

## **Wandsworth Council**

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Our ref: LS/RG/FordyceHouseGarages  
Your ref:  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**All Residents  
Colson Way Estate  
London, SW16**

Dear Resident,

### **Garage block adjacent to Fordyce House, Colson Way, London, SW16**

In order to ensure the best use of its land holdings, the Council periodically reviews under used areas on its estates and assesses whether they may possibly be suitable for other uses.

The block of garages situated to the north of Fordyce House has been identified as being suitable for the development of a number of dwellings for a supported housing scheme. The area is indicated on the attached plan as labelled. The intention would be for any homes developed to be owned by the Council and managed by an experienced supported housing provider with a proven track record in managing such accommodation to the highest possible standards. As part of any development, consideration will also be given to any environmental improvements required that would compliment the development and improve the areas immediate to it.

Any decision to take forward development will take into consideration any views which are expressed by residents of the Colson Way Estate as part of pre-planning discussions that the Council will have with residents. More formal consultation will also take place as part of the due planning application process with residents being able to make representations on the plans as they wish.

Outline proposals indicate that a three-storey building providing seven 1-bedroom flats and one staff flat could be developed on the site. However, I would reiterate that no firm plans or proposals are in place defining a specific development scheme, nor has planning consent yet been sought.

The proposal to seek authorisation 'subject to further financial due diligence and resident consultation' to allocate the land in question as part of the Council's 'self-build' development programme is due to be considered by the Housing and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Should the Council decide to approve this, the process of commissioning detailed feasibility studies and potential for development will be actively pursued and the process of resident consultation will

commence in the following months. A copy of the relevant Committee report will be available from late afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and may be viewed at:

<https://democracy.wandsworth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=575&MIId=5048&Ver=4>

If you have any queries concerning the content of this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Goodman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Richard Goodman**  
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