

# Ham Close Newsletter

December 2017



## What's the latest?

Below is the latest timeline for key milestones throughout the project. There'll be plenty more opportunities to have your say and get involved along the way – look out for updates in these newsletters and on the Ham Close website at [www.hamclose.co.uk](http://www.hamclose.co.uk).

Tenant specific event	February 2018
Consultation event/s: Asking for further feedback on community facilities and landscaping	February / March 2018
Selection of developer partner to build the homes	June 2018
Architect selection	August 2018
Consultation on detailed design	September 2018
Planning submission	December 2018
Planning approval	Spring 2019
Building technical drawings	Spring 2019
Commence work on site	Summer 2019

We appreciate that these dates have moved slightly – though we are pleased that the significant date of the start on site remains as previously promised to residents.

## Have your say on changes to Ham school field



As part of the plans for the regeneration of Ham Close, Richmond Council is consulting with RHP customers and other local residents on proposals to change the boundary of a local school field.

As part of the design work for the regeneration, it's proposed to utilise a small section of a Council-owned playing field that adjoins the Ham Close site. This field is currently used by St. Richard's Church of England Primary School. Including this sliver of land would enable the development to happen over a phased period, minimising the number of moves for existing residents, and where possible enabling residents to move just once.



St. Richard's CE Primary School currently has c.15,500m<sup>2</sup> of school playing field. This is well above the minimum space required by the Department of Education (10,000m<sup>2</sup>). The boundary change would involve a reduction of this space by 4%, just 687m<sup>2</sup>. To mitigate the loss of land the Council is proposing to provide a multi-use games area on the school site to provide benefit to the school and wider community all year round.

The Council is now consulting with the school, families and the local community on the boundary change proposals which all Ham Close customers were notified about last month.



If you haven't had your say yet you can do so by visiting: <https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondce/st-richards-17> by 21 December.

It would be great to have as many responses from residents as possible, even if you do not have children / your children do not go to St. Richard's, as obtaining this land is one of the key ways that RHP can develop homes so that one move will be possible for those residents who wish to stay on the estate.

**Drop-in and have your say**

Thank you to everyone who has come to one of our customer drop-in sessions this year at Ham Library. We've been running these monthly, however after speaking to the Stakeholder Reference Group regarding levels of demand, they will now be running on a six-weekly cycle. To make sure they're convenient for everyone we'll still be alternating between afternoon and evening sessions. More regular drop-ins will be instigated if needed. Here are the upcoming dates:

Date	Time
24 January 2018	6pm – 8pm
7 March 2018	2pm – 4pm
18 April 2018	6pm – 8pm
23 May 2018	2pm – 4pm

If you have a comment or question in between a drop-in session please email [ham.close@rhp.org.uk](mailto:ham.close@rhp.org.uk).



**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Ham Christmas event last week. There was a brilliant turnout to enjoy carol singing, the switch on of the Christmas tree lights and even an appearance from the main man himself Father Christmas! A big thank you to Richmond Council, Ham United Group and Friends of Ham Library, and Friends of Ham Village Green for putting on such a great event. A special mention goes to Julia Van Den Bosch for her creative genius and tireless organisation of the event.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to being in touch in the new-year.

