Parkside Regeneration Newsletter

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Welcome to March's Parkside Regeneration Newsletter. Previous newsletters are on the Council's website for those that missed them. We understand that residents want to know what is happening and therefore newsletters will be produced four times a year.

You can update how you would like to be kept informed by completing the form on the Council's website, e-mailing parksideregen@runnymede.gov.uk or calling 01932 838383.

Update.
Architects have started assessing in more detail how many properties could be built in the area. It is a key aim of the project to increase the number of homes so that a greater number of people can live there. We also need to increase the number of new homes as this will help to make the project affordable. For example, other aims of the project such as improving community facilities and removing the overhead powerlines are more likely with a greater number of new homes.

Surveyors are still working in the area, if you live in the area, you will probably have seen them. We would like to thank those of you that have allowed surveyors access to your gardens recently.

Your views matter!
We recently carried out the first survey to gather information from residents living within the regeneration areas. Residents were given an early opportunity to influence the project plans and ensure we offer the right options for people to engage in the process.

The number of responses we got to the survey was lower than we wanted, just 23 out of the 254 we sent out. We have spoken to a selection of residents at random to understand what we can do to better engage in the future. We understand that there are various reasons that people did not complete the survey, such as personal commitments, issues with the post and not wanting to engage in the process. We still feel that we have gained valuable information from the surveys – thank you to those that completed them.

We will be carefully planning future engagement activities so that you are able to give us your opinions and we are able answer your important questions. In the next newsletter we will include a timeline that sets out when residents will be able to get involved. We will also explain what decisions will be made when as it is a complicated process.

We must reiterate that at this stage **we do not know for certain whether the regeneration will go ahead**. If the regeneration does go ahead, we will speak to all residents about their needs and help them if they need to move.

Questions
If you have any questions regarding the project, please go to the dedicated Parkside Regeneration pages of the Council's website: www.runnymede.gov.uk/parkside-regeneration. Alternatively contact the Parkside Regeneration Project Team via parksideregen@runnymede.gov.uk or 01932 838383.

Yours sincerely



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August 2024 Newsletter no. 6



Parkside Regeneration: Keeping you informed

Welcome to August's Parkside Regeneration Newsletter. Newsletters are produced 4 times a year, and previous ones are on the Council's website.

The focus of this newsletter is communication. We understand that residents want to keep up to date on the regeneration, therefore below is an explanation of when you can expect further information and key decision dates.

How will the project be funded?

The Council cannot afford to deliver the regeneration project alone. We will be exploring options such as working with the Government or a development partner.

We hope that we will build more homes on the regeneration areas. Some will be sold to then help to finance brand new, highly energy efficient, Council homes. We will also be able to access funding from various other sources.



Photo of the pylons on Braeside

What's happening now?

The technical surveys of the regeneration areas continue. The project team is now discussing the findings of those surveys with Surrey County Council, The Environment Agency and others to help shape what could be possible.

Questions?

We have created Parkside Regeneration webpages, dedicated to keeping you informed and to answer questions you may have. Go to www.runnymede.gov.uk/parkside-regeneration
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Predicted timeline of the regeneration

September 2024: Information leaflet

Ridge, the Council's main consultants, will produce a leaflet that will go to all households within the regeneration area, and those that have signed up for the newsletters. This leaflet will include high level masterplans showing possible regeneration zones for the Parkside Project.

October 2024: Public events and consultation

The September leaflet will include more information about the public events and consultations. The Council and Ridge will hold drop-in sessions for residents to speak to the project team in person. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to help influence the plans moving forward. Other options will be available for residents with limited mobility.

November 2024 Housing Committee

A report will be presented to Housing Committee setting out the progress of the project. By this time we will have addressed a lot of the biggest constraints to the project such as flooding. If Housing Committee approve, it does not mean the regeneration will be going ahead, but it is more likely. Residents will be updated on the decision and next steps in December.

Spring 2025: Public events and consultations

Early next year we will speak to the public and other stakeholders about the evolving plans. We will be better able to advise people regarding the options that will be available for those that are required to move and those that want to move into the area.

April / May 2025 Housing Committee

A report will go to a Special Housing Committee that includes the details of what is proposed. The Committee will then decide whether the planning application should be submitted. Residents will be updated on the decision in May.

July 2025: Planning application submitted

If the project is approved and continues, final changes to the plans will be made and a planning application will be submitted. It is likely that it will take some months to determine. If planning permission is granted and the project is affordable this will be the time that we can state with certainty that the project will go ahead. The Council would then work with a developer to start phasing the building. It is not possible to predict at this stage when building might start.

