

Newsletter
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Wath Brow and Priory Drive, Cleator Moor



Welcome to our second newsletter for the regeneration of the Wath Brow and Priory Drive estates. This newsletter will provide you with information on what we have delivered to date, what's to come and how to get in touch.

New homes at Keir Hardie Avenue

We have been working with our architects to design a plan for new homes on the cleared land at Keir Hardie Avenue.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our exhibition earlier this year.



We had **40** residents attend our public exhibition in January 2019.

The planning application on the cleared land at Keir Hardie Avenue includes the following:

- 5 two bedroom bungalows;
- 6 two bedroom houses;
- 6 three bedroom houses; and
- 3 four bedroom houses.
- New public open space
- Off-street parking for all new homes
- Additional visitor parking spaces

If we receive planning permission, we hope to begin works on the site in autumn 2019. We are in the process of appointing a contractor to build the new homes and we will let you know as soon as we have them on board.

We're listening to you

Since the public exhibition in January 2019 we've been working to ensure we can deliver on our commitments issued to you in November 2018 for the wider estate. We planned to deliver an exhibition this month however as there is a lot of detail to go through and this means going slower than we and some residents would like to, but we want to get this right.

We've had some really useful feedback since we began engaging the community and we are incorporating this feedback into the plans for Wath Brow and Priors Drive estates before we come back to you. Below outlines what we have been working on and our next steps:

Estate-wide plan - what we have been working on

We are in the process of developing a plan that will outline our proposals for different areas across the estates in response to the feedback received from customers and home owners, and we hope to present this to you in September 2019.

Streets and parking

1. Accommodating driveways on Home Group properties across the estate.

We have identified the potential for up to 135 additional driveways on the existing estate to enable better parking arrangements and safer streets. However, Cumbria County Council must



approve the works associated with this (including drainage for the change in surface materials and dropped curbs) before we can confirm where new driveways could be.

2. Discussions with other stakeholders on estate wide solutions

We have had meetings with both Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council to discuss options for the wider estate. In principle, improvements such as additional street lighting and traffic calming measures have been agreed. We are currently exploring funding streams for these improvements.

Open spaces

3. Identifying opportunities to improve the open spaces that are currently on the estate.

The first stage of this process was to base the new development at Keir Hardie Avenue around a new public open space. This will be surrounded and overlooked by new homes, and will be available for everyone to use.

As with estate wide improvements, improvements to existing shared spaces are being reviewed outside of our normal maintenance programme. We want to make sure they are deliverable and will come back and discuss the options with you. How the new space on Keir Hardie Avenue is used by residents will further inform any future plans for the other open spaces on the estate.

Refurbishment opportunities

4. Identifying options to remodel some Home Group properties to improve layouts and storage provisions

We have commissioned surveys for improvement layouts and storage. Some customers will be contacted shortly to gain access to their homes for surveying purposes. These surveys will test the possibility of remodelling existing homes where possible, including any refurbishment works.



Our next steps

Summer 2019

We will be holding our second community fun day in August - we will issue a date in the coming months

Autumn 2019

We plan to hold an information session in September to present the phasing plan for the wider estate

Autumn 2019

Start on site for Keir Hardie Avenue (planning permission dependent)

Reporting repairs

Remember, to report any repairs call our customer service centre on **0345 141 4663**



Estate inspections

Housing operations have been carrying out estate inspections around the estates in Cleator Moor and will continue to do so.

If you have any questions you would like to raise or would like to speak to a Housing Manager about the next estate inspection, please contact them through the customer service centre on **0345 141 4663**.



Contact us

For information about your rent, tenancy or other housing related matters, you can contact the customer service centre on **0345 141 4663**

For any information relating to the regeneration please get in touch with Shelley Courty our dedicated Regeneration Officer on **0191 6079961** or email **shelley.courty@homegroup.org.uk**

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