

LANCASTER WEST UPDATE

Have your say on the future of Lancaster West – and enjoy a free workout at Kensington Leisure Centre

To promote the Lancaster West co-design programme, teams of door knockers are currently visiting residents to invite them to attend an event later this month.

The 'Lancaster West Ideas Day' will be held on Saturday 27 January at the Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road.

This event will bring together architects and residents and share some early ideas so that as a community we can start to think about how the improvements to the estate might look.



Free sessions

Time	Activity	Age	Price	Location
11am – 1pm	Table Tennis	All	Free	Sports Hall
11am – 1pm	Swimming*	All	Free	All pools
11am – 2pm	Spa Experience Chair Massage	16+	Free	Reception
11am – 4pm	10% discount on all cafe items	All	-	Café
11am – 4pm	30% discount on spa products & spa gift cards	16+	-	Spa
11am – 4pm	Cardiowall games	All	Free	1 st Floor
11am – 12pm	Boxing Coaching (with Dean Richardson)	All	Free	Sports Hall
12pm – 1pm	Boxing Coaching (with Dean Richardson)	All	Free	Sports Hall
12pm – 2pm	Junior Gym**	11-15	Free	Gym
12pm – 2pm	Gym**	16+	Free	Gym
1pm – 3.30pm	Swimming*	All	Free	All pools
1pm – 4pm	Basketball	All	Free	Sports Hall
1pm – 4pm	Badminton	All	Free	Sports Hall
2.30pm – 3pm	Extreme Interval Fitness***	16+	Free	Studio 1
3pm – 3.30pm	Core Stability***	16+	Free	Studio 1

*Under 8's and non swimmers must be accompanied in the water by an adult. One adult can supervise maximum of 2 under 8's or non swimmers.
**Gym requires health check and induction with fitness instructor to be completed first and juniors will require signed parental consent on the day.
***Classes have set capacities so spaces available on a first come first served basis.

As well as the chance to have your say on what you like and don't like about the estate, you can take part in one of the free sessions at the leisure centre. Residents can try out a new sport, relax with a massage or exercise in the centre's excellent facilities. For more details please email steve.jacobs@rbkc.gov.uk

UPDATE

Message from Steve

It's the new year and excitement around the Lancaster West Ideas Day on the 27 January is continuing to build. I've already had emails from residents with ideas on what they want to see around the estate. The teams who are out and about speaking to residents have also heard some really useful feedback about what the refurbishment could focus on. The 27 January is the day that architects will be available to help make these ideas a reality, so I really hope you can join us.

The new year also means we are continuing to welcome back residents who are returning to the estate from hotels. If my team and I can help in any way to make your return easier, do please email me or stop by the Neighbourhood Office for a chat.

Finally, we are very keen to hear what you want from the Lancaster West Update – this is your local newsletter, so please let me know what you would like us to focus on. You can email me at steve.jacobs@rbkc.gov.uk.

CHARGES UPDATE

Reminder about rent and service charges from 29 January

If you are a resident of the Walkways (Barandon, Hurstway or Testerton Walk) or of Bramley House, Treadgold House or Verity Close, you will begin to pay rent and service charges again from Monday 29 January 2018. You will need to pay rent (if you are a tenant) and service charges (if you are a tenant or a leaseholder) whether you are living in your home on the estate or in emergency or temporary accommodation. The Council will be writing to you in the next few days with further information.

UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL ON THE KCTMO

As you may have heard the Board of the Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) have agreed to hand back management of housing to Kensington and Chelsea Council. The management of the Lancaster West Estate has already been transferred back to the council, but for the wider borough, this means the Council will be taking over repairs, looking after Kensington and Chelsea's estate and running the day-to-day services.

We want to be very clear, this is only an interim measure – the council is not taking over for good. The Council will run services and aim to continue to improve services while the residents across the borough decide how

you want your homes managed in the future. We know this is the most important aspect for you – and we want to work with communities to begin a true and meaningful consultation process with you on how Kensington and Chelsea's housing is run.

We are already making progress on a thorough review of all the KCTMO's operations including finance, repairs and estate management services. As we move forward together, we will continue to share the results of this as we find them and make improvements and changes wherever needed. If you would like more information, please email lancasterwestoffice@rbkc.gov.uk



LANCASTER WEST ESTATE

The Residents' Association, NewmanFrancis, and volunteers will be door-knocking over the next two weeks to:

- get your ideas about what needs to improve in your homes, your block and your estate
- provide information about the ideas day on the 27 January and encourage you to attend
- find out whether you want to be involved in future discussions about the improvements with others in your block or a small cluster of blocks.

LANCASTER WEST IDEAS DAY



If you are not in they will leave a calling card. You can email or telephone to arrange an appointment. They can meet you at your home or Baseline, or arrange to speak to you by phone.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact NewmanFrancis:

Office number: **020 8536 1436**

Freephone: **0800 644 6040**

Email:

lancasterwest@newmanfrancis.org

HOUSING UPDATE

Consultation on draft Walkways Rehousing Policy

The Council has received around 100 responses to its recent consultation on the draft Walkways Rehousing Policy.

The consultation closed on Friday 5 January and the Council would like to thank all Lancaster West residents who took part for contributing their views.

Feedback from the consultation will be presented at the Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee (GRSC) meeting on Thursday 18 January. The meeting will be held at Notting Hill Methodist Church, 240 Lancaster Road at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

The feedback will also be available online at www.rbkc.gov.uk/walkwaysconsult

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Fire curtain update

As part of the Council's programme of fire safety work, we are installing fire safety curtains outside certain first floor windows in Barandon, Hurstway and Testerton Walk. We are currently contacting residents to confirm which flats will have curtains placed outside their doors. The fire curtains will help prevent the spread of smoke into common areas in the event of a fire. They are designed so they would not prevent people from leaving their homes in the event of a fire. Residents in the Walkway block may notice construction noise over the next few weeks as the curtains are installed. We apologise for any disruption.

If you have any questions please email lancasterwestoffice@rbkc.gov.uk

GRENFELL SITE UPDATE

Debris near Grenfell site

During the recent high winds caused by storm Eleanor earlier this month, light pieces of debris originally from Grenfell Tower were blown down from the roof of the Kensington Academy. The independent site management team were notified and the council staff also inspected the area around the site. If any debris was blown onto your balcony or the common areas of your block, we would be happy to get it cleared up. You can reach the neighbourhood team at the Estate Office, at Unit 2, Baseline Studios. If you prefer to call them, please call **07710 053437** or **07710 053431**, or alternatively you can email Shopna Aktar on Shopna.Aktar@rbkc.gov.uk.

How to contact us

You can reach us at the Estate Office, at Unit 2, Baseline Studios, Whitchurch Road. If you prefer to call, please call **07710 053 437 / 07710 053 431**

Our opening hours are currently Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 5pm. **Late night office openings**, Tuesday Thursday, 9am to 7pm. We are committed to providing support to residents when they need it. So please let us know if you would like us to extend the opening hours.

You can email the team on lancasterwestoffice@rbkc.gov.uk

