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CAMBRIDGE ROAD ESTATE

REGENERATION

# Newsletter

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## CREATE BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

## Hello and welcome to the fourth Cambridge Road Estate Regeneration newsletter.



Many thanks to those that took the time to attend one of the consultation feedback sessions.

This month the council's Growth Committee will decide how the council will approach the masterplanning (a plan showing the overall development design that includes not just the properties but also the landscaping,

public transport information and effective use of open spaces) of the development, and how it will secure a developer to undertake the delivery of the project. In the meantime we wanted to keep you informed.



### P2 The Resident Regeneration Team

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### P3 Property buy backs

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### P4 Cambridge Road Estate history

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## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ESTATE



Building started in 1962 due to post war shortage

First phase had

600

tenants - completed on 23 October 1969



The first phase was opened by the Mayor Alderman Cyril Johnson

2,730 people lived in 830 homes



The Cambridge Road Estate cost £4 million to build



Get involved

See page 4 for the full history of Cambridge Road Estate.



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KINGSTON  
UPON THAMES

## In 2016 we asked Renaisi, our engagement consultants, to work with residents to develop the Resident Regeneration Team.

A small group of residents have met with us a few times to discuss the plans for the Cambridge Road Estate regeneration and as we move forward to the next stage of the project we want to make sure residents are engaged in a more formal way. To do this we would like to set up a Resident Regeneration Team made up of residents from across the estate, who will meet with council

officers at critical stages of the project. The Resident Regeneration Team will particularly focus on helping to shape the masterplan and to input into the overall design brief. The masterplan will show the overall development design that includes not just the properties but also includes the landscaping, public transport information and effective use of open spaces.



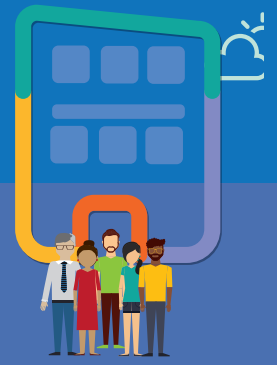
**An example of landscaping: community gardens and food growing initiatives is a great way to develop community spirit on the estate.**

**We would like residents to join the Resident Regeneration Team and to agree with us how it should operate and its purpose. Ideally we would have a resident representative from each block on the estate. We already have representation from a few blocks, but we are missing people from the following:**

- Childerley Block
- Graveley Block
- Grantchester Block
- Madingley Block
- Stapleford Close
- Chesterton Terrace
- Somerset Road
- Franklin Close
- Excelsior Close
- Vincent Road

If you would like to be a part of the Resident Regeneration Team please email us at [CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk). Unfortunately, we will only be able to accommodate one representative per block, but please do still let us know if you'd like to be involved or you want to know more, as we are committed to working with all residents on the estate. The Resident Regeneration Team will be involved in

the selection of the developer, who will look at the wider regeneration and the appointment of an independent resident advisor. We are in the process of talking to various key groups, including disability groups, faith groups and youth groups, that have close ties with residents on the estate. These groups are another way for residents to get involved in the regeneration process and we will include them in future workshops and events.



# PROPERTY BUY BACKS



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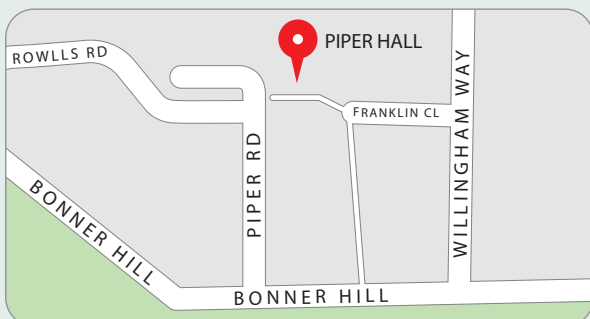
We will be having specific workshops where independent advisors will be available to give one-to-one advice to freeholders and leaseholders.

If you are interested in selling your property please register by emailing [CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk)

## Further engagement following Growth Committee

Following the Growth Committee's decision this month on how the regeneration will progress, it is proposed that regular surgeries will be held on:

**Mondays and Thursdays from 2.30pm – 5pm**  
**Tuesdays from 12.30pm – 3pm.**



**The venue will be Piper Hall, Piper Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 3EX.**

The surgeries will start on Monday 20 March 2017 for four weeks.

Late evening sessions can be booked in advance by emailing [CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk). We hope to have a permanent base on the estate soon to make it easier for residents to drop-in and speak to a member of the council's Regeneration Team.

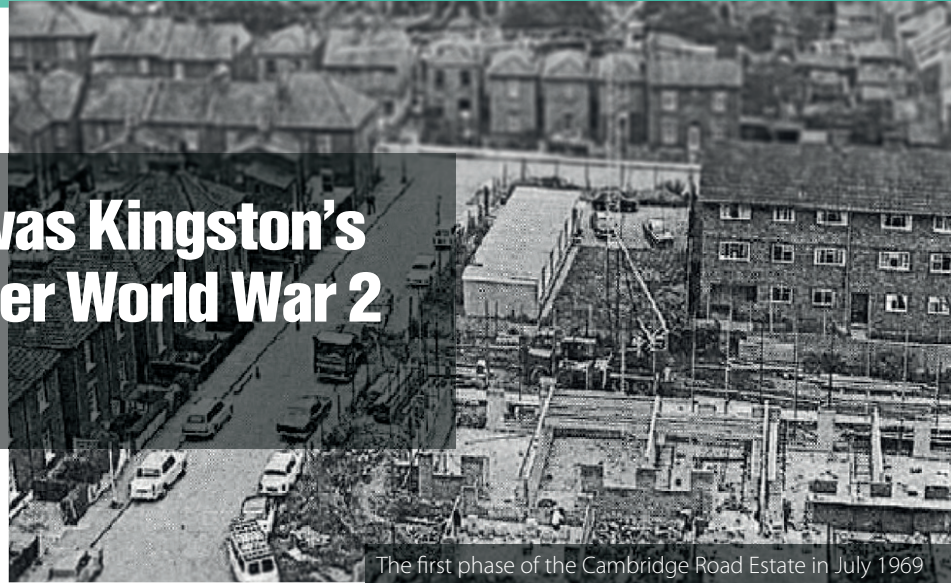
For more information please visit the CRE webpages [www.kingston.gov.uk/CRERegen](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/CRERegen) where you will find an updated list of questions and answers, as well as full details of the regeneration programme.

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**Get involved**



**Homelessness was Kingston's hottest issue after World War 2 ended in 1945.**



The first phase of the Cambridge Road Estate in July 1969

**When regeneration first began in 1962 some CRE residents were against it at first but were happy with the results.**

**Bomb damage and the return of thousands of service personnel caused a desperate housing shortage. The site had previously been occupied by the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows.**

In 1962, with housing still a pressing problem, Kingston Council ordered that homes must come first. The first tenants moved in towards the end of October 1969. Some residents were in opposition as they thought the new accommodation would endanger the community spirit. When the first phase was completed some people admitted that whatever its pros and cons, the new estate was a lifeline to people with woefully inadequate housing.

After 50 years it is time for the estate to be regenerated. Residents will of course have differing views - some want things to stay the same, while others would prefer change. Kingston Council has done extensive research and spoken to many of you to find out what your concerns are and how to address them. One of the main concerns has been about where people will be moved to during the construction period. The council has made a commitment to keep disruption to an absolute minimum and the process will be defined in our decant policy.

We will be starting a history project about Cambridge Road Estate. If you have any stories or photos you'd like to share about living on the estate please email [CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk)

**"The flats are so nice, I am happy to be here"**  
**Mrs Marie Hatch (79)**

**One of the oldest residents who was presented with her keys at the final stage of the first regeneration in 1969.**

Mrs Marie Hatch

## **Decant policy: rehousing those affected by regeneration**

We consulted last year on producing boroughwide decant policies - these are policies detailing how we will rehouse residents affected by regeneration plans. We would like to thank everyone who took the opportunity to provide us with comments and feedback.

We have taken all of this feedback on board and now plan to consult on revised policies in March and April. The new policies will only apply to the Cambridge Road Estate as this is currently the only one we are regenerating.

Further estates may be considered in the future.

Following further consultation, we plan to report to the Growth Committee in June with the outcome of the consultation and to ask for the final policies to be approved. We will let you know how to have your say soon and look forward to hearing your views.