# Resident engagement for estate regeneration schemes

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# Hackney is building

Programme of over 3,400 Council-led homes across more than 30 sites, alongside partnerships such as at Woodberry Down

1,984 new homes started, completed or received planning permission between May 2018 and May 2022

A mix of large and small brownfield sites - including estate regeneration and infill development

Social rent, shared ownership, Hackney Living Rent, and outright sale to pay for it

Plans for 1,000 new Council rent homes by 2026



# **Our commitments**

Not for profit

Building homes for outright sale to pay for social housing

**Council-led** Without private developers or by selling off Council land

**Council land** Making the most of the land we have available

**First dibs for local people** Right to return and local letting policies

Working together Collaborating with local residents



# **Consultation principles**

Informed by the Residents' Charter and Resident Engagement Strategy:

#### Timely

Allowing maximum time for engagement

**Meaningful** Ensuring input informs changes

Inclusive Including under-represented groups

#### Direct

Working directly with our residents

**Collaborative** Giving community members a leading role



### Case study: Colville Estate

#### **Resident Steering Group**

Colville Estate Tenants and Residents Association monthly meetings on areas such as developing and agreeing brief for new community centre

**Independent tenant and leaseholder adviser** Impartial support and advice to individual residents and Steering Group

**Consultation with residents** to be allocated new homes on internal layouts, windows and balconies - through surveys, workshops and in-person exhibitions

**Estate wide consultation** on public realm and landscape proposals



### Case study: De Beauvoir Estate

#### **Pre-covid**

In-person consultations, workshops, door-knocking sessions and youth engagement

#### **During lockdown**

Online consultation events, a dedicated consultation phone line, printed material and 1,300 e-newsletter subscribers

#### **Resident Steering Group**

Residents working with design team to put residents' views at the heart of the process

Independent tenant and leaseholder adviser Impartial support and advice



## Case study: New homes programme

#### Our plans

- Programme of 15 Council-owned sites to help towards building 1,000 new Council homes for social rent
- Repurposing underused land without demolishing homes
- Direct Council investment to build 75% for social rent

#### Early engagement

- Locations informed by a borough-wide survey
- Early resident engagement before any design work
- Online survey and in-person engagement 445 written responses feedback summarised in a published report

#### Next steps

- Ongoing engagement throughout the design process
- Collaboration with local residents for new developments more than just housing



## Case study: Woodberry Down

#### Commitments

- Direct move to a new social rent home for every Council tenant
- Shared equity and ownership offers for freeholders and leaseholders
- Community facilities and social infrastructure to bring new and old residents together

#### **Community cohesion**

- Local community is a formal regeneration partner through the Woodberry Down Community Organisation (WDCO)
- Extensive engagement on masterplan, design of each phase and rehousing process
- Resident drop-ins, neighbourhood office, translation services, Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Adviser, fun days and Winterfest

