



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 you will find:

- An update on progress to identify a development partner
- Information on the 'Decant Policy', looking at the rehousing options available to households who are being moved from their home
- An update on the 'Housing Needs Assessment' and dates of drop in sessions where you can come along and speak to a member of staff about your individual circumstances
- Responses to some of the questions from the Yorke Drive Residents Panel
- Dates of the next Yorke Drive Residents Panel meeting

Housing Needs Assessment

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

We have 130 households to visit and are hoping to have made contact with everybody by the end of February 2020.

There is also an opportunity to discuss your individual circumstances at one of the drop in sessions organised in the new year, with the dates, times and venue of these below.

We can talk through the options available to your household for rehousing, statutory compensation and disturbance. All drop in sessions will be held at the **Beaumont Walk Community Centre**.

January 2020:

Monday 20th: 13:00 –16:00

Tuesday 21st: 10:00—13:00

Thursday 23rd: 16:00—19:00

Monday 27th: 10:00—13:00

Wednesday 29th: 13:00 –16:00



Finding the right development partner

The Council is now in the process of selecting a development partner who will work in partnership with you and the Council to deliver the estate regeneration proposals.

This will also allow the Council to know the actual costs of the proposals and have confidence that these can be delivered.

The current timetable will see the identified development partners return their submissions to the Council

in February 2020, with interviews and site visits to be carried out in February also. The Council will then make a decision on the selection of the preferred development partner in April 2020.

If you wish to be involved in the site visit, to see how similar successful regeneration schemes have been delivered elsewhere and to speak to local residents, please register your interest by the 17th January with Harriet Partington on 01636 655 462 or by email or social media (contacts on the reverse).



Decant Policy

In November the Council approved a 'Decant Policy' for the estate, which sets out the rehousing options for those households having to move from their home.

A full copy of the Policy can be found on the Council website under 'Yorke Drive Regeneration', alternatively please contact us for a paper copy.

In summary the rehousing options are:

Council Tenants

- Move to a newly built property on the estate
- Move to an existing Council property on the estate or elsewhere
- Purchase a property through shared ownership
- One off lump sum for compensation, currently £6,400

Owner Occupiers

- Option to buy a new property either outright or through shared equity
- Compensation equivalent to 10% of the market value of your property

Private Tenants

- Depending on how long you have lived at your current address and the type of tenancy agreement you have you may be eligible for compensation. We will also support you to find alternative accommodation.

Non- Resident Owners

- Compensation equivalent to 7.5% of the market value of your property

All households who are required to move will be entitled to **Disturbance Payments** to cover the reasonable costs of moving. This may include e.g. redirection of mail, reconnection of utilities. The council is currently writing a payments procedure to ensure that payments are made fairly and promptly and there will be more detail on this in the March newsletter and at the next Residents Panel Meeting. Council officers will provide dedicated one to one support during the rehousing process

You asked.....

"I've heard the new properties will be timber-frame, is this true?"

The final design for properties is still to be agreed with the successful developer so no decision has yet been made on materials.

"Will the new properties be the same size or bigger than our existing homes?"

The new affordable homes will be built to National Space Standards which are bigger than the existing homes on the estate .

"There are lots of hedgehogs on the estate, what will happen to them?"

The most recent bat surveys also picked up the hedgehog population and made recommendations including ensuring new habitat through planting on the estate and where possible avoiding removal of existing habitat during hibernation.

Date of next Yorke Drive Residents Meeting:

**10th March 2020, 12:45-2:45pm
Beaumont Walk Community Centre**

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