

YORKE DRIVE FOCUS

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Hello and welcome to your Yorke Drive Focus newsletter

This newsletter, published by Newark and Sherwood District Council, is for all residents of the Yorke Drive estate to keep you up to date on the proposed regeneration of your estate.

In this issue:

- Council approves preferred development partner
- Information on Coronavirus, how the Council is responding and the potential impacts on the project
- An update on the 'Housing Needs Assessment'
- Responses to your questions

Good News: The Council has approved a Development Partner!!!

At last week's Policy and Finance Committee (2 April) the Council approved the appointment of a preferred development partner to deliver the Yorke Drive Project, following a detailed procurement process.

I am sure you will agree that this is a huge milestone for the project and we look forward to announcing who the successful partner is following the required 10-day standstill period.

Thank you to all those residents who were involved in the procurement through attending site visits and putting forward questions for the developers at interview.

We look forward to arranging an opportunity for all residents to meet with our new partner when social distancing restrictions are relaxed.

Coronavirus— what does it mean for Yorke Drive?

The councils primary concern at this difficult time is to ensure that priority services continue to be delivered, to support residents, especially those who are vulnerable and to keep our staff safe and well.

Services and support

The councils website has been updated with a wealth of information on how to access help and support, including financial support and access to food parcels and essential items. You can find this information here: <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/emergency/coronavirus/>

To help all vulnerable residents during this challenging time the Council has set up a Humanitarian Assistance Response Team (HART) and is working closely with Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure everyone who needs support receives it. You can contact the **County Council Community Response Hub** by calling 0300 500 8080 open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday or emailing enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk

Impact on the Yorke Drive Project

Selecting a preferred development partner demonstrates how serious the Council is about delivering this regeneration project. However, there will be a real impact from Coronavirus and social distancing measures e.g. being unable to undertake visits or hold panel meetings face-to-face and potential delays in some enabling work

E.g. site-investigations if social distancing measures cannot be managed. We will do everything we can to keep moving forwards and will continue to keep you up-to-date every step of the way.



Housing Needs Assessment

In October we started our housing needs assessments to speak with households that will be affected by the regeneration proposals through demolition, to discuss their future housing needs.

We have 130 households to visit in total and have just over 50 left to complete.

Unfortunately we do not have working contact details for every remaining household and as we are unable to make non-essential visits until further notice. If you have not yet been contacted by us please can you send a preferred contact number to yorkedrive@nsdc.info to ensure the information we hold for you is correct.

Alternatively you can call Harriet Partington on 01636 655 462. Thank you

You asked.....

How are you communicating with private tenants?

This newsletter is sent to every household in the Yorke Drive estate regardless of whether they are a council tenant, private tenant, housing association tenant or owner occupier. The resident panel is open to all residents regardless of tenure and all residents impacted by demolition will have a housing needs assessment. If we haven't been in touch yet, we may not have your up to date contact details and will no longer be able to drop by and knock on your door so please get in touch and let us know how best to contact you.

Is there a limit on the amount of belongings the council will move from my current property to my new home?

For those residents moving to a new home as a result of demolition, the council will arrange a full removal service for you. We may ask for an idea of how much you need to move so we can arrange the correct size removals van. This does not include the removal of rubbish and unwanted belongings which would incur an additional charge.

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For more information visit:

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/housing/yorkedrivefocus/



Date of next Yorke Drive Residents Meeting:

9 June 2020, 6—8pm

Beaumont Walk Community Centre

Subject to social distancing requirements



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