

Housing Regeneration Project



Ward Member Briefing – November 2016

This briefing shows progress on the Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck (LLBHH) Housing Regeneration Project up to the end of October 2016, and information on upcoming events in the project areas.

We have included information about both the refurbishment and new build progress, along with the number of people who are working on the scheme.

Christmas Celebrations

Keepmoat have arranged with Little London Primary School for their choir to spread some Christmas cheer in sheltered housing blocks in Little London! Flyers have been sent to residents of the blocks and the wardens, Housing Office staff and PFI team representatives will be in attendance to see the choir's performances on:

- Thursday 8th December, 11am at Carlton Croft
- Thursday 15th December, 11am at Lovell Park Court

LGC Awards Finalists

The LLBHH project submitted an entry – entitled *Changing Place, Changing Lives* – in the Housing Initiative category of the Local Government Chronicle awards and the project is a finalist!! It is a fantastic achievement to be a finalist in these national awards, of which the next step is to present our entry to the judging panel at the end of January 2017.

New Homes

The building programme continues in south Leeds. To date **358** new homes have been returned to us across sites in Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck.

The remaining 30 new build properties on the Bismarck Drive site are due to be handed back to us in the new year, around 6 weeks ahead of programme. 12 properties are due for completion on 20th January and the remaining 18 on 27th January.

The housing management service (Housing Leeds) are advertising these homes in line with the Local Lettings policies in both areas.

End of Scheme Celebration Event

An event is being planned for the end of March 2017, to mark the completion of the capital works phase of the project. The event will be held on the communal green space on the Bismarck Drive site on 22nd March 2017. The event is in the early planning stages at the moment but will be widely communicated once details have been finalised.

Refurbishment

The planned refurbishment programme has now completed ahead of programme. The

project has successfully refurbished **1,283** properties in the scheme, with just a small number of properties refusing access for the works to be carried out. Access has been refused by tenants for a variety of reasons, the most common being ill health and other vulnerabilities. We will continue to work with tenants to get these properties fully refurbished throughout the duration of the contract.

Achievements to Date

The figures below highlight some of the main achievements and milestones of the project to date. These figures are a total for the whole of the project across all wards:

- ❖ 29,767 Repairs completed.
- ❖ 306 Void properties completed.
- ❖ 2,098 Gas Servicing completed (Please note that gas servicing is a rolling programme, figures cannot be accumulated).
- ❖ 23,485 sc4L helpdesk calls received.

There are £321.20 worth of projected potential savings per household per year due to thermal improvement in refurbished homes.

Work Experience

- ❖ **162** full weeks of work experience completed on site by **77** placements.

Apprenticeships / Trainees

- ❖ In total **52** project initiated apprentices have spent **3,624** weeks on site to date. There are currently **5** on site due to:
 - 29 completed their apprenticeships (all employed).
 - 10 left for alternative employment.
 - 6 displaced.
 - 2 moved to an alternative scheme to gain evidence.
- ❖ In total **12** existing apprentices have spent **619** weeks on site to date. There are currently **2** on site.
- ❖ In total 8 trainees have worked on site. There is currently **1**:
 - Trainee Construction Technician.
 - 2 x Trainee General Foreman moved to alternative schemes, 2 x Trainee General Operatives left for alternative employment, 1 x Trainee Site Administrator completed training and is continuing with Keepmoat, 1 x Trainee joiner completed training and now employed by a local company and 1 x Trainee General Foreman is now fully qualified.

Qualifications

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| ❖ Short Courses | 812 (target met) |
| ❖ Entry Level 1 Qualifications | 30 (target met) |
| ❖ Level 2 Qualifications | 26 (target 99) |
| ❖ Higher Level 3+ Qualifications | 13 (target met) |

Employment

- ❖ **158** people have gained employment and apprenticeships, of which

86 live in Leeds and **72** of those are from the project's local wards.

Businesses Engaged

❖ **29** local and **71** regional businesses engaged.