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Dear Resident,

PHASE 1 CONTRACTOR APPOINTED

The West Kentish Town Estate redevelopment team are pleased to announce that following a fully compliant procurement process, Higgins Partnerships have been chosen to be appointed for the contract to build phase 1 of the West Kentish Town Estate redevelopment.

Phase 1 consists of block A1 – where Wedmore currently stands, by Queen’s Crescent, and D1 – the old garage site on Athlone Street between Ashington and the railway line.

Two residents (from the buildings next to the two sites), along with the headteacher of Rhyl School, sat on the interview panel to ask questions of all candidates about how the contractor proposes to manage the build in these locations, and how they will involve and communicate with residents and neighbours.

The residents who sat on the panel said:

“What impressed me most about Higgins was their willingness to take challenging and difficult feedback, and use it as the starting point of a conversation about making things better...they were very keen to listen to our concerns about disruption...and made it clear that they were going to start seeking our thoughts and opinions very early on...talking to and listening to us was going to be a constant back-and-forth, rather than just a one-off event.

Some of their first ideas around managing access, discouraging antisocial behaviour and monitoring noise/dust and responding accordingly made me feel reassured that some early worries had been considered, and that they were willing to hear more and change and adapt as necessary if other issues come up”

“They also generate work placements and apprenticeships which is great.”

WHAT NEXT?

The dedicated Higgins Project Team will now create their 'Construction Management Plan' – which will be presented publicly for consultation before submitting to Camden Council Planning Department. Your feedback and expert local knowledge will be crucial to ensure any local issues are properly understood and the Plan altered if necessary.

The Construction Management Plan helps to minimise the impact of construction. It looks at issues such as traffic routes, working hours, ways to stop dust and noise from affecting those close to the site, and the wider environment. Maintaining emergency access and co-ordinating activity at any other building sites nearby will also be covered.

We are entering a pre-election period which restricts Council activity between 23 March to 7 May (local election date), so will be arranging a 'Meet the Contractor' event and Construction Management Plan consultation in early May. This gives Higgins some time to compile their proposed plan.

We will be setting up a Construction Working Group, consisting of residents and the Project Team, meeting monthly to share details of upcoming works and discuss any issues. Please let the team below know if you would be interested in joining.

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Thank you again for all your patience and contributions to ensure a successful scheme and that you get the homes and neighbourhood residents need and deserve. Looking forward to seeing you in May.

Yours sincerely,

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