

HUGUENOT HOUSE NEWS

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T The City Council approved the full redevelopment of Huguenot House in March 2021. This followed extensive consultation with residents and key local stakeholders.

A package of support, in the form of a tailored re-housing policy, was also approved for the existing residents of Huguenot House.

The project is now entering into the next phase of delivery and the Council intends to bring forward a mixed-use scheme that will re-provide affordable homes and delivers best value to the City Council.

- Over the coming months the Council will approach the market to identify the right partner with the necessary skills and experience of delivering such schemes.
- We will continue to consult with all stakeholders on key areas of the project.
- We are committed to supporting all existing residents through the process and are committed to a 'right of return' to the new development for all existing resident leaseholders and Secure Tenants (should they wish to return).
- We will provide a holistic support package including packing, removals and service reconnection to all resident leaseholders.

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

As outlined within the Huguenot House rehousing policy we pledged to provide independent advice, support and information to all residents. We are pleased to introduce Source Partnerships a leading community engagement, training and empowerment organisation who work with residents on housing, regeneration and service improvement projects.

For over 20 years Source Partnerships have worked with residents, local authorities, housing providers and community groups to enable them to work together to deliver real outcomes.



Please see next page for more information on our Source Partnerships and Independent Advice.

INDEPENDENT ADVICE

Source Partnerships as independent advisers will provide:

- ✓ Advise on rehousing options for tenants and leaseholders.
- ✓ Advise on buyback, equity loans and other packages for lessees.
- ✓ Advise to residents on their right of return to the new block/flat.
- ✓ Inform discussions on community development and third sector activity.
- ✓ Design and deliver training sessions dependent on residents needs.
- ✓ Resource estate-based surgeries and provide a freephone number.
- ✓ Attend evening and weekend meetings as required.



BEST VALUE CONSULTATION

As a local authority, we have a duty to consult under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999, we are looking at this in relation to potential deliver options for the renewal of Huguenot House. This is referred to as the “best value duty to consult”.

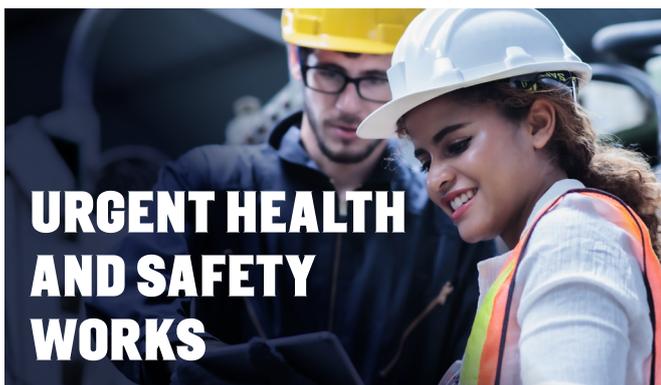
The Council will Issue an information pack to all residents detailing the council’s preferred delivery route for the scheme and the rationale for this anticipated decision. In addition to which we will hold a drop-in session which will offer residents the opportunity to talk to officers about the preferred delivery route and what this entails.

NEXT STEPS

- Introductory session with Independent Tenant and Leasehold Advisors (Source Partnership)
May 2023
- Best Value Consultation – Information Pack
May 2023
- Pophub – Best Value Drop in Session
23 May 2023 (4–6pm)



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URGENT HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS

As you may already be aware, we will shortly be embarking on a series of urgent health and safety works at the block. Following the submission of Section 20 notices to leaseholders we can now inform you of our intention to appoint United Living to carry out the works. United Living have a strong track record in delivering projects such as this and are currently delivering major works to properties across Westminster.

It’s anticipated the project will take 24 weeks to complete with an estimated start on site date towards the end of May. The contractors will provide a Resident Liaison Officer who will ensure regular communication with residents is carried out. They will also be on hand to answer any questions and concerns as the project develops. We will provide more information about the project ahead of works commencing.

