

York Way Estate: Resident Steering Group Minutes

Date / Time	5 April 2023 / 19:35 – 20:05
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSG Member • RSG Member • RSG Member • Sophie Courtright (SC), City of London Corporation • Michael Kettle (MK), City of London Corporation • Joan Borzak (JB), Higgins Plc • Tony Read (TR), Higgins Plc • Ruzi Bibi (RB), Higgins Plc • Aaron Clarke (AC), Stace • Christopher Sharp (CS), CCUK
AGENDA ITEMS	
Project update	<p>This meeting was held as an online webinar. Note that physical meetings are expecting to recommence once the Respite Centre is operational.</p> <p>The format consisted of a construction update presentation from the Construction Manager, Tony Read, followed by a Q&A with residents.</p> <p><u>Site Progress</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR confirmed that the overall demolition of the community centre has now been completed • Works to remove the play area will start this month – following the removal process works will commence to prepare surfaces for the development of a new block • Holes are being drilled into the ground in preparation to the installation of ground source heat pumps – this is an innovative new technology, which will provide hot water and heating to new blocks – this work will continue up until May • Once the ground source heat pumps are in place, groundworks will commence, including drainage works and preparing for piling • Piling works for blocks A, B, C and D expected to commence – this will consist of drilling holes into the ground, which will be filled with concrete • Current diversion works associated with UK Power Networks, Cadent Gas and BT Openreach, will allow Higgins Plc to build where connections are currently located – this work will continue up until May • Hoarding has been installed around each new block, except for Block A, located by North Road, which will be completed once the ground source heat pumps have been installed • Once hoarding has been installed around Block A, the new access route for construction vehicles can then be established.

	<p><u>Construction Management Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR confirmed walkways and diversions for pedestrians have been set up, allowing residents to navigate safely through the estate whilst construction works are undertaken – this set up will be in place for around a year • Construction vehicles will access the Estate via North Road and exit via Market Road • Vehicle access route for residents will remain the same, although there is limited access to the car park. <p><u>Community Respite Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR explained that the Respite Centre for residents is expected to be installed and operational by the end of April • This will be open to all residents of the Estate, between Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm. • The Respite Centre will be a space to work, relax or socialise • Ruzi Bibi, the Resident Liaison Officer will be based here, helping deal with any issues and complaints from residents. <p><u>Hoarding Public Art Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven panels will be painted white in preparation for the art project – note, the design can be seen within the presentation • SC explained that there have been three workshops so far, where attendees develop a colour palette and drawings • Each of the panels relate to features of the Estate and the area’s history • The art will cover seven panels of hoarding, facing the eastern side of Kinefold House, where the MUGA is currently located • Painting will commence this month and will be completed in May • Further workshops will be held this summer, open to local schools and residents. <p><u>Site Hours and Key Contacts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR explained that site working hours are from 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday and from 8am and 2pm on Saturdays • TR noted that work will not usually be undertaken on Saturdays – only if required • Although weekday work commences at 8am, preparation to start work may be noticed such as workers moving and getting ready, but noisy construction work will not start until 8am • Ruzi Bibi, the Resident Liaison Officer will be the primary point of contact for residents and will be joined in the Respite Centre three days every week by a member from Higgins Plc’s social value team.
<p>Q&A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One attendee said that they could smell gas outside and could not open their window in proximity to Kinefold House. AC stated they would alert Cadent Gas immediately

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Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cadent Gas were contacted following the webinar and attended the site on the following morning. However, the smell of gas could not be detected. Should anyone detect the smell of gas inside their flat or in the building, please contact Cadent Gas using its emergency contact number: 0800 111 999.

Next RSG meeting scheduled for July 2023