

## Darwin Construction Liaison Group – Meeting 13

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 6pm – 7pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

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### Members Attendance:

- Robert Burgess [RB]
- Ron Gorman [RG]

### Apologies:

- Dick Cole [DC]

### WCC Officers:

1. Brian Arscott [BA] – Development Delivery Manager (Chair)
2. Millie Morrissey [MM] – Communications & Engagement Coordinator (Notes)

### Wates Team:

3. Grant Van Wyk – [GVW] – Project Manager
4. Sinead King [SK] – Resident Liaison Officer (RLO)

### 1. Introductions

Brian Arscott confirmed that he will be leading on the delivery of the project on behalf of Westminster Council going forward.

### 2. Latest from the Site

GVW updated on progress made and milestones reached since the last CLG meeting. Decking out to the first, second and third floor is complete along with the concrete pour. Decking out to the fourth floor is ongoing. GVW informed the group the intention is to begin forming the envelope walls this side of Christmas. The first delivery of windows is expected imminently.

RG asked if the building will be weather tight by Christmas. GVW explained this depends on how quickly the scaffolding is erected. Once scaffolding is in place, windows will be fitted up to the second or third floor. GVW updated the frame and substructure is complete.

RB asked how many floors the building will have in total. GVW explained the residential floors go to the sixth floor and the seventh floor is the actual roof slab of the building. GVW explained the purpose of the scaffold is to enable external works such as the SFS metal system, brickwork façade as well as window installation and insulation of the building.

### **3. Block A Name Decision**

MM informed the group on 6<sup>th</sup> October, Darwin Residents met with Pimlico South ward Councillor, Liza Begum for a Block A naming focus session. The session was a chance for residents and Cllr Begum to discuss the shortlist of names approved by the Council's planning department. The session enabled residents to share their suggestions and opinions, and this resulted in the shortlist being amended to reflect this feedback.

Voting slips were then produced with the refreshed shortlist, and residents were able to cast their votes individually. The votes were collected and counted, and the winning option, with 80% of votes was **Darwin House**.

### **4. Halloween Half Term Event for Churchill Gardens**

MM reminded group members that the Westminster project team, along with Wates Social Value team had organised a Halloween half-term event for children on the estate and neighbouring areas. MM shared the details of the Halloween party and encouraged attendance from residents with children, grandchildren etc.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Nothing raised.

### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (TBC)