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Dear

## **CAST YOUR VOTE ON WEST KENTISH TOWN ESTATE REGENERATION**

**We are very pleased to announce that you can vote in the resident ballot on the regeneration proposals for your estate from Monday 24 February. The ballot will remain open for 23 days, and will close on 5pm, Tuesday 17 March.**

### **Regeneration proposals**

Over the past 18 months, Camden Council have been working with residents of West Kentish Town Estate to develop regeneration proposals for the future of your estate.

During consultation, residents told us that their preferred option was for the full demolition and redevelopment of the Estate and in July 2019, this option was approved by Camden's Cabinet as the preferred option to ask residents to vote on. **Camden Council will now host a ballot for Estate residents, which will give you the final say as to whether these regeneration proposals should be taken forward.**

West Kentish Town Estate redevelopment offers the opportunity to create a sustainable and vibrant neighbourhood inspired by the local history and heritage of the surrounding areas. Dealing with the issues you've told us that exist in terms of overcrowding, damp, low quality buildings and problems of anti-social behaviour on the estate, caused by poor design. The new buildings would be more spacious, comfortable and with high quality new homes together with safe, attractive and accessible streets, green open spaces and play, which will create a welcoming and well-connected place for a mixed community designed to last for successive generations.

You can read more about the proposals for West Kentish Town Estate at:  
**[camden.gov.uk/wkt](http://camden.gov.uk/wkt)**

To read the July 2019 Cabinet report please visit:  
[www.camden.gov.uk/wktcabinet](http://www.camden.gov.uk/wktcabinet)

**If you have previously been to one of our consultation events and given us your views on the preferred redevelopment option, this does not count as an official vote and you still need to return or submit the ballot slip.**

### **What happens next?**

Before we move onto the next stage of redevelopment, the Council is required to hold a ballot for eligible Estate residents to vote **Yes** or **No** on whether West Kentish Town Estate should be redeveloped. You will have the final decision.

You will be asked to vote on proposals for the Estate contained in our Landlord Offer which you will receive early in February. This document contains details about the objectives and design principles of the Estate (the 'Residents Brief'), estimated overall number of new homes and their tenure mix. It also includes details of our offers to secure tenants and leaseholders such as the right to return or remain.

Like this letter, the document will be hand delivered by council officers who will be on hand to answer any questions you have about our redevelopment proposals. The Landlord Offer document will be available in different formats, languages and online at [camden.gov.uk/wkt](http://camden.gov.uk/wkt).

Next, we will be door knocking all eligible voters to check you have your voting pack, to offer any support to help you vote and to answer your questions. During the ballot period, Cabinet members and I will also be door knocking - to seek your support for the future regeneration of West Kentish Town Estate and to hear your views.

By securing your vote at this stage we can proceed with the project in the knowledge that residents support full redevelopment. The ballot period will last for 23 days, from **24 February 2020 to 17 March 2020 at 5pm**. Your ballot paper will be delivered on Monday 24 February 2020 to your home address.

### **Will I get a vote in the ballot?**

To be eligible to vote you must be aged 16 or over and fall into one or more of the following criteria:

- Social tenants (including those with secure, assured, flexible or introductory tenancies) named as a tenant on a tenancy agreement dated on or before the date our Landlord Offer is published (7 February 2020).
- Resident leaseholders who have been living in their properties as their only or principal home for at least one year prior to the date The Landlord Offer is published and are named on the lease title for their property.
- Any resident whose principal home is on the estate and who has been on the council housing register for at least one year prior to the publication of The Landlord Offer document, irrespective of their current tenure.

## How do I vote?

There are several ways you can vote:

- By post – post the completed ballot paper in the pre-paid envelope provided. If you are sending your ballot paper back in the post it must have arrived at CES (the independent body overseeing the ballot process) by 5pm, 17 March 2020 in order to be counted. Please make sure you send your vote back with plenty of time to arrive as any ballot papers received after the close will not be counted under any circumstances.
- Online at [www.cesvotes.com/WKT](http://www.cesvotes.com/WKT)
- Ballot Box - Place your completed ballot paper in the ballot box located in Queen's Crescent Library, 165 Queens Crescent, Kentish Town, London NW5 4HH on 27 February, 5 March, 14 March, 16 March or 17 March.
- By phone – Call the number and use the security code, both listed on your ballot paper.

In the meantime, if you do have any queries about the ballot you may contact CES and quote the name of your estate or Camden Council when you get in touch.

Telephone: 020 8889 9203

Email: [Support@CESvotes.co.uk](mailto:Support@CESvotes.co.uk)

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Your vote really does matter, and will help decide the future of your homes and estate for years to come. Please have your say and cast your vote before 17 March 2020.

Yours sincerely



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**Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities and an Inclusive Economy**