

Sumner Buildings Summary

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Consultation with the Residents of Sumner Buildings commenced in September 2018 with an open meeting. Letters and invitations were delivered to the Residents, the local Community and stakeholders. Officers and the Communications team kept in mind the negative responses from the last proposal in 2014, where the residents objected to the redevelopment on the estate. The new approach is one of Co-production and Co-design.

Where are we at so far: -

- The first consultation took place on Tuesday 18th September 2018, with the introduction of the [Sumner Buildings website](#). A good turn-out of residents and representatives from the local area, 15 attendees on the day. The residents were happy to hear that the City of London Corporation were planning to work with them on this proposal, with lessons learned from previous proposals. They were glad to see that we did not have pre-developed plans and ideas. Residents also mentioned that they felt there was a need for new windows.
- The second consultation with the residents took place on Saturday 22nd September 2018. This was held during the day so residents could bring their children while giving their views and feedback on what they would like to see happen on the estate.
- The third consultation took place on Wednesday 25 September 2018. All the attendees were residents from Sumner Buildings.
- Tuesday 9 October 2018 was an extra date set up to give residents who were not able to attend the previous consultations, a chance to have their say. This consultation received 16 attendees, which was a good turnout. Similar issues were raised at all the events.

Feedback from the consultations with the residents: -

- The residents like the concept of co-production and co design and are pleased to be involved at the initial stages with the redevelopment of Sumner Buildings.
- Glad to see no plans or pre-set conditions were presented at any of the events.
- Residents understand the need for more housing.

- Residents do not want to lose the green space that they currently have. If this is the case, alternative green space/amenities will be provided. This will be developed with the steering group and at architects' workshops.
- New windows – residents noted that other developments in the area, specifically on Park Street, was impacting on the noise level, which they considered their current windows inadequate to cope with.
- Further improvements around the estate.
- The need for a community hall – tight community on the estate.
- Roof garden – some of the residents thought it was a good idea.
- More green space around the estate.
- Relocation of bins.
- Parking space and Cycle storage space
- Storage sheds to be retained.

In total there were 45 attendees 41 of which were residents from Sumner Buildings.

- On Wednesday 24 October 2018, a separate meeting was held with Victor Chamberlain - Borough and Bank Side ward Councillor. The Councillor was pleased to hear that we are planning to develop social homes on the estate, he also queried whether there would be a resident's ballot, this would not be the case as no homes would be demolished. We informed Councillor Chamberlain that we will be setting up a Residents Steering Group, which he stated that he would be keen to get involved with.
- Grid Architects have been appointed to work with a selected group of residents to develop the design proposals
- First Residents Steering Group to take place February 21st between 5.30 – 6.30pm to initiate design process.