

## Why is my garage potentially closing?

The council is undertaking an extensive programme of new home development, providing 1500 council homes at council rent between now and 2018 with a further 9,500 homes up to 2043 across tenures.

The council's programme focuses on building on council owned land and that primarily means unused "brown" sites, but also the potential loss of some garage and parking spaces to make way for new affordable homes.

Southwark, like many London boroughs has a demand for housing that far outstrips supply and the development of new homes in part manages this demand

50% of all new homes will be made available to local residents, whom will be prioritised above existing households on the waiting list.

The new homes will be built to local and national design standards; providing homes for families, single people and wheelchair users.

## Will I be consulted?

As an affected garage user you will be invited to a drop in event to discuss the proposals for new homes. Drop in events are held at the start in the development process and will include the residents within an agreed boundary, generally the T&RA membership radius and within 100 metres of the proposed site. The drop in sessions give an opportunity for you to meet directly with the project team and ask any questions.

## What are my options?

We are notifying garage users well in advance of the schemes seeking planning permission. As a garage user it is your choice as to when you chose to move. Starting the process early can only maximise the opportunities available to you. Garage users still using their garage when the site is scheduled for development will be served notice in accordance with the terms of their license agreement.

Garage users requesting re-provision will be prioritised in the following order:

- **Priority 1:** Council tenants and resident leaseholders/freeholders whom pay service charges and reside within the consultation area (Generally the T&RA radius and 100m from the proposed site).
- **Priority 2:** Council tenants and resident leaseholders/freeholders whom pay service charges but reside outside of the consultation area.
- **Priority 3:** Southwark residents in the private sector, either renters/owner occupiers
- **Priority 4:** Non-Southwark residents

There may be specific cases where a household is outside of the consultation area but may need to be included in priority 1, for example households with specific medical needs and

requiring access to a vehicle. These will be addressed on a case by case basis.