

STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT THE LADYWOOD REGENERATION SCHEME

As a resident living in the Ladywood Regeneration Scheme area, we wanted give you an update on the regeneration scheme so far.

We understand that we have to build back trust with the community. Communication, transparency and meaningful engagement are all fundamental in achieving this. This information pack is an important first step in rebuilding our relationship with you, the Ladywood Community.

Along with this letter, you should find enclosed:

- A Timeline providing a step-by-step guide to the process the regeneration scheme will go through and where we currently are in this journey
- A leaflet detailing upcoming workshops that will help develop a Resident & Community Charter
- A leaflet providing the dates for the twice monthly drop in surgeries
- A Regeneration factsheet that provides key information on the regeneration scheme

What's happening?

Charter

The work in drafting the Resident & Community Charter has already begun and is ongoing. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the charter through completing a survey or taking part in the Autumn Workshops. Your feedback will now form the basis for the first draft of the Charter. The charter will outline the council's commitments to ensure that all residents in the Ladywood regeneration scheme area are treated fairly. It is crucial, therefore, that it represents the priorities of the Ladywood community, and for this reason, residents will have another opportunity to influence the charter in community workshops. You can find out more about upcoming workshops on a leaflet enclosed in this letter.

Drop-in Surgeries

Since early April we've been holding regular drop-in surgeries twice a month at the Ladywood Health & Community Centre. These surgeries give residents an opportunity to come in and talk to the project team about any questions, concerns or ideas you have. We're now seeing these sessions increase in popularity and hope that the regular presence of the project team will help provide reassurance. A leaflet containing the upcoming surgery dates is included in this information pack.

Regeneration Fact Sheet

We acknowledge that the councils communication has encouraged rumours and uncertainty, around the regeneration, to grow. In addition to the update provided within this letter, we've included a Regeneration Fact Sheet which provides you with key information about the scheme.

Timeline

The size and nature of the Ladywood Regeneration has meant that we have sought a development partner early on. We recognise that this, along with limited communications, has caused the community to feel that the scheme is further along than it is, with limited opportunities to influence the outcome.

To show you where we are in the regeneration journey and the steps that we will go through, you will find enclosed a leaflet showing a simplified timeline of the scheme.



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What this also means is that there is still a long way to go before actual development work begins, and a lot of work and collaboration must be done with the community to decide what shape the regeneration of Ladywood will take.

Development Partner Progress

It is now approaching a year since the Council announced St Joseph as the approved Development Partner for the Regeneration of Ladywood. Since that time, the Council and St Joseph have been progressing the terms of the Partnership Development Agreement.

A huge amount of work goes into finalising the terms of that agreement to offer the best deal for Ladywood and the City.

We anticipate that the Partnership Development Agreement will be signed very soon, with all residents being written to when this is complete.

We understand that there is variety in the standard and quality of homes within the area, particularly between older Council homes and newer private homes. We're really keen, along with St Joseph to visit some of these properties in the coming months, with residents who are happy to welcome us into their homes. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Similarly, stock condition surveys on the standard of Council homes are ongoing and we continue to carry out essential repairs and improvements.

The Ladywood Regeneration Scheme remains an exciting opportunity for the neighbourhood. One that will revitalise an area that was primarily built in the 1960s. The homes built will be warm, safe, and sustainable and will bring much-needed new homes to the city. Once completed, this scheme will significantly improve the living conditions and quality of life for all residents of Ladywood.

Kind Regards



Paul Langford, Strategic Director for City Housing

We will keep you up to date with the latest news and tell you how you can get involved and influence the scheme.

You can find out more about the regeneration scheme and sign up for the newsletter on the council website.

Just visit: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/ladywoodregeneration>

