

The Residents  
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Development (Enabling Works –  
Removal of District Heating Pipes)

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Dear resident,

**Update on Council development site:**

**Farnborough House Garages and adjacent land (Enabling Works)**

We are writing to update you on the progress and status of the proposed development on Farnborough House Garages scheme. As you may already be aware, planning permission was approved at the March 2024 Planning Committee.

The proposed scheme includes the retention of the three existing blocks and the demolition of all existing small structures and garages, erection of three residential blocks (five-storeys) comprising a total of 38 units (12 x 1-bedroom, 18 x 2-bedroom and 8 x 3-bedroom flats) with associated landscaping/new tree planting, paths and lighting, car parking, cycle, refuse storage and play area.

**Next Steps**

We are out to tender for an experienced main contractor but prior to the main contractor being appointed, enabling works including the removal of existing decommissioned heating pipes, building an enclosure for a new electricity sub-station, diversions of some of the existing utilities such as gas and electricity running through the middle of the site are scheduled to take place.

T Browns will be undertaking work to remove the decommissioned heating pipes from the 17 March 2025. Residents will be receiving a letter from T Browns with contact details should residents have any queries.

Part of the main works once the contractor is on board is to carry out a variety of surveys of the existing garages for Farnborough and Rushmere Houses in preparation for demolition. Please take this opportunity to make alternative arrangements for any items stored in the garages. The non-residential team who manage your garage tenancy will be writing to you closer to the time to advise residents of vacation procedures.

The scheme will be built to a very high standards as the new buildings will be very energy efficient and sustainable in use as they as they will be Passivhaus certified. The Passivhaus standard aims to achieve good levels of insulation, excellent levels of airtightness, good indoor air quality, solar heat gains, reducing the requirement for space heating and cooling.

We will continue to keep residents informed as the development progresses.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at

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Please visit the dedicated website: [Farnborough House Garages, Alton Estate, SW15](#)

Yours Faithfully



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