February 2019

Welcome to our February newsletter aimed at informing you about progress on the construction of 26 new flats for affordable rent at Old Mill Court. This is part of the council’s programme to provide much needed affordable housing for Redbridge residents.

Building contractor appointed – Engie Regeneration Limited
The council has appointed Engie Regeneration Limited, a leading regeneration specialist with an excellent track record of delivering similar schemes.

Meet the contractor evening Wednesday 20 February
As part of Engie’s commitment to resident liaison and open communication residents are invited to meet their team that will work on this development between 5pm and 7pm on Wednesday 20 February. This will be an informal walkabout session, we will meet near the entrance to 1-12 Old Mill Court, and Engie staff will be able to explain how the construction work will be carried out and how access will be maintained for presidents and for parking. Every effort will be made to keep disruption to residents to a minimum. Please come along if you have any questions or would like more information.
When are the works likely to start?
Work is planned to start at the end of March.

Why do you want to build new homes on our estate?
The council has made providing more genuinely affordable homes for Redbridge residents a top priority. One way we can tackle this is by using land we own on our existing estates to build new, high quality, energy efficient council homes.

Improvements to Old Mill Court
At the walkabout on 2 October residents made a number of suggestions of the improvements they would like to see at Old Mill Court. These suggestions were set out in a letter dated 22 November. The council has taken these suggestions on board and is proposing to carry out the following improvements:

- removal of the old refuse buildings and creation of new refuse and recycling enclosures
- improved lighting particularly to the rear of homes
- removal of discoloured perspex material from entrance doors and redecoration
- explore and consult with residents further the feasibility of defensible spaces with fencing/gates to the rear of each block to allow resident access only
- explore and consult with residents the breaking up the concrete/tarmac areas at the rear of each block and creating a useable communal space providing new paving, raised planters etc
- explore and consult with residents a landscaped area and possibly under 5’s play equipment to the rear of the garages

Leaseholders will not be recharged for any of these improvements works.

What are the next steps?
To find more information search affordable housing development at: www.redbridge.gov.uk

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