

# PRIORY COURT

## NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the first edition of the Priory Court development newsletter

Hello, we are Sixty Bricks, the Council's housing development company that builds new socially rented homes, homes for shared ownership and for private sale across the borough.

We are leading on the proposals to build 83 new apartments on the Priory Court estate and this newsletter contains an update about the development and what will be happening next.

### What has happened so far?

Between July and October 2022, the project team together with NewmanFrancis, the Independent Tenants' and Resident Advice Service spoke to nearly 300 local people on the estate through a series of consultation events at Priory Court Community Centre and online. This is because we wanted to give the community a chance to get involved in shaping the design proposals. We also held 4 workshops with users of the MUGA to consider the design proposals, the proposed location for a new MUGA and provide comments.



You can view a virtual tour of the proposed development by visiting [www.sixtybricks.co.uk](http://www.sixtybricks.co.uk) or scan the QR code.

### PROPOSALS

83 new apartments, a mixture of council rented, shared ownership and homes for private sale

1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes for social rent to house families

More than 60% will be family-sized homes

A range of estate improvement works, including CCTV and enhanced street lighting

A new and larger Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) designed to Sports England standards

A new public play area for young children to enjoy

Keeping blue exercise equipment on the estate

More cycle storage spaces across the estate



The Police Design Out Crime officer, Housing Officers and Anti-Social Behaviour teams were also consulted as part of the design process.

### How has your feedback been considered?

The consultation is now closed and we are grateful to everyone who had their say. Your feedback has influenced the design of the scheme and we are now working toward planning submission.

If the proposed development proceeds, we want to develop a community investment programme to create job and training opportunities for local residents. We will keep you posted in future newsletters and events.

## WHAT YOU SAID



You didn't like the number of homes being built nor the size of the blocks when the scheme was first being considered.



You were concerned about your personal safety and security on the estate.



You told us young people would benefit from a bigger MUGA, to accommodate 7 a-side games.



Parking is an issue on the estate. More apartments will increase demand on parking spaces.



Young people using the MUGA at its new location need to feel safe. How will they be supervised?

## WHAT WE DID



As a result of feedback from the community, we reduced the number of homes from 118 to 83 for the final design. All blocks will be no higher than the existing buildings on the estate



We'll install CCTV and ensure enhanced street lighting is included to make you feel safer on the estate.



A new, 30% bigger MUGA, built to Sports England standards will be provided, with a multi-sports surface for basketball & football games.



This scheme is designated car-free. No parking spaces will be allocated to the residents of the new homes, except those using the new blue badge parking spaces. Both the Council and Clarion Housing will soon be rolling out a new parking permit scheme across the estate, following their consultation.



A new office and amenity space is being provided adjacent to the MUGA. Its new location will be overseen by the existing blocks, and new floodlights will enhance supervision of children using the facility.

## Do you have any further comments?

Please email us at [developments@sixtybricks.co.uk](mailto:developments@sixtybricks.co.uk) if you have any questions about the proposed development.