

# Connect with Ham Close



Ham Close Newsletter  
March '20



## INTRODUCING SIMON



**Simon Cavanagh**  
Regeneration Manager

In the December newsletter we introduced you to members of the Ham Close team, some of whom you may know like Tracey Elliott whilst others such as Tim, Debbie, Caroline and Rob have been working 'behind the scenes' and have been less visible.

A new member of the team, Simon Cavanagh, joined RHP in January as Regeneration Manager. Simon will be leading on the regeneration of Ham Close and brings with him years of experience working closely with communities going through similar transformation.

Simon is currently working with the team to start the process of selecting a Development Partner and is also responsible for setting up and working with the Ham Close Resident Engagement Panel. More details on how you can join the panel and the next steps for the project can be found in the Project Update below.

**Simon says:** "I am very excited to be joining RHP and I looking forward to meeting and working with customers on what will be an important year for Ham Close. One of my first actions is to arrange for Tracey and I to meet with every household over the next few months. This will be a great opportunity to hear your views and update you personally on the benefits that regenerating Ham Close will bring. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions."

## THE HAM LOWDOWN

We are pleased to confirm that RHP has started the first stage of selecting a Development Partner to design and build a new Ham Close community. This first stage will be focused on identifying and then selecting Developers who have a proven track record in delivering first class residential projects. The first part of the second stage of selection will require the short-listed Developers to provide designs, plans and methods for how they will deliver Ham Close within the requirements already agreed by RHP following previous consultations. The last part will require the final bidders to provide more details on their proposed scheme, including costs before the Development Partner is chosen.

### The timeline for the selection stages are as follows:

First Stage Selection	Spring 2020
Second Stage Selection: Part 1	Summer 2020
Second Stage Selection: Part 2	Autumn 2020
Development Partner Selected	Winter 2020/21

The Development Partner will then work with RHP and the community throughout 2021 to achieve planning permission, with an anticipated start on site later that year. We will keep you updated on progress in future newsletters, on the website, through the Resident Engagement Panel and Ham Close consultation events but also feel free to contact either Simon or Tracey if you have any questions.

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## READY TO REP?

RHP have now gone out to Tender for a Developer Partner! As part of the process, we will be creating a Resident Engagement Panel (REP). RHP will meet with this group regularly and they will be involved in the selection process of the Developer. Full training will be given. We have already received some interest but it's not too late if you would like to be involved. Please contact [customer.services@rhp.org.uk](mailto:customer.services@rhp.org.uk) with the email title 'Ham Close'.

## LEASEHOLDER BUYBACKS

In December 2019 we wrote to all leaseholders offering the Customer Offer to start buying homes from homeowners who may wish to sell now. This offer is for full market value plus an additional 10% plus disbursements. We have had a great response so far. If you are interested in selling to RHP or want to know more, please contact [customer.services@rhp.org.uk](mailto:customer.services@rhp.org.uk). RHP will require vacant possession, which means that if you currently rent out your home you will need to make arrangements with your tenants to leave the property.

