300 Teviot residents during a Listening Campaign. Residents told us they wanted:

- Improved homes tackling damp and overcrowding and new kitchens/ bathrooms
- Greater sense of safety dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour, and the design issues that create crime hot spots
- A greater variety and choice of shops
- More play spaces and play equipment for children, and better green areas
- Improved roads and better access on and off the estate
- More opportunities for community activities and faith groups

#### What are the options?

#### We've been working with the Residents' Steering Group to explore three options:

- 1. Leave Teviot as it is.
- 2. Refurbish the homes. To do this we will need to build flats on the roofs of some existing homes and use the money from the rent or sale to finance the refurbishment.
- 3. A full regeneration of the area, including new homes and a range of amenities including new shops, play spaces, road improvements etc. We need to work with residents on the details but we
  - can guarantee that there will be no loss of social homes.

#### Who decides what happens?

If we want grant money from the GLA, we need to have a tenant ballot.

The tenants and leaseholders whose homes would be affected, including tenants who have been on the LBTH housing list for more than 12 months, plus everyone named on the tenancy agreement will be invited to vote for what happens.

## How can I stay up to date between newsletters?

We will post information including details of last year's Listening Campaign, notes of meetings, initial drawings and proposals on our website at:

www.poplarharca.co.uk/teviot

#### How can I get involved?

You can join the Residents' Steering Group, Leaseholder Sub group, or come along to local meetings.

#### Please contact: Fintan Tynan on 07852 998 909 / 020 7510 0505 / fintan.tynan@ poplarharca.co.uk.

If you are 16-21 and would like to join the Youth Steering Group, please contact Aleef Ahmed on **07538 951 444.** 

#### When will things happen?

An independent tenant ballot will be run by the Electorial Commission. This is likely to take place in summer next year – we'll make sure residents are comfortable with the timing before we do anything and will make sure the ballot information is widely publicised.

If residents decide on either refurbishment or a larger regeneration, work would not begin for around two years after the ballot as we'd then need to work on detailed plans and get planning permission from the Council.

### **OTHER TEVIOT NEWS**

# POPLAR WORKS

Poplar Works is a new home for East London's fashion economy – and it's coming to Teviot!

The building is currently under construction, with work going on at Teviot Street and Abbott Road (Aberfeldy). Poplar Works will bring low cost studios, manufacturing facilities, and industry level fashion and textiles training to Poplar. It will open in September 2019.

If you're interested in training in fashion or making, looking to set up a related business, or just have questions about the project, then please get in touch with the Poplar Works team on:

hello@poplarworks.co.uk or visit poplarworks.co.uk

### **TEVIOT CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



### **OTHER NEWS AROUND POPLAR**



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