

Wendling and St Stephens Close Newsletter December 2022

Dear Wendling & St Stephens Close Residents

I would like to take this opportunity of writing to all residents as the festive holiday period is fast approaching us and thought it would be a good opportunity to give all residents a brief update to where we are now. On a last note, before we start the festive holidays, please stay warm over the holiday period and remember the Council are here to help.

The Gospel Oak CIP Team and I look forward to working with you in 2023. Happy festive holidays from all of us.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Larraine Revah

Councillor Larraine Revah

Wendling and St Stephens Close

As the Gospel Oak CIP team have been extremely busy with preparing for the tender for the procurement process of securing a professional consultancy project team who will form the design team for the estate.

Many of you may recall this was touched upon during early previous one to one consultation with all residents with the CIP team. This element of shortlisting a potential multi-disciplinary design team, once all tender documents have been reviewed is and will be subject to a lengthy interviewing process of potential candidates for which it is envisaged to start sometime in 2023. We will be writing to all residents nearer the time.

As part of this interview process of interviewing the design team candidates, we will be writing to all residents of Wendling & St Stephens Close inviting them to submit an application of interest to be part of the interview panel. Details of this voluntary opportunity will be provided nearer the time.

What's happening at former Bacton Low Rise 2:

The Council have agreed to procure a private developer partner to invest in the delivery of the BLR2 phase 2 development. Tender documents were published in October 2022 and multiple professional interested parties have shown a genuine interest in completing the Council's commitment of delivering new affordable homes on the site.

We will keep you updated to the progress of the construction of BLR2 as it develops, which hopefully will start in 2024.

What's New:

Your new Neighbourhood Housing Officer Dionne Cole holds a regular fortnightly drop in for residents by appointment which is available for Wendling & St Stephens Close residents.

These drop-in surgery's will be held at the Gospel Oak Regeneration Hub, any residents wanting to make an appointment can either contact Dionne Cole via email <u>Dionne.Cole@camden.gov.uk</u> or contact either Suzanna or Terry and they will book an appointment for you.

The surgery drop in starts at 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Cllr Revah Surgery's:

Cllr Revah holds her regular Councillor surgery on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Any residents wanting to make an appointment can contact Cllr Revah direct on <u>Larraine.Revah@camden.gov.uk</u> or 07798846584, alternatively you can contact Suzanna or Terry to make an appointment.

Caretaker Manager Drop-in Appointments:

Sean Hurley – Caretaker Manager for Wendling & St Stephens Close will start to hold a fortnightly drop in surgery alongside the Neighbourhood Housing Officer Dionne Cole, any estate resident who has cause to raise issues around caretaking or estate cleaning on Wendling & St Stephens Close are invited to make an appointment to meet Mr Sean Hurley to discuss, appointments can be made via <u>Sean.Hurley@camden.gov.uk</u> or please speak with Terry or Suzanna to make an appointment.

Struggling with the rising cost of Living?

Camden are here for you,

Call us on 0207 974 4444 option (9)

Call Citizens Advice Camden on 0808 278 7835

Visit Camden.gov.uk/costofliving

or alternatively contact organisations in the Camden Advice Network to find more details visit Camden.gov.uk/can

Future Camley Street Nature Reserve visit

Date to be confirmed: **March 2023** watch this space for further news. We are proposing a joint visit with parents for children of Wendling & St Stephens Close.

Camley Street Nature Park is a unique urban nature reserve, surrounded by significant new development in a bustling part of Central London – between Kings Cross and St Pancras.

The park sits in two acres of wild green space right in the middle of one of the most densely populated parts of London. The woodland, grassland and wetland habitats including ponds, reedbed and marshy areas, provide a rich habitat for birds and butterflies, amphibians and plant life.

There will be no transport provided and we promote independent traveling to and from Camley Street. A healthy snack will be provided for all at Camley Street Nature Park.

Nearest 46 bus stop is Southampton Road adjacent to St Dominic's School, this will take you outside St Pancras Old Church, where if you depart the bus and walk down a short distance heading towards St Pancras Station, turn left under bridge and walk to the end and then turn left on Camley Street, the entrance to Camley street

This will be an ideal opportunity for both parents and children to have a guided tour of Camley Street Nature Reserve.

Important Information on Council Services over the festive Holidays

Our face-to-face services at 5 Pancras Square will be operating on the following timetable:

- 19 23 December: 10am 4pm
- 26 and 27 December: Closed to the public emergency phone service only
- 28 30 December: 10am 4pm
- 2 January: Closed to the public emergency phone service only

Contact Camden

Our customer services team, Contact Camden, will be closed for general enquiries on the following days:

- Saturday, 24 December
- Sunday, 25 December (Christmas Day)

- Monday, 26 December (Boxing Day)
- Tuesday, 27 December (Bank Holiday in lieu of Christmas Day)
- Saturday, 31 December
- Sunday, 1 January (New Year's Day)
- Monday, 2 January (Bank Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day).

Essential services will continue as usual over Christmas and New Year. In an emergency, please call **020 7974 4444** (24 hours a day).

You can also use your <u>Camden Account</u> at any time to manage key services in one place with one log in. With your Camden Account you can:

- Request a service or report a problem at any time
- Buy and renew parking permits
- Pay bills
- Apply for housing benefit
- Book housing repairs
- View your council tax bill and pay online
- Report a missed bin collection

Go to contact.camden.gov.uk to log in.

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