

APPENDIX 1

Covering Letter re Preferred Option Survey



To all residents of:
Four Squares Estate

Estate Regeneration Team
Direct dial: 020 7525 7743

27 February 2012

Dear Resident,

Four Squares Estate options appraisal outcome: preferred option consultation

As you will know, we have been comparing the different options for the future of the Four Squares Estate. We have now completed our analysis and have identified a preferred option to consult you on, that will be considered by the Council's Cabinet on 20th March. The preferred option is Option 3, Enhanced Refurbishment which includes kitchen and bathroom renewal. If this option is agreed, it will require the disposal of some empty properties on the estate to help pay for the works. Enclosed in this pack is an information sheet summarising the works that we have estimated for in the preferred option. Please read this sheet carefully.

Preferred option consultation survey

Enclosed within this pack is a questionnaire for our preferred option consultation survey. The purpose of this survey is for us to understand resident opinion of the preferred option and its implications, so that when Cabinet makes its decision on 20th March, Cabinet members are fully aware of what residents think of the preferred option. It is important that you complete this survey and return it to us in the freepost envelope enclosed by Friday 9 March 2012. You can also hand in your survey to a Council officer at the preferred option drop-in session on Tuesday 6 March 2012.

Preferred option consultation drop in session

We will be holding a preferred option drop-in session on:

**Tuesday 6 March between 6.00pm and 8.00pm
in Marden Square TRA Hall.**

This will be an opportunity for you to come in and talk to Council officers about the preferred option before filling in your survey. You will also be able to hand in your survey on the day. Officers from the Home Ownership Unit and Mal McGirr, your independent resident advisor, will be there to answer any queries you might have.

Information for leaseholders

The information pack give an outline of the works that we have included within the specification for the enhanced refurbishment option and our budget estimates of the cost of this option to leaseholders. Please read this sheet carefully. Leaseholders should note that this is a budget estimate only, intended to give an estimate of the likely cost implications of enhanced refurbishment. Prior to refurbishment works commencing, our contractors will need to issue us with firm estimates of the costs for works, which you will then be consulted on through the 'Section 20' process. Please refer to the information sheet for further detail.

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Next Steps

The Council's Cabinet will be considering Option 3 – enhanced refurbishment of the Four Squares Estate at Cabinet on 20 March 2012 including the funding arrangements and the timetable.

We will write to you again to inform you of the outcome of the Cabinet decision.

If Cabinet agrees to the refurbishment, then our Major Works team will start the process of engaging contractors in order to have works carried out. Please note that this will involve further consultation with residents over the detail of the specification and with leaseholders prior to any works being carried out.

Should you require further information about any of the information contained within this pack, you can contact myself on 0207 525 7743 or at sonia.esnard@southwark.gov.uk or Mal McGirr, your independent resident advisor on the freephone number 0800 073 1051.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonia Esnard", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Sonia Esnard
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